What To Expect Before Your Treatment for Hepatitis C Virus

Before starting treatment

Your liver disease and overall health will be evaluated by the liver team, including:

- Your HCV genotype
- The severity of scarring in your liver (Fibrosis score)
- Any other medical problems you have – for example, kidney problems, depression, etc.
- Your current medications, to look for any possible drug interactions
- The stability of your housing and transportation to appointments
- Your usual compliance with taking your medications, completing tests, and coming to visits

Prescription for treatment

- The liver team will determine exactly which medication(s) are right for your hepatitis C genotype and your liver, and how many weeks you will be treated for.

During treatment

Follow your provider's instructions, including:

- Come to all medical appointments, which are usually scheduled every 4 weeks
- Take your medication(s) every day, exactly as prescribed by your provider
- Pick up medications, usually every 2 or 4 weeks
- Have blood drawn exactly when instructed by your provider, usually every 2-4 weeks
- Have a reliable method of contact
- Participate in support group or phone clinic if recommended by a mental health provider
- Contact your provider if your health changes, your medicines change, or if you are considering any over the counter medications or products.
- Avoid alcohol and street drugs

After treatment

- A test for hepatitis C virus will be done at 12 weeks after treatment completion to determine whether you have been cured of hepatitis C. It is IMPORTANT that you get this blood test.