Hepatitis C - GP share care referral pathway

1. Testing is indicated for people who have risk factors associated with transmission of HCV. In appropriate clinical circumstances, the absence of declared risk factors should not preclude HCV testing. These risk factors include, but are not limited to:
   - People who are or have ever been incarcerated
   - People who have ever injected drugs
   - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations
   - People born in countries with high HCV prevalence

Potential Risk Factors Identified

Unexplained abnormal liver function tests or unexplained jaundice

Pre-test discussion & Informed Consent

Pathology Collected - HCV Antibody

HCV Ab POSITIVE

HCV Ab INTERMEDIATE

Further Pathology Collected - HCV RNA PCR - E/LFT's

HCV RNA PCR POSITIVE

Active Infection

Inform client and post-test discussion

HCV RNA PCR NEGATIVE

Inform client and post-test discussion

Likely past infection with viral clearance OR if liver enzymes abnormal possible low viral load Repeat HCV RNA in 6 months if infection still a concern

Repeat at 1-2 months if acute infection suspected

With Clients consent refer to:
Rockhampton Hepatitis Service - Liver Clinic
with relevant pathology to further assess liver disease (see over page)
Hepatitis C - GP share care referral investigations

If the HCV RNA PCR result is **POSITIVE**

Please complete the following investigations prior to referral to the **Blood Borne Virus and Sexual Health Services Liver clinic**

- HCV RNA Viral Load and Genotype
- FBC
- E/LFTs
- Cholesterol & triglycerides
- Iron studies
- Alpha fetoprotein
- Alpha-1 antitrypsin
- Anti-Nuclear antibodies
- Ceruloplasmin & coppers studies
- Coagulation profile
- Hepatitis A screen
- Hepatitis B screen
- HIV Antibody screen
- Anti-Smooth Muscle antibody
- Ultrasound of abdomen

**Please forward the completed referral to:**

**Blood Borne Virus and Sexual Health Services**
**Liver Clinic**
**92 Bolsover Street Rockhampton**
**PO Box 4040 Rockhampton Queensland 4700**

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