

Epidemiology and Priority Actions for Curing HCV and Treating Chronic HBV

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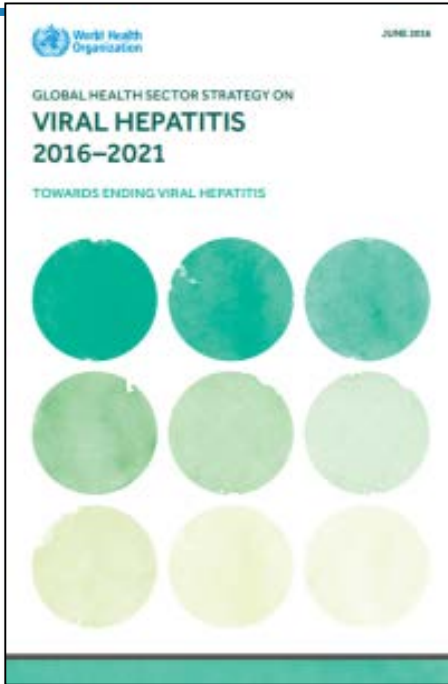
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Overview of Presentation

- **Hepatitis global elimination strategy**
- **WHO/GHP priorities**
- **Expanding HBV/HCV testing is at the core**
- **Global data on HCV cascade of cure**
- **The road ahead**



The first-ever Global Strategy on Viral Hepatitis, 2016-2021



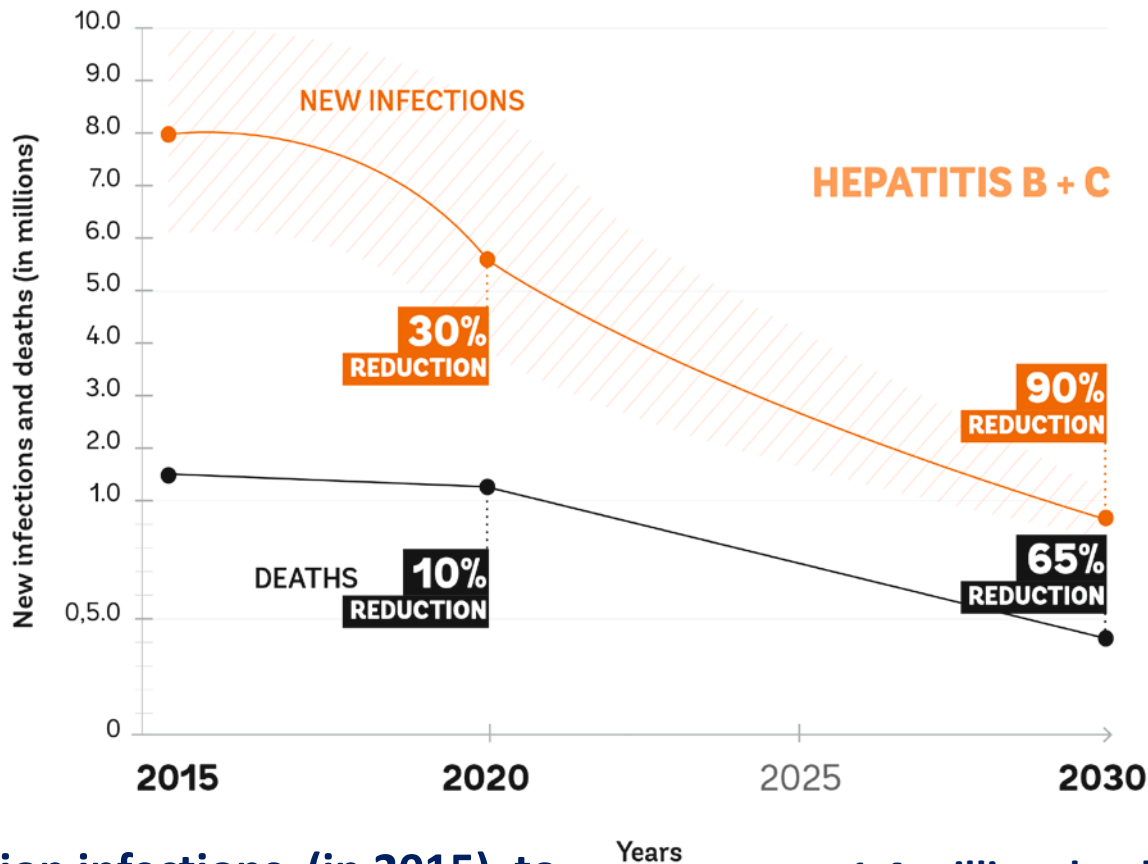
Vision: “A world where viral hepatitis transmission is halted and everyone living with viral hepatitis has access to safe, affordable and effective prevention, care and treatment services”

Goal: Eliminate viral hepatitis as a major public health threat by 2030

Five strategic directions:

1. Information for focused action
2. Interventions for impact
3. Delivering for equity
4. Financing for sustainability
5. Innovation for acceleration

Elimination Targets for Hepatitis B and C



6-10 million infections (in 2015) to 900,000 infections (by 2030)

1.4 million deaths (in 2015) to under 500,000 deaths (by 2030)



WHO GLOBAL HEPATITIS PROGRAMME 2017 PRIORITIES

1. NORMATIVE GUIDANCE/PRODUCTS

- Global Hepatitis Report (launch at EASL)
- Hep B/C Testing Guidelines (launched at APASL)
- Updated Hep C Treatment Guidelines
- Updated Report on Access to DAAs



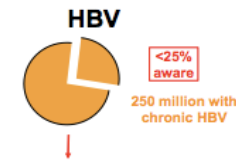
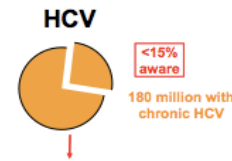
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2. ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

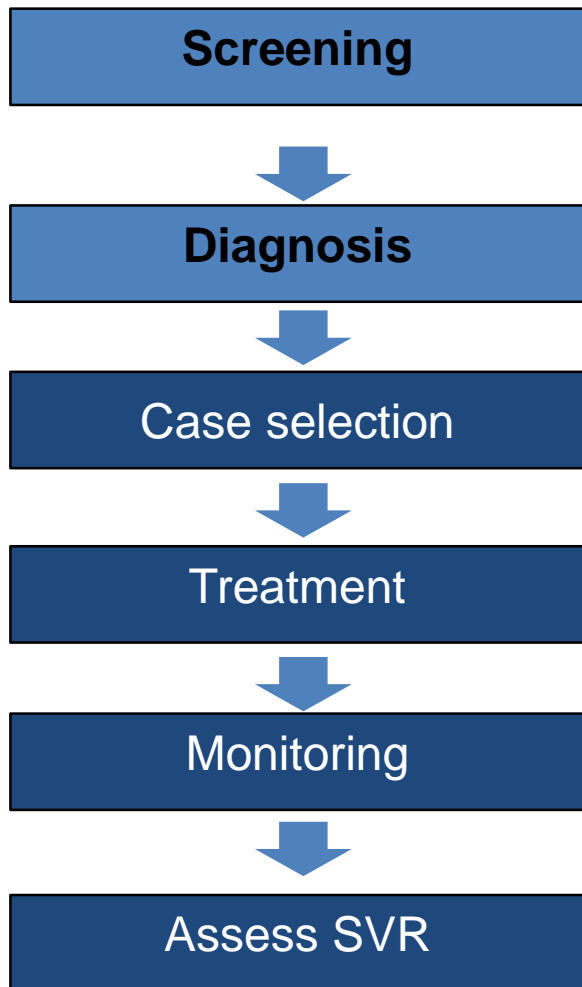
- 30 priority countries (11 first-tier)
- Capacity building and implementation of GHSS
- Measure outcomes and impact using M&E framework
- Continue to act as a convener of stakeholders to ensure policy, advocacy and support are aligned



Large burden of undiagnosed and untreated hepatitis B and C



Barriers to testing, linkage and treatment



	Patient	Health worker
Lack of awareness, knowledge, understanding	✓	✓
Stigma and discrimination	✓	✓
Lack of testing and treatment services	✓	✓
Rapid diagnostic tests (varying quality)	✓	✓
Nucleic acid tests (Expensive, complex, limited availability)	✓	✓
Financial (Expensive tests/treatments)	✓	

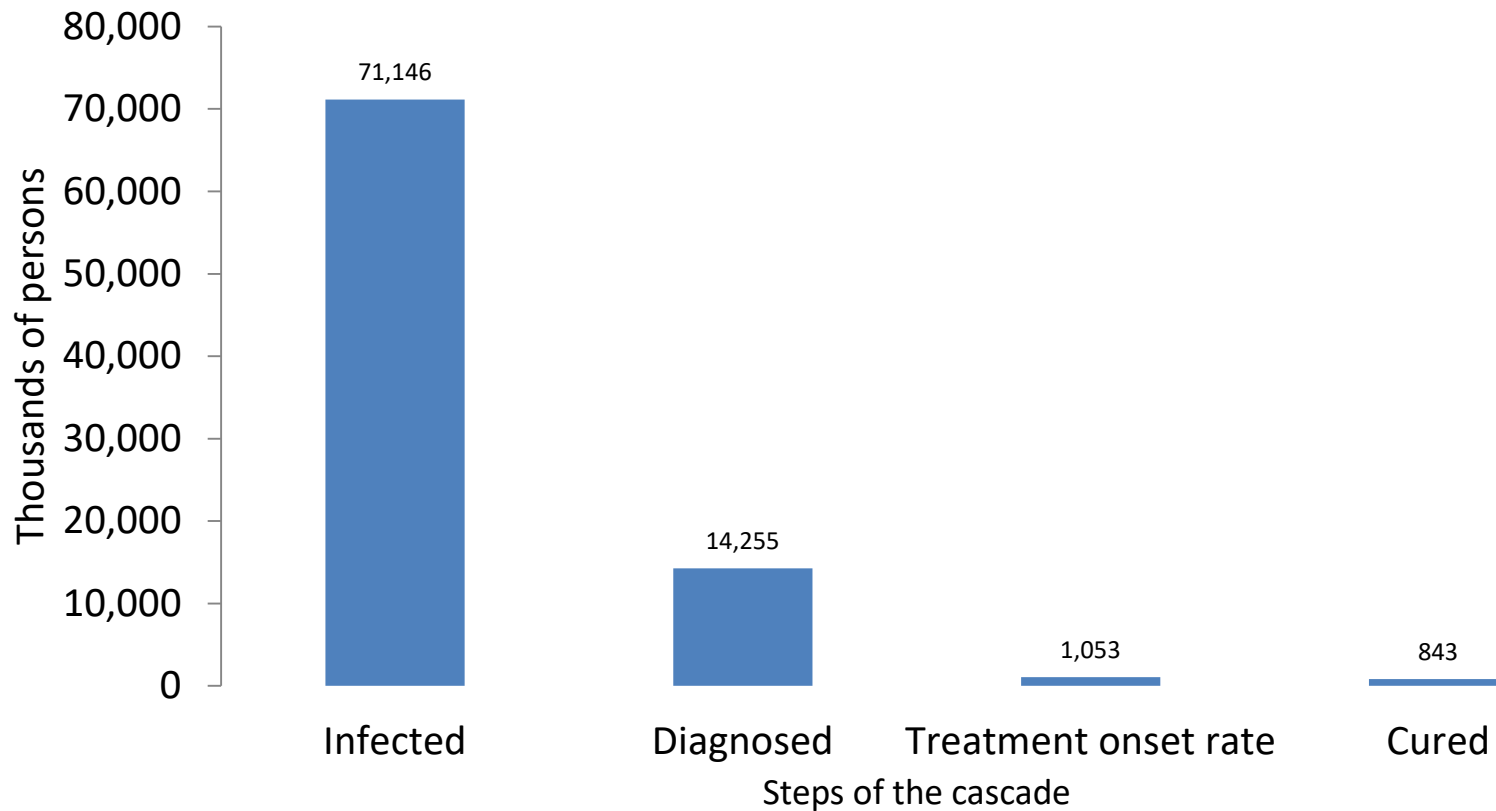
Limited access to HCV treatment

(preliminary baseline 2015 data for Global Hep Report)



WHO regions	Infected Number (000s)	Diagnosis		Treatment			Sustained virological response (Cure)	
				Treatment initiation rate		Cumulated number ever treated	Number (000s)	Proportion (%)
		Number (000s)	Proportion (%)	Number (000s)	Proportion (%)			
African	10,284	582	5.7	13	2.2	16	11	84.6
American	7,237	2,625	36.3	290	11.1	1,252	255	87.9
Eastern Mediterranean	15,190	2,686	17.7	326	12.1	1,576	264	81.1
European	13,641	4,250	31.2	208	4.9	1,157	162	77.9
South East Asia	10,391	906	8.7	64	7.1	235	54	84.0
Western Pacific	13,898	2,985	21.5	144	4.8	1,169	91	63.1
World	71,146	14,255	20.0	1,053	7.4	5,495	843	80.0

HCV Cascade of diagnosis, treatment and cure, 2015 baseline



WHO's role in improving access

Screening

Care

Treatment

- World Hepatitis Day
- Assistance with National planning
- Improved prevalence estimates

- Treatment Guidelines
- Essential Medicines List
- Prequalification of medicines
- Price Reporting Mechanism
- Advocacy, guidance and technical assistance for improved treatment access

Awareness

Testing

Referral

Disease-stage assessment

Treatment

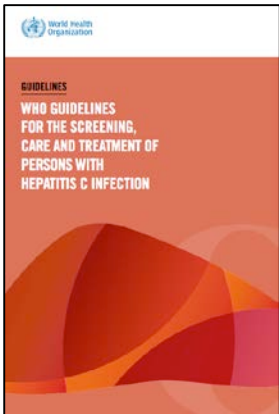
Monitoring

- Testing guidelines
- Prequalification of diagnostics

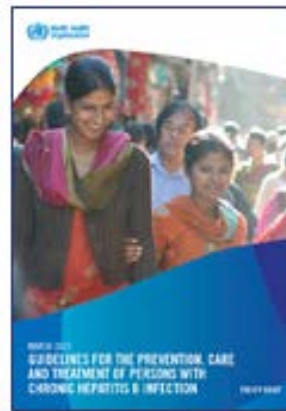
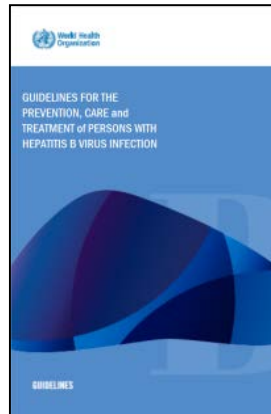
- Prevention, including
- Injection safety
- Hospital infections
- Safe blood products
- Needle sharing programmes

The WHO/GHP Trilogy of Normative Guidance

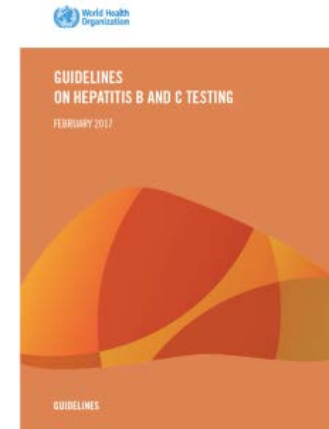
HCV (2014+2016)



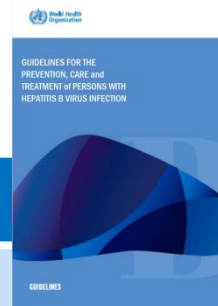
HBV (2015)



Testing (2017)



HBV Guideline Recommendations (2015)



TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION
Staging/ non-invasive test (NIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APRI preferred NIT to assess for the presence of cirrhosis
Who to treat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decompensated cirrhosis or cirrhosis with Child-Pugh class B or C (or APRI score >2), regardless of ALT levels No cirrhosis with ALT >2x ULN and/or HBeAg (+/- ongoing HBV DNA).
First line treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenofovir (TDF) or entecavir (ETV) preferred
Treatment failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resistance to 3TC, ETV, ADF, TBV.
Treatment discontinuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue in persons with cirrhosis. In no cirrhosis, discontinuation on case-by-case basis (persistent HBeAg and/or HBsAg loss or undetectable HBV DNA)
Monitoring (treatment response/toxicity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>On or pre-treatment:</i> ALT + HBV DNA (HBsAg, HBeAg + APRI pre-treatment) annually. More frequent monitoring with cirrhosis. Assessment of baseline renal function prior to treatment initiation.
Monitoring for HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultrasound + AFP every 6 months in persons with cirrhosis and/or family history of HCC.

NEW DIRECTIONS/PRIORITIES (2018):
 PMTCT – antivirals (Tenofovir)
 Criteria for treatment
 TAF vs. TDF
 ‘Functional cure’ agenda

HCV Guideline Recommendations (2016)



Topic	Recommendations
Staging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of liver
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic HCV,
Considerations for prioritisation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical manifestations, Maximising reduction in transmission.

2017 guidelines UPDATE:

- Pan-genotypic regimens: (SOF-VEL)
- “Treat All” – prioritisation criteria
- Second-line/salvage therapy?
- Treatment in HIV-HCV co-infected
- Paediatric treatment (priority)
- Regimens for development – PADO

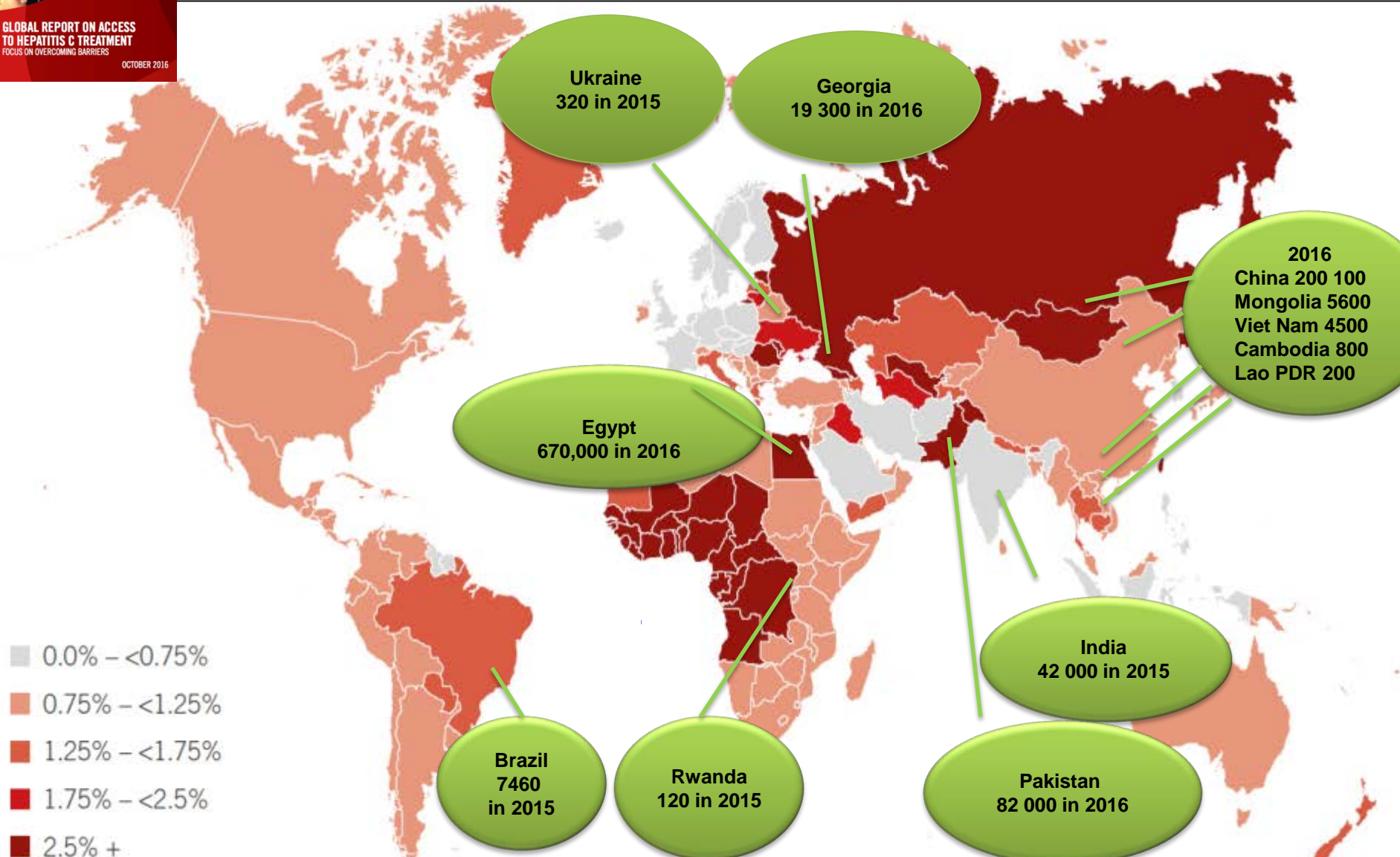
PATIENTS WITHOUT CIRRHOSIS

	Daclatasvir / sofosbuvir	Ledipasvir / sofosbuvir	Sofosbuvir / ribavirin
Genotype 1	12 weeks	12 weeks ^a	
Genotype 2			12 weeks
Genotype 3	12 weeks		24 weeks
Genotype 4	12 weeks	12 weeks	
Genotype 5		12 weeks	
Genotype 6		12 weeks	

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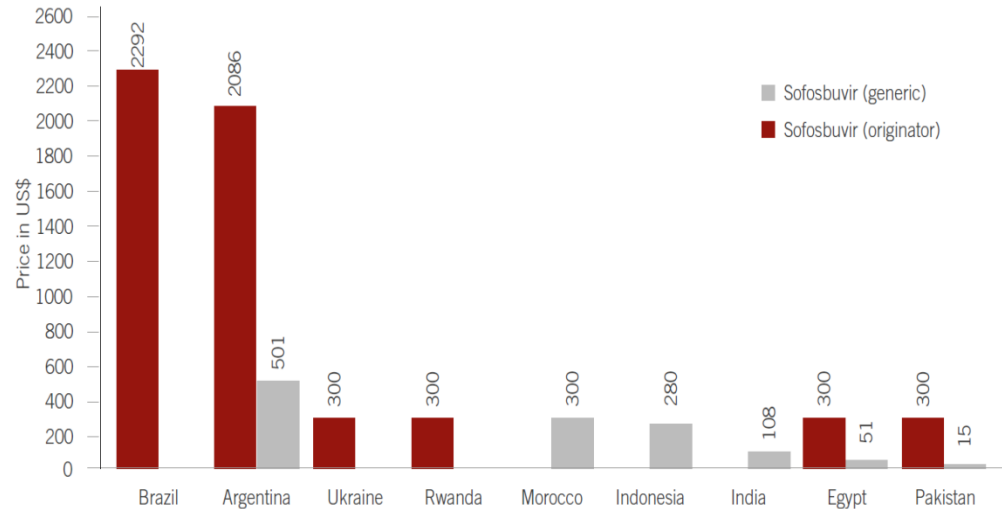
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Champion HCV countries: Over 1 million people treated with DAAs



Prices of Hepatitis C drugs are dropping

- ✓ In Egypt the price for a 3 month Hepatitis C treatment dropped from US\$900 in 2014 to less than US\$200 in 2016
- ✓ Prices of Hepatitis C drugs continue to vary considerably across countries
- ✓ The steepest price decrease is observed in countries with generic competition, confirming experience with HIV treatment



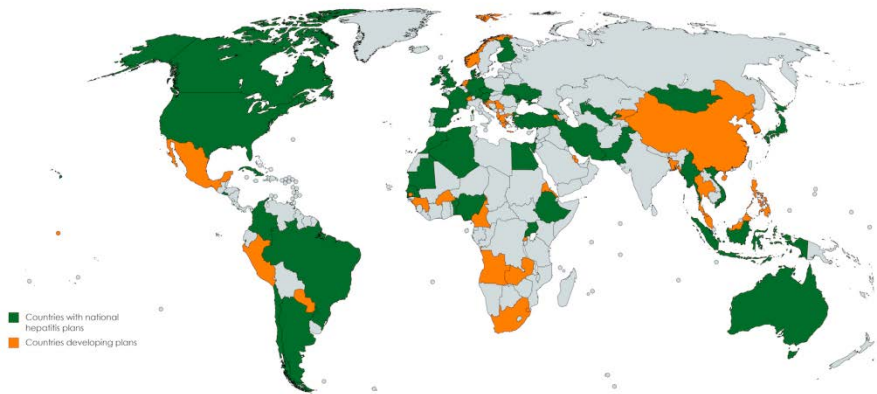
Prices of sofosbuvir per bottle (US\$)

innovator (red), generic (grey)

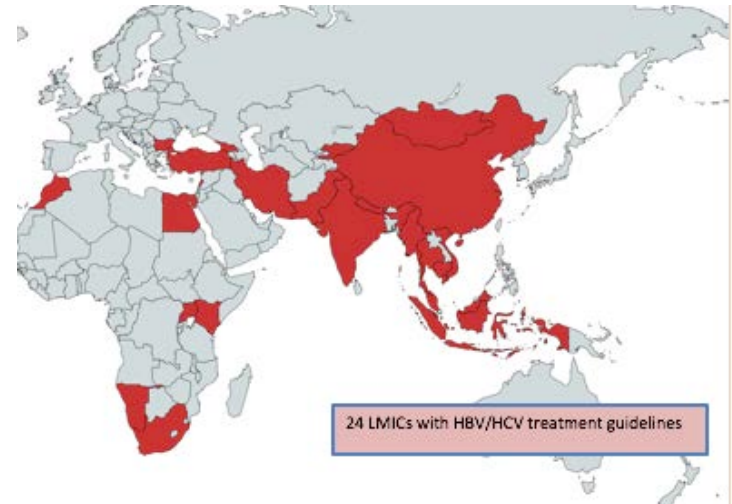
Data from : WHO survey 2016

Assessing the response and guidelines uptake (Dec. 2016)

36 with National Viral Hepatitis Plans



24 with HBV ± HCV treatment guidelines



13 with hepatitis testing guidelines

Region (total number of countries)	Number of countries with testing guidelines (n=13)	Number of countries with self-reported government policy related to testing (n=51)
AFRO (47)	1	1
EURO (53)	5	21
PAHO (47)	3	8
EMRO (23)	3	9
SEARO (11)	0	3
WPRO (27)	1	9

Moving the hepatitis response towards elimination

- ✓ **Partnerships – governments, civil society, private sector**
- ✓ **Champion countries are emerging**
- ✓ **Innovation is key**
- ✓ **WHO has a critical role to support country action – together we can do it!**





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Hepatitis focus countries

AFR

1st tier
Nigeria
Uganda

2nd tier
Cameroon
Ethiopia
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Tanzania
Zimbabwe

AMR

Brazil

Colombia
Mexico
Peru

EMR

Egypt
Pakistan

Morocco

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Georgia
Kyrgyzstan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

SEAR

India
Indonesia
Myanmar

DPR Korea
Nepal
Thailand

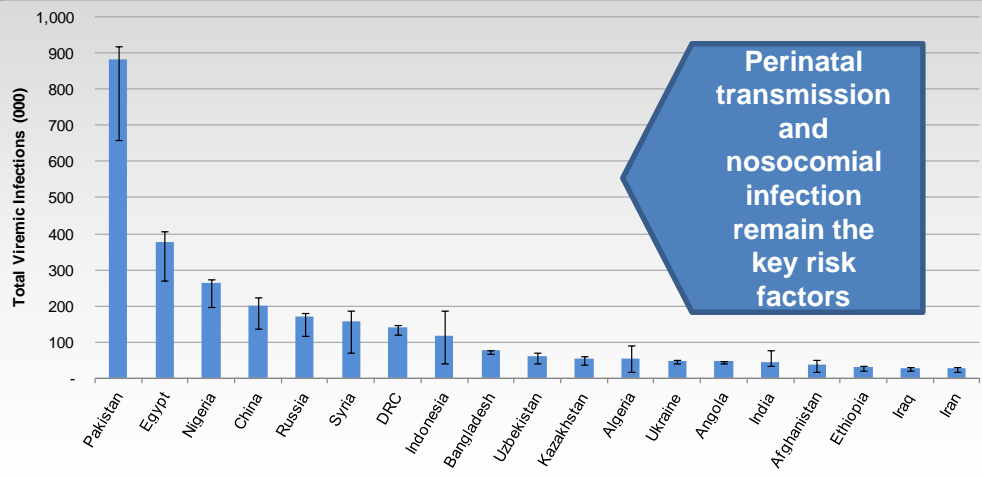
WPR

China
Mongolia
Vietnam

Cambodia
Philippines

Treating Hepatitis C infection in children?

HCV Epidemiology in Children



Why treat children?

1. Global hepatitis strategy and 2030 goal for elimination - opportunity to consider paediatric treatment needs and options
2. Important burden in some settings
3. Reduce development of cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma
4. Reduce horizontal transmission
5. Give child the opportunity to grow up free of potential stigma and psychological consequences
6. Reduce economic burden of managing chronic liver disease in adults
7. Absence of comorbidities, good compliance, tolerance, high SVR rates

- Globally, estimated 3.5 (3.1-3.9) million children between 1- 15 years are HCV-viraemic
- 19 countries account for 80% of all infections
- Natural history is unpredictable
 - Risk of cirrhosis: 1-2%
 - Few children with HCC described

Ongoing Studies with DAAs in Children and Adolescents with Chronic Hepatitis C

Combined regimens	Genotype	ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier
sofosbuvir/ledipasvir ± ribavirin	1,3,4,5,6	<i>NCT 02249182</i>
sofosbuvir + ribavirin	2,3	<i>NCT 02175758</i>
ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir ± dasabuvir ± ribavirin	1,4	<i>NCT 02486406</i>
sofosbuvir/ledipasvir	1,4	<i>NCT 02868242</i>