Hepatitis C: Quick Tips for Providers

Use these tips to help expedite screening and care for clients with Hep C. **Note: These tips are administrative, and do not substitute for the complete medical evaluation of a Hepatitis C patient.** If you have any questions please contact the Hep C Coordinator by EMR message.

- **Screen every Roots client age 18+ at least once in their lifetime** for Hep C, and more frequently as appropriate. Double-check your “established” clients to make sure a Hep-C screen hasn’t been missed in the past.

- **When ordering HCV Ab, or the first RNA quant taken at Roots:** Use lab code 133R so the antibody will reflex to quant. This expedites results.

- **When you have an HCV+ Client:**
  - Counsel client on all points on “Patient Readiness & Adherence” form; fill out form and place in Hep C inbox.
  - If patient needs navigation, indicate on readiness & adherence form; discuss case with Hep C navigator if possible.
  - Notify Hep C Coordinator of all new HCV+ clients via EMR message to facilitate insurance approval application, client tracking, and assistance with follow ups.

- **When ordering follow-up labs, include:**
  - HCV Quant* (if >3 months old)
  - HCV Genotype* (if none on file)
  - CBC with platelets* (if >3 months old)
  - CMP** (if >3 months old)
  - PT/INR* (if cirrhotic)
  - Fibroscore* (if >1 year old). Write in under “additional tests”
  - HBV panel** (if >1 year old)
  - A1C** (if >1 year old)

- **After every client visit:** have the client schedule their next follow up. Recommended interval is:
  - First day starting therapy (medication counseling)
  - 1 week after starting therapy (side effects check)
  - Treatment weeks 4, 8, (and 12 if applicable) (to get new quants and check progress)
  - 12 weeks after last dose (to get final quant)

The Hep C Coordinator is: ________________________________