



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)

* Required for insurance authorization ** Recommended / best practice

- 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: _____