Implications for Programs and Health Care Providers

Hepatitis A, B, C and other viral hepatitis infections can lead to severe health problems that require medical management.

**Hepatitis A:**
- Symptoms: Fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, jaundice, nausea, vomiting.
- Incubation period: 2 to 30 days.
- Symptoms resolve within 1 to 2 weeks.

**Hepatitis B:**
- Symptoms: There may be no symptoms or acute hepatitis B may resemble hepatitis A, with symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and abdominal pain.
- Incubation period: 4 to 12 weeks.
- Chronic hepatitis B is a significant long-term health risk.

**Hepatitis C:**
- Symptoms: There may be no symptoms or acute hepatitis C may resemble hepatitis A, with symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and abdominal pain.
- Incubation period: 4 to 12 weeks.
- Chronic hepatitis C can lead to liver damage that may result in cirrhosis or liver failure.

**Prevention:**
- Vaccines are available for hepatitis A and B.
- Avoid sharing needles or other equipment used to inject drugs.
- Avoid unprotected sexual contact.
- Avoid eating food prepared by an infected person or oral-fecal contact with infected person's stool.
- Avoid contact with body fluids of an infected person.

**Medical Management:**
- Medical management may be necessary for untreated hepatitis B carriers.
- Antiviral medications are available for chronic hepatitis B and C.
- Liver transplantation may be necessary for end-stage liver disease.

**Hepatitis B and C Prevention Education Curricula and Activities**
- Include information about HBV and HCV.
- Include information about local outbreaks of hepatitis A.
- Include prevention messages for health care workers, IDUs, household contacts of persons infected, and certain travelers to endemic areas.

**Hepatitis B Vaccine**
- Recommended for all infants, children, and adolescents.
- Recommended for adults and non-immune adults.
- HPVs may recommend hepatitis B vaccination for certain risk groups, such as those with HIV or chronic liver disease.

**Hepatitis C Vaccine**
- Currently not recommended for adults.

**Hepatitis A Vaccine**
- Recommended for all infants, children, and adolescents.
- Recommended for adults and non-immune adults.
- HPVs may recommend hepatitis A vaccination for certain risk groups, such as those with HIV or chronic liver disease.

**Hepatitis A & B Vaccine Combined**
- Recommended for all infants, children, and adolescents.
- Recommended for adults and non-immune adults.
- HPVs may recommend hepatitis A and B vaccination for certain risk groups, such as those with HIV or chronic liver disease.

**Hepatitis Referral**
- Indicate referral for any positive hepatitis test.
- Include information about the option of screening for HCV.

**Hepatitis Post-Test Counseling**
- Include information about the option of screening for HBV.
- Include information about the option of screening for HCV.

**Hepatitis A, B, C Testing**
- Include information about the option of screening for HCV.
- Include information about the option of screening for HBV.

**Guidelines for CHDs**
- Include information about the option of screening for HCV.
- Include information about the option of screening for HBV.

**Medical Management**
- Medical management may be necessary for untreated hepatitis B carriers.
- Antiviral medications are available for chronic hepatitis B and C.
- Liver transplantation may be necessary for end-stage liver disease.

**Hepatitis Prevention Program, Division of Disease Control, Florida Department of Health**
- Include information about the option of screening for HCV.
- Include information about the option of screening for HBV.

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Florida Rule 64D-3.015. Hepatitis A and B are designated as sexually transmissible diseases.

These risk factors are not all inclusive. Refer to the Hepatitis 09 Manual or www.cdc.gov/hepatitis for complete risk factor listings for hepatitis A and hepatitis B.

Take into account documented (written) vaccine history. Vaccination may be offered without testing. However, in populations with expected high seropositivity, it may be beneficial to both test and vaccinate clients at the first visit. Subsequent vaccine doses are not needed if test results show that the client has already been infected or is immune.

Guidelines for an Adult Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccine Program (Program Code 09)

Vaccine is recommended for those with the following HIGH PRIORITY risks:

- Positive for Hepatitis C Virus
- HIV positive
- Ever used injecting or other illegal drugs (even once, even years ago)
- Men who have sex with men
- Multiple sexual partners
- History of sexually transmissible diseases
- Current drug user
- Household/sexual contact with a hepatitis positive person
- History of jail or prison

No vaccine needed.

If YES and/or UNKNOWN to any risks:

- Hepatitis A and/or B serology known?
  - Hepatitis A and/or B testing not indicated
  - Test with Program 09 chronic hepatitis panel

If NO to all risks

No vaccine needed.

If YES to any risks

- Vaccinate with hepatitis B vaccine only
- Vaccinate with hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines

Guidelines for Adult Hepatitis A, B and C Testing Program (Program Code 09)

Adults (18 years and older) in STD and HIV/AIDS clinic or outreach

Complete Viral Hepatitis Risk Assessment Form:

The risks include, but are not limited to the following HIGH PRIORITY risks:

- HIV positive
- Ever used injecting or other illegal drugs (even once, even years ago)
- Men who have sex with men
- Multiple sexual partners
- History of sexually transmissible diseases
- Household/sexual contact with a hepatitis positive person
- History of jail or prison

1. Have you ever received the hepatitis A vaccine?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Unknown

2. Have you ever received the hepatitis B vaccine?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Unknown

3. Have you ever had Hepatitis A?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Unknown

4. Have you been told that you tested positive for hepatitis B?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Unknown

5. Have you ever received a transfusion of blood or blood components before July 1992?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Unknown

*Risks (Check all that apply)

- Sexually transmitted disease
- Body piercing
- Birth to a mother with hepatitis C
- Pregnant
- Multiple sexual partners
- Household contact of a person with hepatitis C
- Transplant
- Injection drug use
- Chirurgie
- Sexual intercourse
- Taxi driver
- Other

History (Check all that apply)

1. Have you ever received the hepatitis A vaccine?  
2. Have you ever received the hepatitis B vaccine?  
3. Have you ever had Hepatitis A?  
4. Have you been told that you tested positive for hepatitis B?  
5. Have you ever received a transfusion of blood or blood components before July 1992?  

This form may be used to assist county health departments with implementing the CHD Guidebook/TA STD-20. Please note, however, that this pamphlet addresses many more components of the Hepatitis Prevention Program 09 (Program Code 09) than are currently referenced in the CHD guidebook.

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