Before completing this form, please check if this patient:

Has **hepatitis B, HIV, cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma** or **renal disease,** or is **pregnant?**If **yes**, do NOT complete this form. These patients should be referred to a specialist via the Central Referral Service or privately.

Has **chronic hepatitis C**, i.e. **HCV antibody positive** and **HCV RNA positive** on **2 separate occasions >=6 months apart?**If **no**, patient is not eligible for PBS-funded HCV treatment

**FOR ATTENTION OF: Dr**  **Date:**

🞏 Infectious disease physician 🞏 Hepatologist 🞏 Gastroenterologist

Note: GPs and other medical practitionersexperienced in the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection are eligible to independently prescribe hepatitis C treatment under the PBS without consulting a gastroenterologist or hepatologist or infectious diseases physician**.**

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| Practice name |  | | |
| Practice address |  | Postcode |  |
| Phone | ( ) | Fax | ( ) |
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| Date of HCV diagnosis (dd/mm/yyyy):  / / | | **Co-morbidities**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Diabetes | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | | Obesity | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | | Alcohol > 40 g/day | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | | Heart Disease | ☐ Yes | ☐ No | |
| **Prior Antiviral Treatment** | | **Current Medications**  (Prescription, herbal, OTC, recreational):   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Contraception (female patients only) | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |   I have checked for potential  drug–drug interactions with current medications† ☐ Yes ☐ No  † [www.hep-druginteractions.org](http://www.hep-druginteractions.org/)  If possible, print and fax a PDF from this site showing you have checked drug–drug interactions. |
| Has patient previously received any antiviral treatment? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Has prior treatment included oral antiviral therapy? | Yes  No |
| Prior treatment: | |

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| **Laboratory Results (or attach copy of results)** | | | | | |
| **Test** | **Date** | **Result** | **Test** | **Date** | **Result** |
| HCV genotype |  |  | Creatinine |  |  |
| HCV RNA level |  |  | eGFR |  |  |
| ALT |  |  | Haemoglobin |  |  |
| AST |  |  | Platelet count |  |  |
| Bilirubin |  |  | INR |  |  |
| Albumin |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Liver Fibrosis Assessment (or attach copy of results)** | | |
| **Test** | **Date** | **Result** |
| **Choose one test from below** | |  |
| **APRI** |  |  |
| Calculate from AST and platelet count  APRI: (AST to Platelet Ratio Index) (AST [IU/L] ÷ AST upper limit of normal [IU/L] × 100) ÷ platelet count (× 109 /L) [www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/page/clinical-calculators/apri](http://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/page/clinical-calculators/apri) | | |
| **OR** |  |  |
| **Hepascore** |  |  |
| Not Medicare funded. Available at Pathwest.  Patented formula combining bilirubin, GGT, hyaluronate, a-2-macroglobulin, age and sex. | | |
| **OR** |  |  |
| **FibroScan®** (EchoSens, Paris) |  |  |
| Not Medicare funded. | | |

**People with APRI score≥1.0, Hepascore>0.8 or FibroScan® score ≥12.5 kPa should be referred to a specialist.**

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| **Liver Ultrasound (or attach copy of results)**  To examine for features of portal hypertension (splenomegaly, reversal of portal vein flow) and to exclude hepatocellular carcinoma. | |
| **Date** | **Result** |

**Treatment Choice**

I plan to prescribe*:*

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| **Regimen** | **Genotype** | **Duration (weeks)** |
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Patients should be monitored during treatment according to the current *Australian Recommendations for the Management of Hepatitis C Virus Infection: A Consensus Statement*  ([www.gesa.org.au](http://www.gesa.org.au/)).

Information is also available at [www.pbs.gov.au](http://www.pbs.gov.au/pbs/home) .

Patients must be tested for HCV RNA at least 12 weeks after completing treatment to determine outcome. Please notify the specialist below of the Week 12 post-treatment result.

**Declaration by General Practitioner**

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| *I declare all of the information provided above is true and correct.* | |
| Signature: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Approval by Specialist Experienced in the Treatment of HCV**

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| ☐ *I agree with the decision to treat this person based on the information provided above.*  ☐ *I do NOT agree with the decision to treat this person based on the information provided above. Please refer the patient to a specialist via the Central Referral Service or privately* | |
| Signature: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Date: |  |
| Comments: |  |
| **Once completed, please return all 3 pages to Dr (GP’s name), fax ( )** | |

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