

Fact sheet

Central Adelaide Gastroenterology and Hepatology Services

Clinical Information Sheet

Viral Hepatitis	Clinical Presentation/syndrome
Eligibility	Those with serological evidence of chronic hepatitis B and/or C infection
Priority and how to access services	Urgent referral should be considered in these patients <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About to undergo immunosuppression (i.e. for autoimmune disorders or rheumatological conditions)• Those about to undergo chemotherapy• Pregnancy• Recent acquisition of virus• Marked change of LFT test from baseline or > 5x upper limit of normal• Synthetic liver dysfunction or imaging suggestive of cirrhosis
Information required with referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likely duration of infection• Possible concurrent liver diseases such as alcohol abuse/ non – alcoholic liver disease• Symptoms of possible decompensated liver disease (jaundice /Ascites/ encephalopathy)• Previous or current psychiatric history• Family history of hepatocellular cancer
Investigations required with referral	Hep C: Hep C Ab, if +ve, HCV-RNA- qualitative & genotyping Hep B: Hep B S Ab, Hep B S Ag, Hep B cAg, if Hep B S Ag +, , HBV E antigen/antibody and HBV DNA PCR (if none done within 12 months) Hep A Ab , HIV CBE, LFTs INR Alpha-fetoprotein Liver/biliary tree ultrasound (within 6 months)

For more information

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