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Hepatitis C Among Homeless Individuals

- 1. Currently, most people become infected with HCV:
- A. Through needlestick injuries in health care settings.
- B. By sharing needles, syringes, or other equipment used to inject drugs.
- C. Through sexual contact with a person infected with HCV.
- D. By sharing personal care items that may have come in contact with another person's blood, such as razors or toothbrushes.
- 2. Which of the following populations is disproportionately affected by viral hepatitis?
- A. Persons who are homeless.
- B. HIV infected persons.
- C. Men who have sex with men.
- D. All of the above.
- 3. Women are more likely to acquire HCV infection than men.
- A. True
- B. False
- 4. Researchers urge nurses to recognize that hepatitis C is striking white suburbanites in their 20's due to an apparent resurgence of heroin use and indiscriminate needle-sharing, and to consider screening more young people for hepatitis C.
- A. True
- B. False
- 5. The CDC recommends routine HCV screening for high-risk individuals, including which of the following?
- A. Persons born from 1945 to 1965.
- B. Recipients of blood transfusions or solid organ transplants before July 1992.
- C. Long-term hemodialysis patients.
- D. All of the above.
- 6. It is important to offer every at-risk patient an opportunity to be tested for HCV regardless of the treatment options and to explain what the testing means.

A. True B. False
7. When counseling patients with hepatitis C, nurses should inform the patient that condom use is not necessary if in a long-term monogamous relationship with a spouse or partner without infection, other than avoiding anal-receptive intercourse and intercourse during menses.
A. True B. False
8. Current guidelines recommend that all patients with chronic HCV be evaluated for which of the following disorders due to an absolute contraindication to interferon-based therapies?
A. Depression and suicide risk
B. Alcohol abuse
C. Illicit drug abuse D. Tuberculosis
9. Twelve weeks of therapy with which of the following may be effective for treatment of HCV genotype 1 infection?
A. A protease inhibitor
B. A nonnucleoside polymerase inhibitor
C. Ribavirin
D. All of the above
10. Since HCV can live for up to three days under favorable conditions, prevention messages

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should stress the importance of eliminating all equipment-sharing practices.

A. True B. False

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