

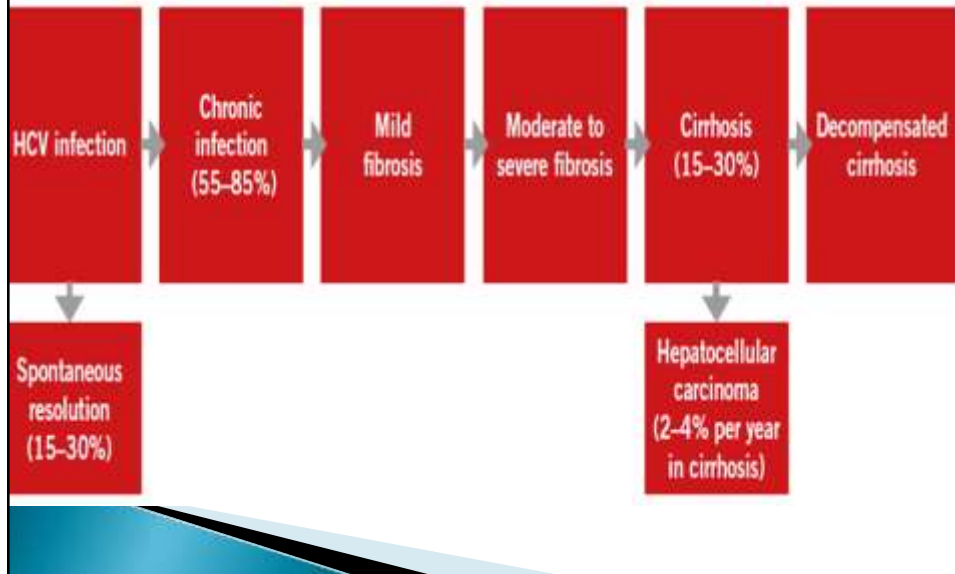
Anti HCV therapy cardiac pre-assessment

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introduction

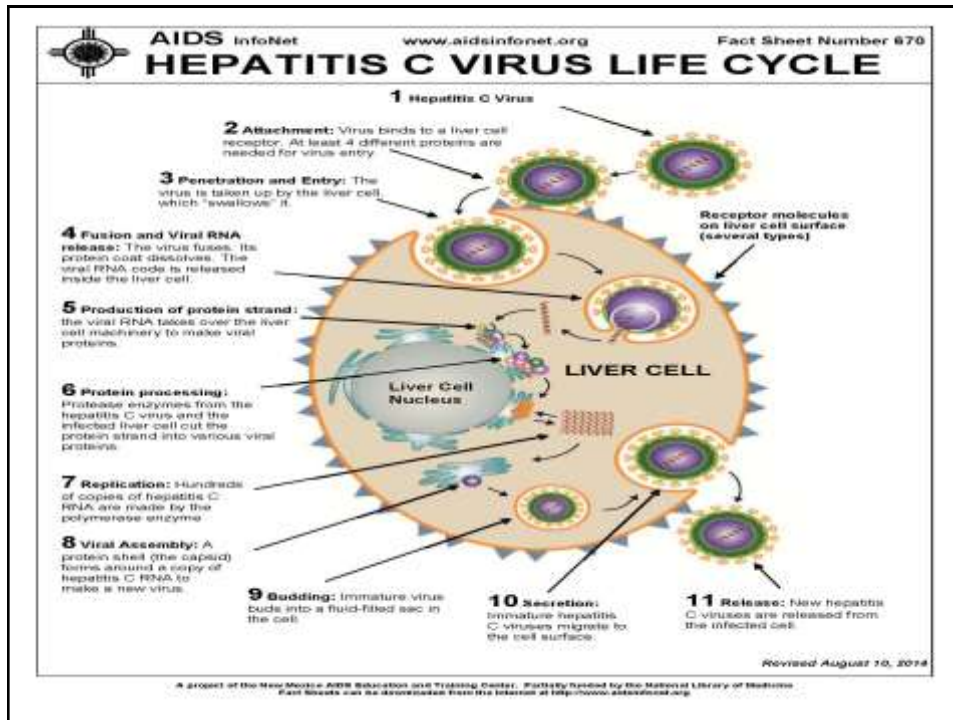
- ▶ Chronic HCV endemic in egypt
- ▶ About 12 percent of egyptian population are infected with HCV
- ▶ About 3 percent of world population (120-130 million)are infected with HCV
- ▶ 90 percent of HCV infection with geno type4 in egypt.
- ▶ The cornerstone of treatment is standered or pegylated interferon plus ribavirin but has more cardio-toxic effects
- ▶ Enterance of next generation of HCV with oral direct antiviral treatment(DDAs) is expected fundamentally changes HCV treatment Algorithm

Natural History...



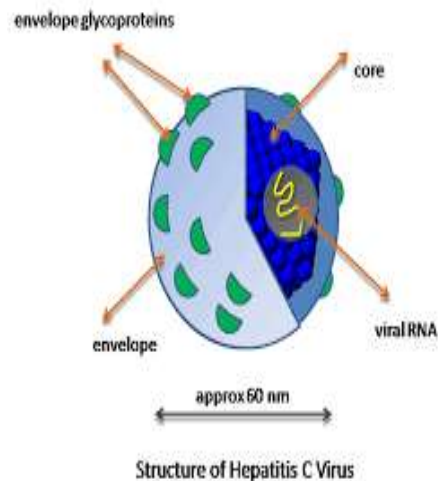
Extrahepatic manifestations of HCV include:

- ▶ cryoglobulinaemia,
- ▶ glomerulonephritis,
- ▶ thyroiditis
- ▶ Sjogren syndrome,
- ▶ insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes,
- ▶ skin disorders such as porphyria cutanea tarda and lichen planus.
- ▶ cognitive dysfunction, fatigue and depression



The virus and distribution of genotypes

- ▶ The HCV is a small, positive stranded RNA-enveloped virus.
- ▶ It has a highly variable genome, which has been classified into six distinct Genotypic groups
- ▶ Genotype 1 is the most common, accounting for 46.2% of all HCV infections, followed by genotype 3 (30.1%)



Goals of therapy:

Primary Goal :

- ▶ Eradicate HCV infection .

Secondary Goals:

- ▶ Slow disease progression
- ▶ Improve histology
- ▶ Reduce risk of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- ▶ Improve health related Quality of life

▶ **Combination therapy:**

- ▶ Interferon (standard or pegylated) taken with antiviral drug ribavirin (Virazole) is the treatment of choice for chronic hepatitis C.

Drug	Form	Recommended Treatment Regimn
Ribavirin (Rabitol) For viral genotype 1	Capsule	Weight 75 kg (165 lb) or greater: three 200-mg capsules twice daily (total daily dose of 1,200 mg)
		Weight less than 75 kg: two 200-mg capsules every morning and three 200-mg capsules every evening (total daily dose of 1,000 mg)
For genotype 2,3		All weights: two 200 mg capsules twice daily (total daily dose of 800 mg)

Treatment:

Treatment of Acute Hepatitis:

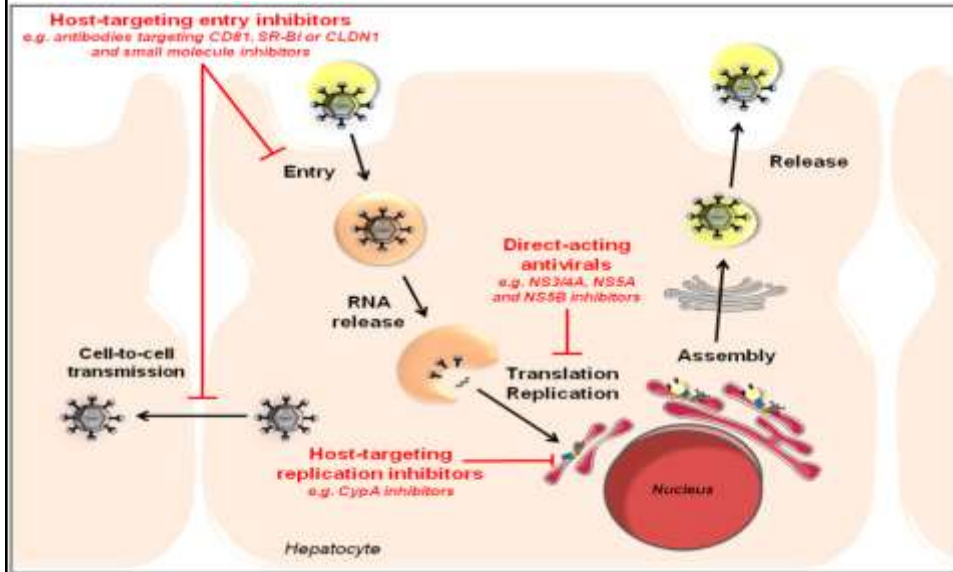
- ▶ Treatment of acute hepatitis C Include Alpha and Beta interferon Monotherapy.
- ▶ It significantly decreases the number of patients that become chronic carriers.

Acute Hepatitis C	Treatment
Genotype 1,2,3,4	Interferon Monotherapy
	Interferon+Ribavirin
	Peginterferon Monotherapy
	Peginterferon+Ribavirin

Therapeutic Uses:

- ▶ Peginterferon alpha is indicated for the treatment of patients with chronic hepatitis C who have compensated liver disease.
- ▶ **Advantages over conventional Interferons:**
 - ▶ They have slower absorption
 - ▶ Reduced distribution
 - ▶ lower elimination rate
 - ▶ Greater therapeutic efficacy
- ▶ The current recommendations include the use of a combination therapy with pegylated IFNalpha and ribavirin as the standard treatment.

Mechanism of Action:



Ribavirin (Virazole):

- ▶ It is an antiviral drug, a purine nucleoside analogue with a modified base and D-Ribose sugar.
- ▶ It inhibits the replication of wide range of RNA and DNA viruses.

Ribavirin side effects

- ▶ Birth defects
- ▶ Haemolytic anaemia
- ▶ Heart problems, arrhythmias, angina
- ▶ Decrease warfarin effect
- ▶ Pulmonary edema
- ▶ Digitalis toxicity

- ▶ Respiratory
 , bronchospasm, bronchitis, sinusitis

Interferon side effects

- ▶ Interferon adverse effects
- ▶ Myelo-suppressive
- ▶ GI troubles
- ▶ Cardiotoxic effects
 - ▶ arrhythmias 58
 - ▶ acute coronary syndrome 21
 - ▶ cardiomyopathies 12
 - ▶ pericarditis 9
 - ▶ conductive disease 1
- ▶ Side effects are reversible except pulmonary hypertension serious and irreversible

ARRHYTHMIAS AFTER INTERFERON

- ▶ Arrhythmias considered 58 percent of INF cardiac side effects
- ▶ Several reports indicated an association between INF & arrhythmias (direct cardiotoxic, secondary to endocrine-thyroiditis or pulmonary disease)
- ▶ Some reports arrhythmic sub clinical, non sustained and reversible
- ▶ Another reports consider serious symptomatic arrhythmias brady (sinus brady-torsade de points) or tachy (sinus tachy, Af, frequent PVCs)

Cardiac work up for evaluation & treatment for arrhythmias

- ▶ ECG to detect type of arrhythmias,
- ▶ Holter monitoring in symptomatic patient for frequent PVCs to assess PVCs burden ~10 or hidden serious arrhythmias, .
- ▶ Echo to assess LV function, apical, septal hypertrophy
- ▶ LAB thyroid function, Na K
- ▶ Stop INF with serious arrhythmias, if associated with myocardial affection
- ▶ Modifying the dose in symptomatic palpitation and not associated with structural heart affection

Pericarditis,myocarditis after INF for chronic HCV patient

- ▶ Chronic HCV may cause pericarditis and INF used to treat associated pericarditis
- ▶ Teragawa et al.1996 INF therapy could provoke of autoimmunity ,immune reaction may explain pericarditis and myocarditis.
- ▶ May produce Gravis disease ,sarciodosis,SLE like clinical data
- ▶ Pericarditis may occur seven months after starting therapy,but IN dialysis patient within two weeks.
- ▶ Myocarditis is serious side effects,cardiogenic shock,fatal sequence

Cardiac work up,treatment for pericarditis

- ▶ Some authers repoted if pericarditis and myocarditis is an extrahepatic cardiac manifestation,INF contraindicated as it may potentiate more autoimmune reaction.
- ▶ Others report that TTT with INF improve pericarditis when treating HCV
- ▶ If pericarditis,effusion ,or myocarditis during treatment with INF , stop INF is not enough but we need steriod therapy to treat autoimmune phenomenon
- ▶ Clinical exam ,ECG ,weekly echo ,lab data for SLE may help to detect early immune reaction

Acute coronary syndrome, INF , Ribvirin therapy

- ▶ ACS are among rare HCV infection therapy, INF vasospasm., or febrile reaction that increase oxygen demand
- ▶ Sudden onset of haemolysis and anaemia of ribavirin may cause myocardial infarction in pre-existing CAD, CVS patients

Cardiac work up & management of ACS

- ▶ High risk patient whom in active CAD, or recent stroke
- ▶ Ribavirin & INF in HCV ttt should alert the physicians for dose modification (serious consideration)
- ▶ Strict patient and family awareness about anginal symptoms, weekly ECGs, echo
- ▶ Weekly CBC for early haemolysis detection and anaemia

Hepatitis c virus has been proven to be a risk factor for coronary artery disease

The usual way to reduce heart disease risk is insufficient for those with virus.

Researcher suggested that this elevated cardiovascular risk could be due to increased inflammation, immune activation, and blood clotting in people with HCV

Any choice to inhibit HCV will benefit liver and heart

Cardiomyopathies, & INF for chronic HCV treatment

- ▶ HCV has been reportedly associated with cardiomyopathy
- ▶ INF has been suggested for TTT of HCV associated cardiomyopathy
- ▶ INF therapy has reported to induce PW & septal hypertrophy, also may produce dilated cardiomyopathy
- ▶ INF may induce microvascular injury for myocardial and may precipitate or augment rate of cardiomyopathies specially in dilated cardiomyopathic patient
- ▶ Retinopathy is microvascular complication and associated with INF induced cardiomyopathy,

Cardiac workup for INF induced cardiomyopathy

- ▶ History ,clinical exam.
- ▶ Echo LV dimensions, follow up
- ▶ Fundus Exam for retinopathy
- ▶ Labs, CK ,CKMb, Trop T ,N terminal pro BNP to follow myocardial affection
- ▶ Individualised for every patient may stop INF ,may re-administrate with dose modification
- ▶ Routine antifalure management, Strict control BP to imprve retinopathy
- ▶ Reversible side effects with tratment and after therapy cessation

Pulmonary injury & INF therapy for HCV

- ▶ Pulmonary dysfunction due to INF therapy with spirometric changes FEV1 /FVC
- ▶ Broncheolitis obliterans, organizing pneumnias, Interstitial pneumonitis and these are reversible side effects of INF therapy
- ▶ Pulmonary hypertension is irreversible side effects

Cardiac work up&management for pulmonary injury

- ▶ History, clinical exam.
- ▶ CXR-CT chest
- ▶ ECG RV strain
- ▶ Echo RVSP/RT side study
- ▶ Spirometry
- ▶ Stop interferon with increasing PAP because irreversible severe pulmonary hypertension

Does Treatment Work???

Interferon alone:

- ▶ 10 - 15% chance of clearing the virus from the blood

Interferon & ribavirin:

- ▶ Up to 40% chance of clearing the virus

Pegylated interferon alone:

- ▶ About the same as interferon & ribavirin 40%

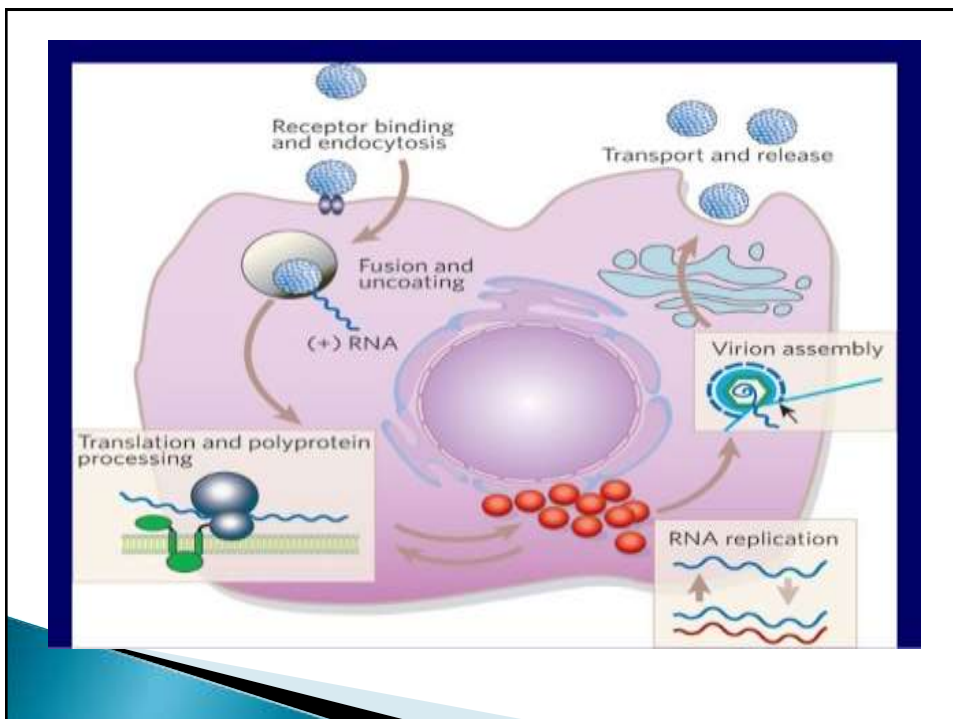
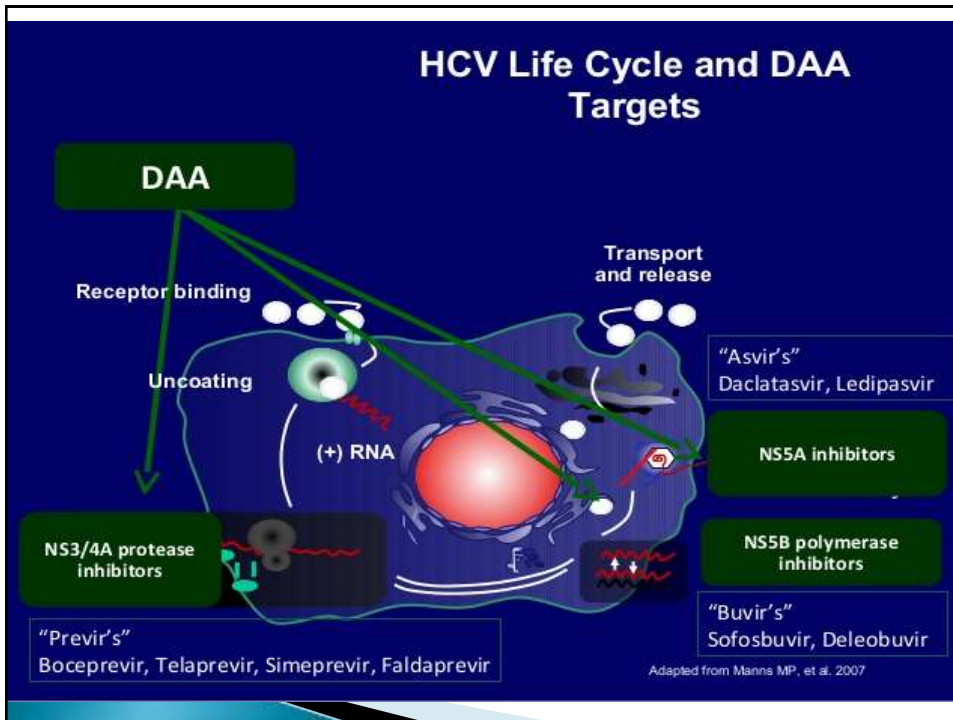
Pegylated interferon & ribavirin:

- ▶ Up to 50% chance of clearing the virus

**The newly developed Directly Acting Antivirals –
DAAs - acts only at the virus Level with no effect
on the host immune system i.e the host immunity
is passive during these new lines of therapy**

The Direct Acting Anti-viral Agents....

- ▶ Oral medicines that directly inhibited the replication cycle of HCV.
- ▶ They target three important regions within the HCV genome: NS3/4A protease, NS5A and NS5B RNA-dependent polymerase.
- ▶ These medicines
 - have higher sustained virological responses (SVRs) than interferon-based regimens,
 - are shorter in treatment duration,
 - are orally administered and
 - have fewer side-effects



Classes of DAAs licensed for the treatment of HCV (as of October 2015)

Protease (NS3/4A) inhibitors	NS5A inhibitors	Polymerase (NS5B) inhibitor, nucleos(t)ide analogue	Polymerase (NS5B) inhibitor, non-nucleoside analogue
Asunaprevir	Daclatasvir	Sofosbuvir	Dasabuvir
Paritaprevir	Ledipasvir		
Simeprevir	Ombitasvir		

Older Direct acting Antivirals(DAA).

Boceprevir & Telaprevir:

- ▶ Boceprevir and Telaprevir are **Protease inhibitor**.
- ▶ Developed in May of 2011, boceprevir and telaprevir were the first drugs to act directly on the HCV virus.
- ▶ Boceprevir and telaprevir increased the cure rate for HCV genotype 1 to 70%.
- ▶ A treatment regime with boceprevir or telaprevir, with interferon and ribavirin lasts 24–48 weeks.

Removal of recommendation for treatment with telaprevir or boceprevir

New recommendation

The use of boceprevir- or telaprevir-containing regimens is no longer recommended for the treatment of persons with hepatitis C infection.

Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence

Summary of recommended preferred regimens with treatment durations

Persons with cirrhosis

	Daclatasvir/ sofosbuvir	Daclatasvir/ sofosbuvir/ ribavirin	Ledipasvir/ sofosbuvir	Ledipasvir/ sofosbuvir / ribavirin	Sofosbuvir/ ribavirin
Genotype 1	24 weeks	12 weeks	24 weeks	12 weeks ^b	
Genotype 2					16 weeks
Genotype 3		24 weeks			
Genotype 4	24 weeks	12 weeks	24 weeks	12 weeks ^b	
Genotype 5			24 weeks	12 weeks ^b	
Genotype 6			24 weeks	12 weeks ^b	

Summary of recommended preferred regimens with treatment durations

Persons without cirrhosis

	Daclatasvir/ sofosbuvir	Ledipasvir/ sofosbuvir	Sofosbuvir/ ribavirin
Genotype 1	12 weeks	12 weeks ^a	
Genotype 2			12 weeks
Genotype 3	12 weeks		24 weeks
Genotype 4	12 weeks	12 weeks	
Genotype 5		12 weeks	
Genotype 6		12 weeks	

Contraindications/warnings: Therapy with direct-acting antivirals:


Drug	Contraindication/warning
Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amiodarone co-administration • P-glycoprotein (gp) inducers • Renal failure (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²)
Daclatasvir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs inducing or inhibiting CYP3A
Sofosbuvir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amiodarone co-administration (caution also with beta-blockers) • Renal failure (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²)
Ombitasvir/dasabuvir/ paritaprevir/ritonavir or ombitasvir/dasabuvir/ ritonavir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child-Pugh Class B and C cirrhosis • Drugs inducing or inhibiting CYP3A or CYP2C8 • Hypersensitivity to any component including ritonavir • Untreated HIV-1 infection because ritonavir can lead to antiretroviral drug resistance
Simeprevir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child-Pugh Class B and C cirrhosis • CYP3A interaction

Direct Acting Antivirals DAAs	
I Generation	2011
Boceprevir (Victrelis) Telaprevir (Incivek, Incivo)	
II Generation	2013-2014-2015-2016
Simeprevir (Olisio) Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) Daclatasvir (Daklinza) Dasabuvir (Exviera) Sofosbuvir/ledipasvir (Harvoni) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir/Ritonavir +dasabuvir (Viekira PaK) Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir/Ritonavir (Viekirax) Grazoprevir/Elbasvir (Zepatier) Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir (Epclusa) 2016 July	

Drug-drug interactions between HCV DAAs and CVS drugs		SIM	DCV	SOF	SOF/LDV	3D
Antiarrhythmics	Amiodarone	*	*	*	*	*
	Digoxin	*	*	*	*	*
	Flecainide	*	*	*	*	*
	Vernakalant	*	*	*	*	*
Antiplatelet and anticoagulants	Clopidogrel	*	*	*	*	*
	Dabigatran	*	*	*	*	*
	Warfarin	*	*	*	*	*
Beta blockers	Atenolol	*	*	*	*	*
	Bisoprolol	*	*	*	*	*
	Propranolol	*	*	*	*	*
Calcium channel blockers	Amlodipine	*	*	*	*	*
	Diltiazem	*	*	*	*	*
	Nifedipine	*	*	*	*	*
Hypertension and heart failure agents	Aiskiren	*	*	*	*	*
	Candesartan	*	*	*	*	*
	Doxazosin	*	*	*	*	*
	Enalapril	*	*	*	*	*

**Drug-drug interactions
between HCV DAAs and lipid
lowering drugs**

	SIM	DCV	SOF	SOF/ LDV	3D
Atorvastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Bezafibrate	*	*	*	*	*
Ezetimibe	*	*	*	*	*
Fenofibrate	*	*	*	*	*
Fluvastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Gemfibrozil	*	*	*	*	*
Lovastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Pitavastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Pravastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Rosuvastatin	*	*	*	*	*
Simvastatin	*	*	*	*	*



Cardiac work up

- ▶ Full history
- ▶ Current medication
- ▶ Clinical exam
- ▶ Las Total ck,Ckmb,tropinin ,urea ,creat,liver
- ▶ ECG ,corected QT,arrhythmias,conduction problem
- ▶ Echo LV diameter(ESD–EDD–IVS–PW–EF)
- ▶ Spirometer for respiratory function tests
- ▶ Fundus exam

conclusion

- ▶ Most cardio- toxic effects are due interferon – ribavirin protocols.
- ▶ Interferon free regimens with New DAAs more effective treatment for chronic HCV with less cardio-toxic effects
- ▶ So cardiac extrahepatic side effects of chronic HCV virus can be treated with new DAAs ,INF free protocols.
- ▶ New DAAs combination with cordarone may induce serious brady –cardia that may need pacemaker
- ▶ For cardiologist the most important point is cardiac drug –drug interaction.

- ▶ Increase effect of digitalies that may lead to toxcity with New DAAs
- ▶ New DAAs increses myopathy when combined with statines
- ▶ New DAAs has no drug interaction with warfarin
- ▶ New DAAs cardiac side effects is irreversible

Thank you

