
HCV in Key Populations: Men Who Have Sex With Men

Testing

Recommendations for Testing and Prevention of HCV Infection in Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM)	
RECOMMENDED	RATING
Annual HCV testing is recommended for sexually active HIV-infected adolescent and adult MSM. Depending on the presence of high-risk sexual or drug use practices, more frequent testing may be warranted.	Ila, C
HCV testing at HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) initiation and at least annually thereafter (while on PrEP) is recommended in HIV-uninfected MSM. Depending on sexual or drug use risk practices, more frequent testing may be warranted.	Ila, C
All MSM should be counseled about the risk of sexual HCV transmission with high-risk sexual and drug use practices, and educated about measures to prevent HCV infection or transmission.	Ila, C

Treatment

Recommendation on Treatment of HCV in Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM)	
RECOMMENDED	RATING
Antiviral treatment for HCV-infected MSM should be coupled with ongoing counseling about the risk of HCV reinfection, and education about methods to reduce HCV reinfection risk after cure.	I, B

Testing for HCV Reinfection

Recommendation on Prevention of HCV Reinfection in Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM)	
RECOMMENDED	RATING
At least annual (and risk-based, if indicated) HCV testing with HCV RNA is recommended for sexually active MSM after successful treatment or spontaneous clearance of HCV infection.	Ila, C

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