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All-Oral Anti-HCV Therapy in Injection Drug Users: Updated Real World Data

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Background

- With access to highly effective, well tolerated all-oral therapy for HCV infection, increasing access to treatment for people who use drugs (PWUD) becomes more feasible.
- ▶In British Columbia, new funding guidelines have greatly increased access to HCV treatment
 - Universal access if F2-4
 - Conditional access if F0-1 (HIV or HBV co-infection, CKD, extrahepatic manifestations, fatty liver, women of child-bearing potential)
 - Appeal mechanism on a case-by-case basis for all patients
 - Universal access expected for 2018
- In anticipation for universal access, the real world efficacy of various regimens needs to be confirmed post clinical-trial.

Methods



- ▶ A retrospective analysis was performed on all HCV-infected patients (with current/recent drug use, as documented by urine drug screen) who were treated at VIDC using all oral regimens.
- PA multidisciplinary model is in place to addre
 - ▶Addiction needs
 - **⊳Social Needs**
 - Psychiatric Needs
 - ▶Medical Needs
- ▶ The primary outcome of this analysis was achievement of SVR (undetectable HCV RNA 12 or more weeks after the completion of HCV therapy).







Conclusions

- ▶Within a multidisciplinary model of care, the treatment of HCV-infected PWUD with all-oral regimens is safe and highly effective.
- The use of multi-tablet regimens and/or ribavirin did not affect treatment outcome in our analysis.
- These data support the feasibility of enhancing access to HCV therapy among PWUD as restrictions on treatment availability based on treatment stage are removed.
- Although equivalent efficacy can be expected, care must be taken to reduce the risk of recurrent viremia after successful therapy.