

A photograph showing a group of people's hands reaching up from the bottom and down from the top to form a circle. The background is a bright blue sky with some light clouds. The hands are of various skin tones, suggesting a diverse group of people. The overall mood is one of unity and teamwork.

SHF | HCV INITIATIVE



A Center of Excellence

As a center of Excellence, St. Hope Foundation is nonprofit community healthcare organization that was established in November 1999.

Recently, St. Hope implemented the Patient Centered Medical Home model of care.

FQHC - As a comprehensive Federally Qualified Health Center St. Hope targets unmet needs and gaps in health-related services, fostering client-centered programs to meet these needs.

St. Hope have medical experts fully competent in treating Hepatitis C.

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- Internal medicine and infectious disease physicians

The medical team stays abreast of the latest advancements in medical treatment.

- With the new treatment developments for Hepatitis C and B, it has afforded patients more effective options to treat and clear or control these viruses.



What We Offer Hepatitis C or B Diagnosed Patients

- 1. Thoughtful and expert consultation during your initial visit**
- 2. Evaluation to determine if treatment is appropriate**
- 3. Assignment to a specialized Care Team for Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B Treatment**
- 4. Case Manager assignment to help enroll patient in Patient Assistance Programs**
- 5. Mental Health Counseling services**
- 6. Annual Physical exam**
- 7. Urgent Care: cold, fever, cuts, bruises, cough**

Initial Workup Prior to Consideration for HCV Therapy

Medical Hx & P.E.	Body wt, vital signs (BP, HR, Temp)
Ophthalmoscopic Exam	All patients should receive an eye examination at baseline
Clinical Chemistry	ALT, AST, T.bilirubin, Alk phos, T. Protein, albumn, BUN, serum creatinine, uric acid, calcium, phosphorus, cholesterol, triglycerides, serum glucose, sodium, chloride and potassium
Child-Pugh Score	Treatment is contraindicated in HCV-monoinfected patients with Child-Pugh score >6 and in HCV/HIV coinfectd patients with Child-Pugh score ≥ 6
Psychological Assessment	Assess history of depression
Hematology	Completed blood count (hematocrit, hemoglobin, WBC, platelets) including differential, prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time
Immunology	Assess risk for autoimmune disease
Alpha-fetoprotein	In conjunction with other tests to screen for liver cancer
Thyroid Function	TSH, T4
Drug Screen	In order to detect drugs of abuse, except for methadone
Chest X-ray	For patients with pre-existing pulmonary disease
Electrocardiogram	Patients >50 years of age, and anyone else with a history of pre-existing cardiac disease to assess cardiovascular risk
Liver biopsy	As appropriate
HCG Pregnancy Test	For women of childbearing potential before, during and 6 months after treatment
HCV Genotype	Helps determine treatment regimen and duration
Quantitative HCV RNA Measurement	Baseline level is important for comparison, especially at Wk 4 and Wk 12 of therapy

Outside Labs Accepted by our Providers

Hepatitis Panel (A,B,C)	No Time Limit (documentation is available)
Hepatitis C Antibody	No Time Limit (documentation is available)
Hepatitis C Genotype	No Time Limit (documentation is available)
HIV Dx	Documentation within 30 days of visit
HCV Viral Load	Documentation within 30 days of visit
CMP & CBC	Documentation within 30 days of visit
PT/PTT, Alpha Fetal Protein, TSH	Documentation within 30 days of visit
Drug Screen (Medicaid Patients)	Documentation within 60 days of visit

Hepatitis C Treatment Services

- ❖ HCV treatment services offered at all locations (no wait time)
- ❖ SHF providers (90%) treat for HCV and HBV
- ❖ Schedule appointments by calling the main phone number or simply complete online registration
- ❖ HCV visit cycle consist of 5 to 6 health visits
- ❖ Serve both insured and uninsured patients
- ❖ Serve coinfectd patients (HIV/HCV) – coinfectd patients can select only HCV care
- ❖ Onsite Behavioral health counseling provided to patients
- ❖ Onsite Nutritional counseling provided to patients
- ❖ Onsite pharmacy services provided to patients
- ❖ Link clients to patient assistance programs when necessary
- ❖ Mean new HCV patients monthly ~ 19 to 28

- ❖ 2014-2015 HCV patients treated – 327



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5 Locations

-Bellaire/Houston

-Conroe

-Greenspoint

-Sugarland

-Texas City

Questions?

