A Multidisciplinary Approach to HCV Triple Therapy

Integrated Harm Reduction Programs
Who We Are

- ASO with Hepatitis C Team in North Bay, ON
- Serve a catchment area that is 22,000 km²
Hepatitis C Team

- Two Hepatitis C Treatment Nurses
- Social Worker
- Community Coordinator
- Outreach Worker
- Medical Assistant
- Two Gastroenterologists
Triple Therapy

- Risk of Super Bug
- Anemia
- Depression
- Anal Pruritus
- Futility Rules
Our Patients

- Marginalized population
- Memory problems
- Methadone Maintenance Therapy
HOW WE SET THIS UP!
Before Treatment

• Clients are given a couple weeks prior to starting:
  – Blood work
  – Lab Cover Sheet
  – Patient Kit
  – My Guide
Blood work

- Patients have their blood work done
- Lab technician signs there cover sheet
Pharmacist

- Pharmacy is a block from the lab
- Patients have to show lab cover sheet in order to get medications
- Pharmacist/Pharmacist Assistant sign to say they saw this sheet
Hepatitis C Team

- Patients check in with nurse
- Pick up cards grocery cards, hygiene kit, vitamins
- Make appointment with Social Worker if needed
Dietician

- Made available by pharmacist
- Consults with all triple therapy clients (particularly those on telaprevir)
- Small grocery budget into good meals
Emergency Room

- Treatment Pamphlet
- Created to educate emergency room staff
- Informs them of treatment medications
- Contact information for Nurses, Physicians, and Pharmacists
WHY WE ARE DOING THIS
Drug to Drug Interactions

- Drug to drug interactions
- Keep patients safe
- Structure for our brain injury clients
- All on the same road
Keep Patients Safe

- Multiple check in points
Structure

• Easy for clients to remember
• Schedule
• Better for our clients with brain injuries
Transportation

- All within a couple city blocks
RESULTS
Happy Patients

- Patient satisfaction
• Prevent people continuing treatment when they aren’t supposed to
• Extra support
• Keep us informed (i.e. medications – patients forget to tell us all medications they are on)