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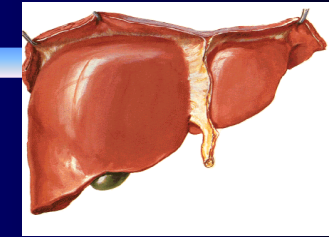
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VIRUS EPATOTROPI

Maggiori	Altri Virus	Minori
HBV (1965 Blumberg)	HGV	CMV
HAV (1973 Feinstone)	TTV	EBV
HDV (1977 Rizzetto)	SEN-V	Coxsackiae
HCV (1989 Hughtone)		Herpes
HEV (1990 Reyes)		Parotite Rosolia



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Hepatitis C Virus Infection

Extrahepatic Manifestations

including

- Hematologic diseases such as cryoglobulinemia and lymphoma
- Autoimmune disorders such as thyroiditis
- Renal disease
- Dermatologic conditions such as lichen planus and porphyria cutanea tarda



Antiviral Therapy



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Epatite virale C



Manifestazioni extraepatiche



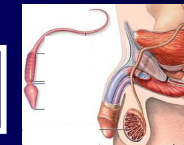
TIREOPATIA AUTOIMMUNE

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ALTERAZIONI DEL SISTEMA RIPRODUTIVO



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Extrahepatic manifestations of hepatitis C virus infection



Thyroid disease

- Thyroid disorders are common in patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, particularly women
- Antithyroid antibodies → 5 - 17 % of patients infected with HCV
- Thyroid disease (primarily hypothyroidism) → 2 - 13 %
- The highest prevalence of both thyroid antibodies and thyroid disease is found in older women



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Thyroid Disorders in Chronic Hepatitis C

Thyroid Status in Hepatitis C Virus- and Hepatitis B Virus-Infected Patients, and Control Subjects from Iodine-Deficient and Iodine-Sufficient Areas

Characteristic	Control Subjects from an Iodine- Deficient Area (n = 389)	Control Subjects from an Iodine- Sufficient Area (n = 268)	Hepatitis B Virus- Infected Patients (n = 86)	Hepatitis C Virus- Infected Patients (n = 630)	P Value
	Number (%) or Mean \pm SD				
TSH (μ IU/mL)	1.5 \pm 3.1	1.3 \pm 1.1	1.7 \pm 1.3	3.2 \pm 9.8*	0.001
Free thyroxine (ng/L)	9.6 \pm 2.9	9.3 \pm 2.1	9.1 \pm 2.9	8.0 \pm 5.2*	0.001
Free triiodothyronine (ng/L)	3.7 \pm 0.9	3.7 \pm 0.6	3.8 \pm 0.9	3.1 \pm 1.3*	0.0001
Anti-thyroid peroxidase antibody (U/mL)	42 \pm 127	47 \pm 144	51 \pm 114	127 \pm 467*	0.0007
Antithyroglobulin antibody (U/mL)	38 \pm 187	41 \pm 186	37 \pm 85	124 \pm 560*	0.01
Anti-thyroid peroxidase antibody positive	47 (12)	27 (10)	11 (13)	132 (21)*	0.0001
Anti-thyroglobulin antibody positive	39 (10)	24 (9)	9 (10)	108 (17)*	0.01
Either antibody positive	66 (17)	40 (15)	14 (16)	158 (25)*	0.0002
Both antibody positive	16 (4)	11 (4)	5 (6)	57 (9)*	0.006
Hypothyroidism (TSH $>$ 4 μ IU/mL)	12 (3)	13 (5)	3 (4)	82 (13)*	0.0001
Hyperthyroidism (TSH $<$ 0.3 μ IU/mL)	39 (10)	19 (7)	3 (4)	63 (10)	0.1

* $P \leq 0.05$ vs. all other groups.

TSH = thyroid-stimulating hormone.



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Thyroid disease

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Thyroid function tests should be checked when a patient is first diagnosed with HCV

Patients found to be hypothyroid should receive thyroid hormone replacement



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Interferon therapy in liver disease and thyroid disease

Interferon-alfa

development of antithyroid antibodies without clinical disease 5-40 %

~ 5 to 10 % of patients develop clinical thyroid disease, including



Painless thyroiditis

Hashimoto's thyroiditis

Graves' disease

Graves' ophthalmopathy

Tong MJ et al Hepatology. 1997;26:747
Deutsch M et al. Hepatology 1997;26:206
Mandac JC et al Hepatology 2006;43:661
Bini EJ et al Arch Intern Med 2004;164:2371

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Development of clinical thyroid disease during interferon therapy

Risk factors

- antithyroid peroxidase antibodies before treatment
- female gender
- older age
- presence of other autoantibodies (ANA, anti-DNA ...)
liver-kidney microsomal antibodies in one report

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Women with chronic hepatitis C and high antithyroid peroxidase antibody titers are at particular risk



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Extrahepatic manifestations of hepatitis C virus infection



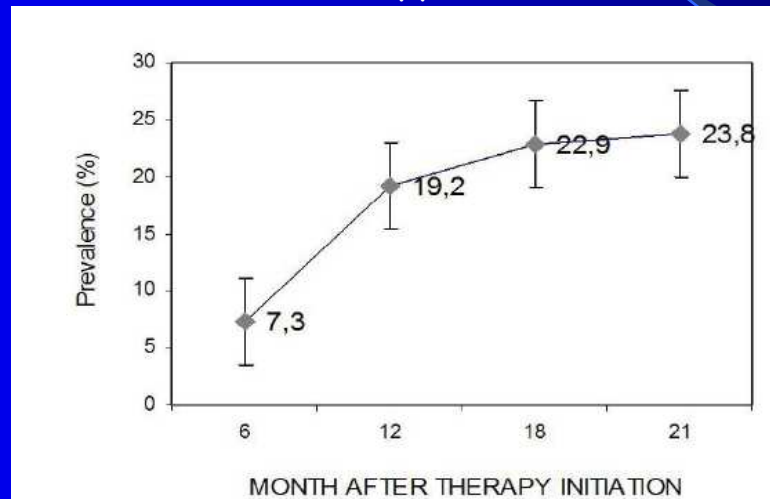
The development of thyroid disorders during interferon treatment of chronic hepatitis C is associated with an increased likelihood of a sustained virological response



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Development of clinical thyroid disease during interferon therapy

Prevalence (%) of thyroid disorders after therapy initiation



Themistoklis V et al. Ann Acad Med Singapore 2011;40:394-400

The changes in thyroid function usually appear after three months of therapy, but can occur as long as IFN-alfa is given

Rare patients develop thyroid autoantibodies after interferon-alfa treatment has been completed

Carella C et al. Horm Res. 1995;44:110

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Development of clinical thyroid disease during interferon therapy

Monitoring of thyroid disease

WHO?

WHEN?

HOW?

All patients receiving IFN alfa should be monitored for thyroid disease, particularly women and patients with preexisting antithyroid antibodies

It's suggested measuring TSH and antithyroid antibodies before treatment and every 12 weeks during treatment



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Development of clinical thyroid disease during interferon therapy

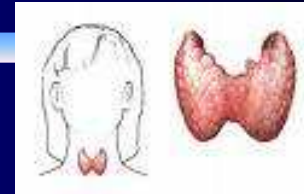


The addition of ribaverin to interferon therapy does not alter the thyroid autoantibody pattern but increases the risk of developing hypothyroidism



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Management of the side effects of peginterferon and ribavirin being used for treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus infection



Thyroid dysfunction

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IFN therapy can usually be continued while hypothyroidism is being treated

Asymptomatic biochemical hyperthyroidism due to Graves' disease or painless thyroiditis can be observed closely and, if symptoms are minimal, low dose Propranolol can be instituted

Clinically apparent hyperthyroidism requires to stop PEG-IFN/RBV and endocrinologist management

Before a new round of therapy with IFN +RBV is necessary to definitively cure the hyperthyroidism to avoid the risk of recurrence

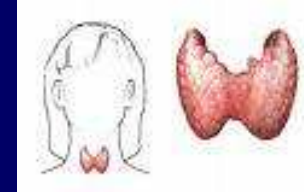
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Thyroid Disorders in Chronic Hepatitis C

Thyroid cancer



An increased prevalence (2.2%) of papillary thyroid cancer has been reported in HCV-positive patients with thyroid autoimmunity

AITD might represent a predisposing condition for papillary thyroid cancer in HCV-positive individuals



HCV infection and Insulin Resistance

HCV infection is associated with the development of IR and T2DM

HCV can be considered a metabolic disease

T2DM may be an extrahepatic manifestation of HCV infection



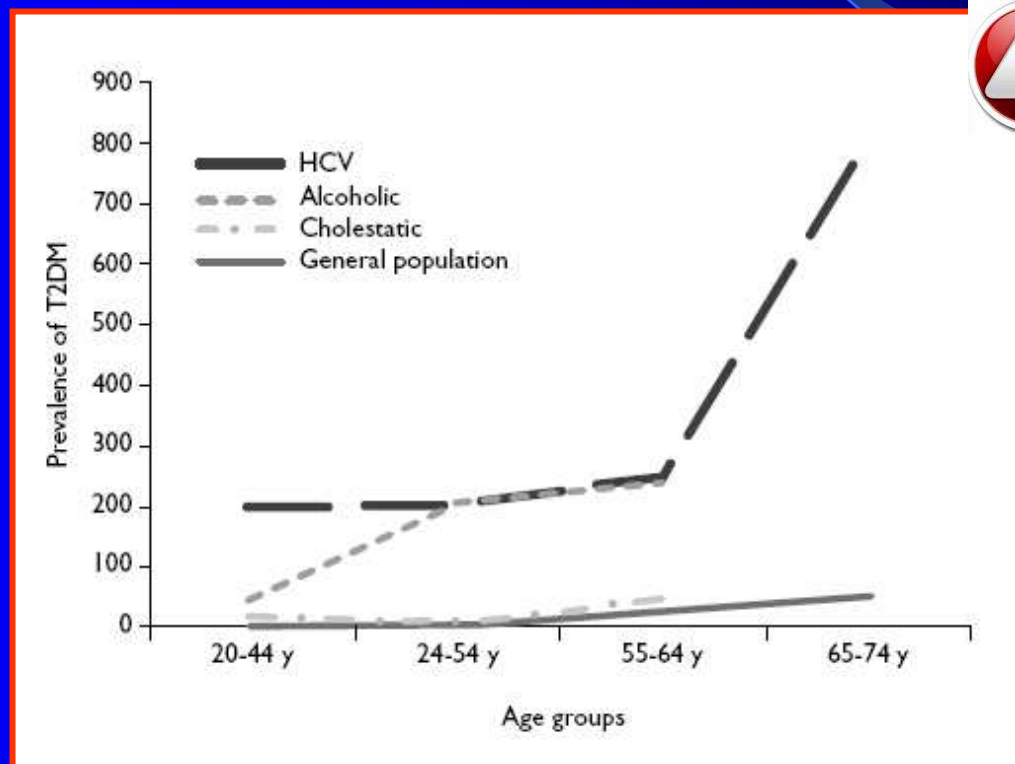
A meta-analysis of 34 studies estimated that the risk of T2DM was increased by almost 70 % in HCV-infected patients compared with non-infected controls (OR 1.7)

The risk was also increased compared with patients who had chronic HBV infection



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Prevalence of T2DM in patients with liver cirrhosis caused by diverse etiologies.
Notice the higher prevalence among HCV-infected patients



HCV: hepatitis C virus



Chronic Hepatitis and Insulin Resistance

Prevalence rates of T2DM
in HCV infection is 22-33%
in HBV infection is of 12-17 %

Risk factors for DM in HCV infected patients

- Older age
- Obesity
- Severe liver fibrosis
- A family history of diabetes mellitus



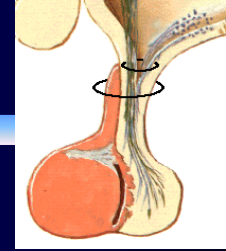
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Chronic Hepatitis and Insulin Resistance

The presence of IR itself predicts
a faster progression to fibrosis
particularly with HCV genotypes 1 and 4 and with high serum RNA levels
cirrhosis
liver failure
hepatocellular carcinoma
a poor response to antiviral therapy against HCV

Successful HCV treatment may decrease the risk of diabetes mellitus



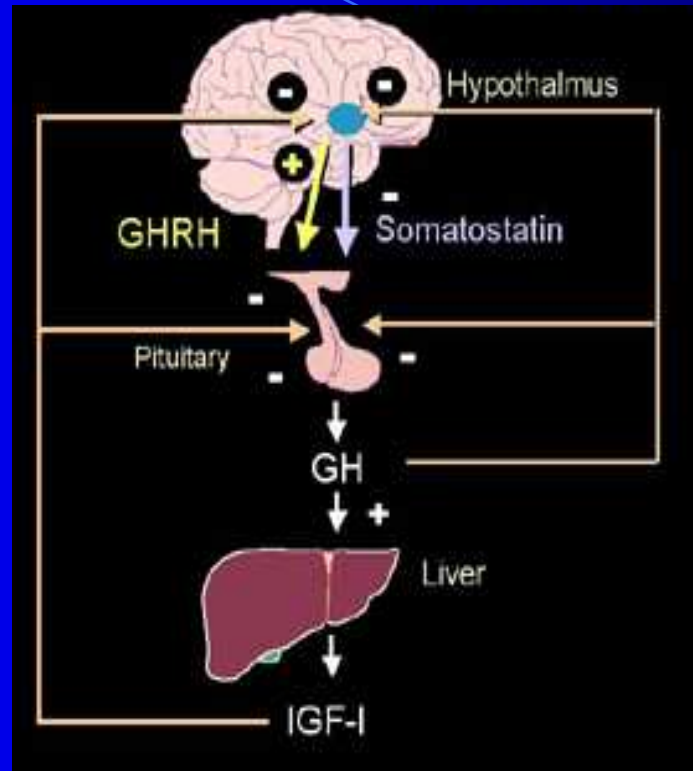


Stress, inflammation, or infection
induce
integrated bidirectional neuroendocrine
immune responses

Cytokine-mediated modulation of the
ACTH/cortisol or GH/IGF-1 system occurs
during inflammation and chronic illness



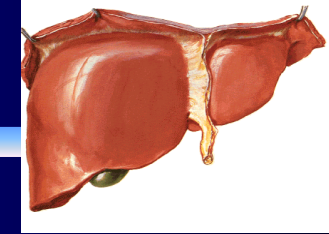
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Liver is the central organ of GH/IGF-1 axis

IGF-1 might be considered an early marker of functional reserve or hepatocellular functional capacity





Chronic Hepatitis and Insulin Like Growth Factor 1

Child-Pugh staging with IGF-1 measurement could predict disease severity more accurately than Child-Pugh staging alone

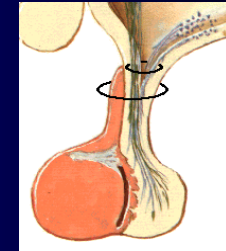
CHILD-PUGH CLASSIFICATION OF CIRRHOSIS				
Factor	Units	1	2	3
Serum bilirubin	μmol/L	<34	34–51	>51
	mg/dL	<2.0	2.0–3.0	>3.0
Serum albumin	g/L	>35	30–35	<30
	g/dL	>3.5	3.0–3.5	<3.0
Prothrombin time	Seconds	0–4	4–6	>6
	prolonged INR	<1.7	1.7–2.3	>2.3
Ascites		None	Easily controlled	Poorly controlled
Hepatic encephalopathy		None	Minimal	Advanced

Note: The Child-Pugh score is calculated by adding the scores of the five factors and can range from 5–15. Child-Pugh class is either A (a score of 5–6), B (7–9), or C (10 or above). Decompensation indicates cirrhosis with a Child-Pugh score of 7 or more (class B). This level has been the accepted criterion for listing for liver transplantation.



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Hepatitis-C Patients Have Reduced Growth Hormone (GH) Secretion
Which Improves During Long-Term Therapy With Pegylated Interferon- α



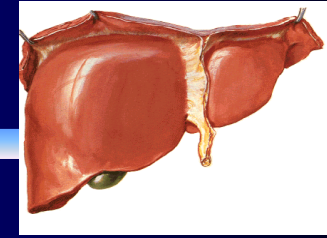
Patients with chronic HCV infection have impaired GH secretion

During antiviral therapy basal and stimulated GH secretion increases
and may even be normalized

HCV infection reduces basal and stimulated GH secretion directly
at the pituitary



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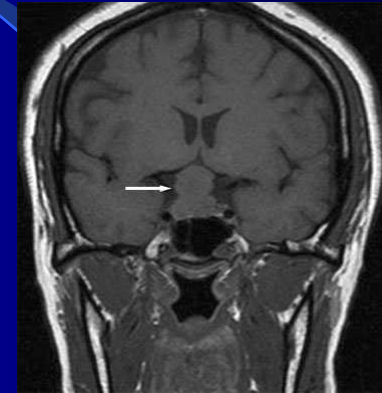


During treatment of chronic hepatitis
C with interferon alpha e ribaverin



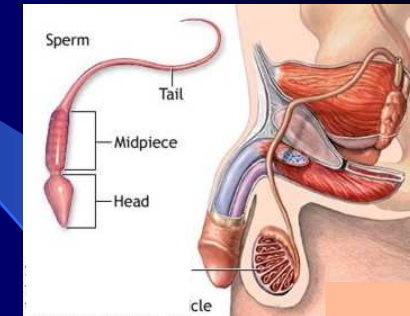
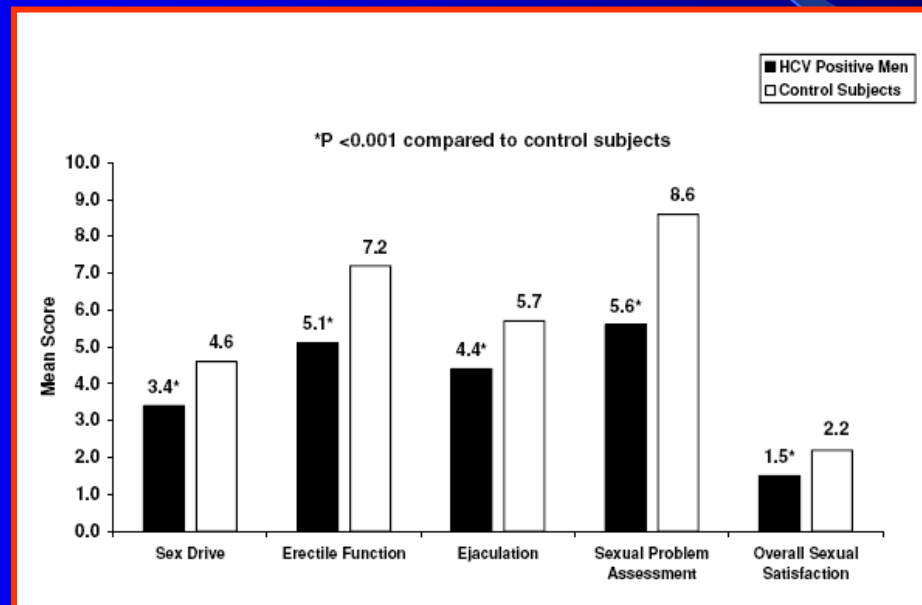
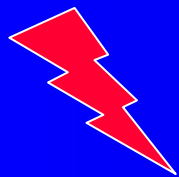
Hypophysitis

Central Hypothyroidism



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Sexual Dysfunction is Highly Prevalent Among Men with Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection and Negatively Impacts Health-Related Quality of Life

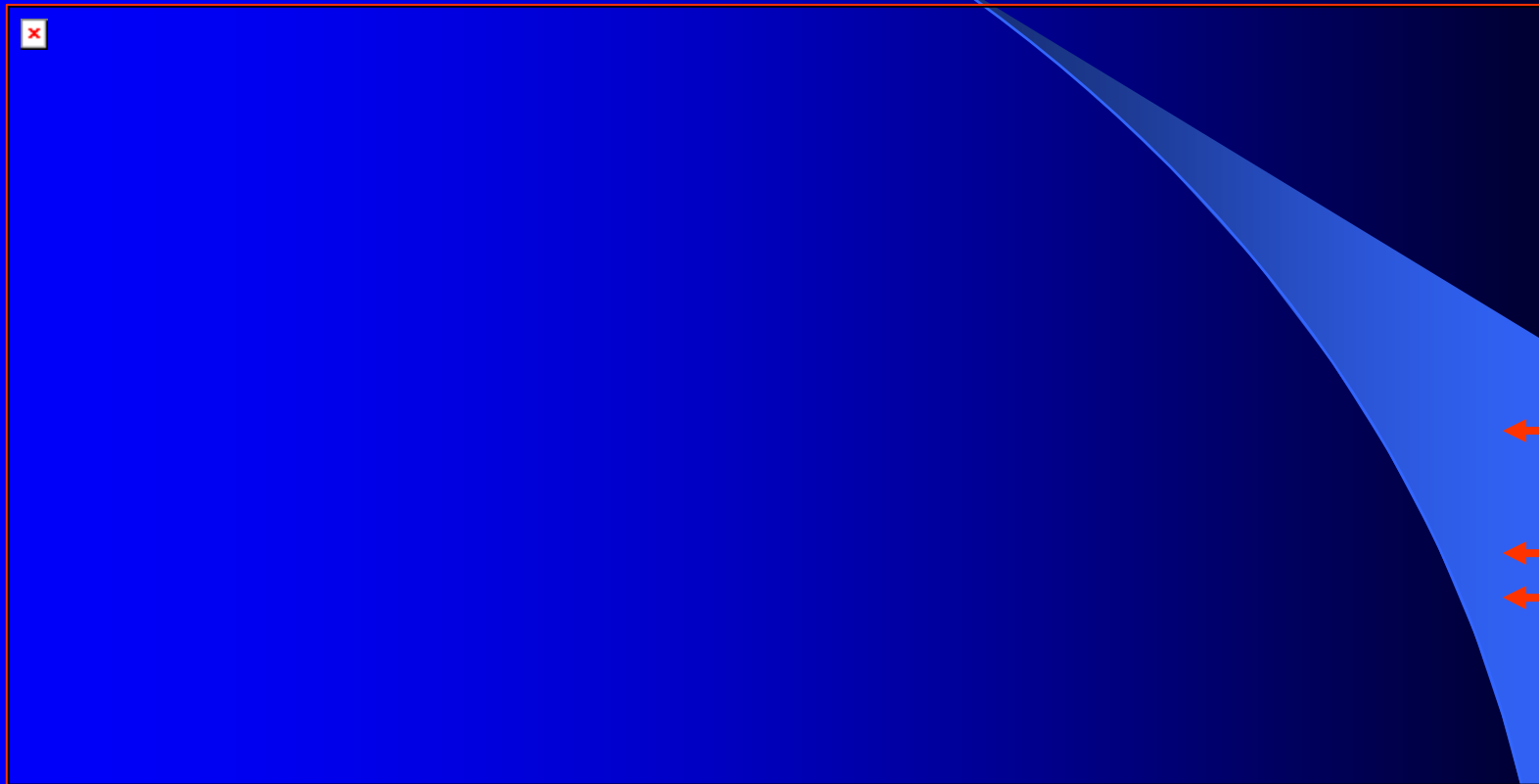


Sexual dysfunction is highly prevalent in men with chronic HCV infection, is independent of depression, and is associated with a marked reduction in HRQOL



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Elevated Sex Hormone Binding Globulin Levels May Contribute to Sexual Dysfunction in Men With Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection



Laboratory Data of the 75 Study Subjects



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Chronic hepatitis C infection and sex hormone levels: effect of disease severity

	Men with fibrosis score 0–2 (n = 20)	Men with fibrosis score 3–6 (n = 15)	Reference range
Age (years)	42.0 ± 7.3	37.1 ± 8.5	
ALT (U/L) [†]	36.0 (13–90)	63.0 (11–306)*	<50 ←
Albumin (g/L)	42.0 (39–46)	42.0 (36–48)	35–50
INR	1.0 (0.8–1.1)	1.0 (0.9–1.1)	0.9–1.2
Activity score	5 (2–10)	8 (3–14)*	←
Total HAI	6.5 (4–11)	12 (6–18)**	←
Testosterone (nmol/L)	19.2 ± 6.0	19.6 ± 10.4	(8–35) ←
Free T (pmol/L)	380.4 ± 102.0	255.9 ± 83.0*	(See text) ←
SHBG (nmol/L)	38.0 ± 13.2	66.7 ± 43.3**	(20–120) ←
Oestradiol (pmol/L)	73.1 ± 25.0	76.8 ± 25.0	(<100)

*P < 0.05, **P < 0.001.
[†]Data reported as median and range.
 ALT, alanine aminotransferase; HAI, Knodell histological activity index; INR, international normalized ratio; SHBG, sex hormone-binding globulin T, testosterone.

Liver biopsies were scored according to the modified Knodell histological activity index comprising a 20-point Activity Index assessing disease activity and a 6-point Fibrosis Score grading severity of liver fibrosis



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Chronic hepatitis C infection and sex hormone levels: effect of recombinant interferon- α therapy

Effect of 6 months of IFN- α treatment on liver function and sex hormone levels in men with hepatitis C infection

	Initial visit	Within 6 months (nadir values)	Post-treatment
ALT (U/L)	119.1 \pm 35.5	57.7 \pm 33.7*	44.7 \pm 39.9*
Total T (nmol/L)	24.4 \pm 8.4	18.7 \pm 3.5*	22.0 \pm 4.5
Free T (nmol/L)	0.34 \pm 0.11	0.29 \pm 0.08	0.40 \pm 0.12
SHBG (nmol/L)	63.1 \pm 23.1	52.7 \pm 17.3**	45.9 \pm 16.4*

*Paired *t*-tests comparing nadir and post-treatment to baseline values with a significant two-tailed *P* < 0.025, ***P* = 0.026.

ALT, alanine aminotransferase; IFN- α , interferon- α ; SHBG, sex hormone-binding globulin; T, testosterone.



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Seminal and hormonal parameters in responders and non responders before, during and after treatment (mean \pm SD)

	Month 0	Month 6	Month 12	Month 0	Month 6	Month 12
	Non responders			Responders		
Sperm concentration (n/mL)	84.2 \pm 56.6	69.0 \pm 35.5	66.6 \pm 36.1	86.9 \pm 76.6	35.2 \pm 25.8	76.8 \pm 75.3
Normal motility (%)	45.2 \pm 7.0	51.4 \pm 13.9	46.0 \pm 7.4	46.2 \pm 10.7	37.0 \pm 17.8	43.8 \pm 24.3
Normal morphology (%)	34.8 \pm 7.6	24.6 \pm 11.3	26.0 \pm 6.8	21.4 \pm 6.0	14.4 \pm 9.2	21.6 \pm 12.8
Inhibin B (pg/mL)	98.0 \pm 49.2	166.4 \pm 30.3 ^b	95.4 \pm 55.6	105.3 \pm 50.1 ^a	157.4 \pm 72.7	143.4 \pm 46.1
Free Testosterone (pg/mL)	16.2 \pm 1.6	16.4 \pm 2.0	16.9 \pm 3.4	14.2 \pm 2.5	14.6 \pm 2.8	17.1 \pm 2.6 ^c
Total testosterone (μ g/L)	7.4 \pm 2.0	7.9 \pm 0.9 ^d	6.6 \pm 1.0	6.0 \pm 2.0	7.3 \pm 2.1	6.9 \pm 1.0
PRL (μ g/L)	7.0 \pm 3.8	7.9 \pm 1.8	8.9 \pm 3.3	9.4 \pm 6.3	7.4 \pm 3.9	6.5 \pm 2.8
LH (mU/mL)	4.2 \pm 2.1	3.6 \pm 1.8	3.0 \pm 1.2	3.8 \pm 2.6	4.5 \pm 2.5	3.6 \pm 0.7
FSH (mU/mL)	4.8 \pm 1.7	4.9 \pm 1.0	5.7 \pm 1.6	4.8 \pm 2.1	5.2 \pm 0.8	5.1 \pm 0.9
17- β E (pg/mL)	19.4 \pm 5.3 ^e	14.6 \pm 5.1	20.2 \pm 6.8	20.0 \pm 7.9	12.7 \pm 5.2	14.5 \pm 2.8

^aP = 0.039 (0 vs 12 mo); ^bP < 0.01 (6 vs 12 mo); ^cP < 0.05 (0 vs 12 mo); ^dP < 0.05 (6 vs 12 mo); ^eP < 0.01 (0 vs 6 mo).

The combined antiviral therapy could cause a further alteration in spermatic morphology

On the other hand, its antiviral activity could improve spermatogenesis, as demonstrated by the increased inhibin B levels after six and twelve months of therapy in responders

Durazzo M et al World J Gastroenterol 2006 May 21; 12: 3073



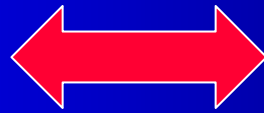
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Risk factor/Cause

Vitamin D
deficiency



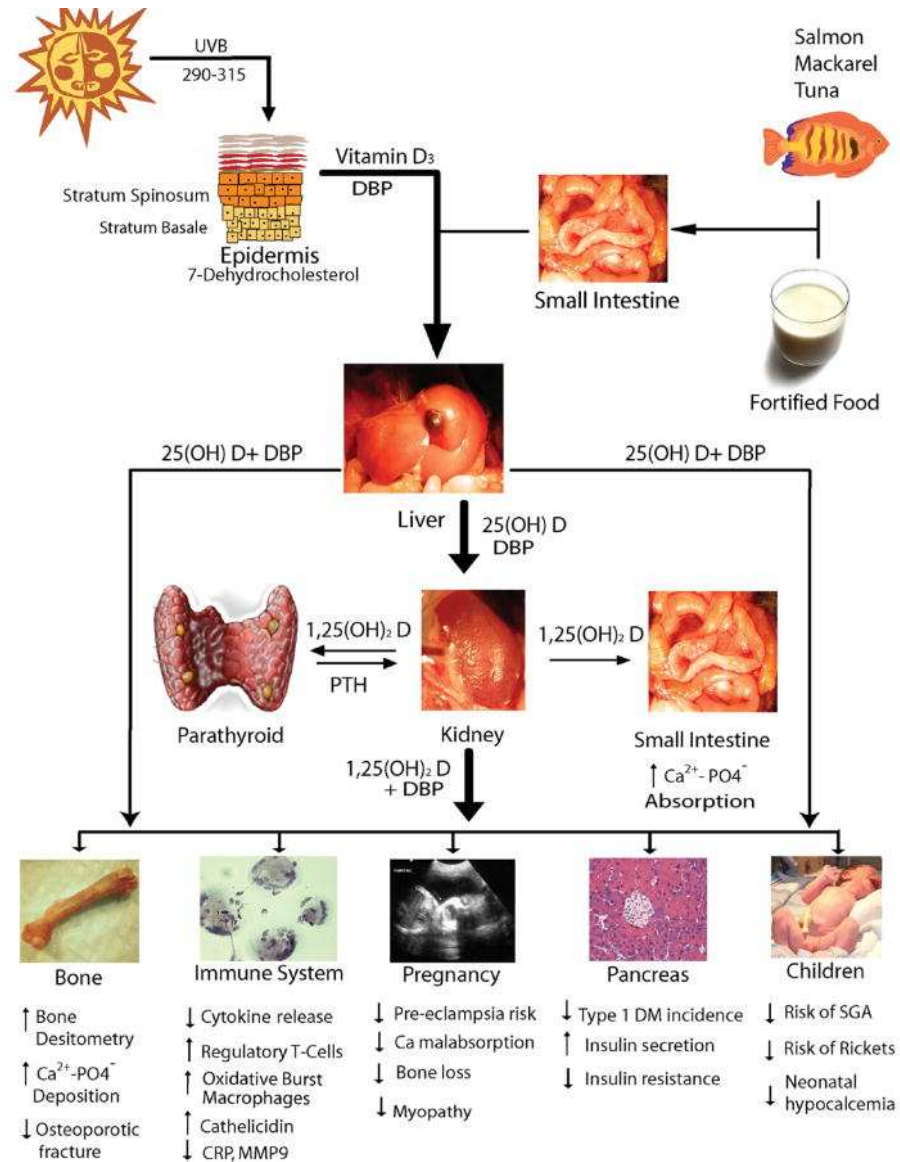
Chronic liver
disease

Effect



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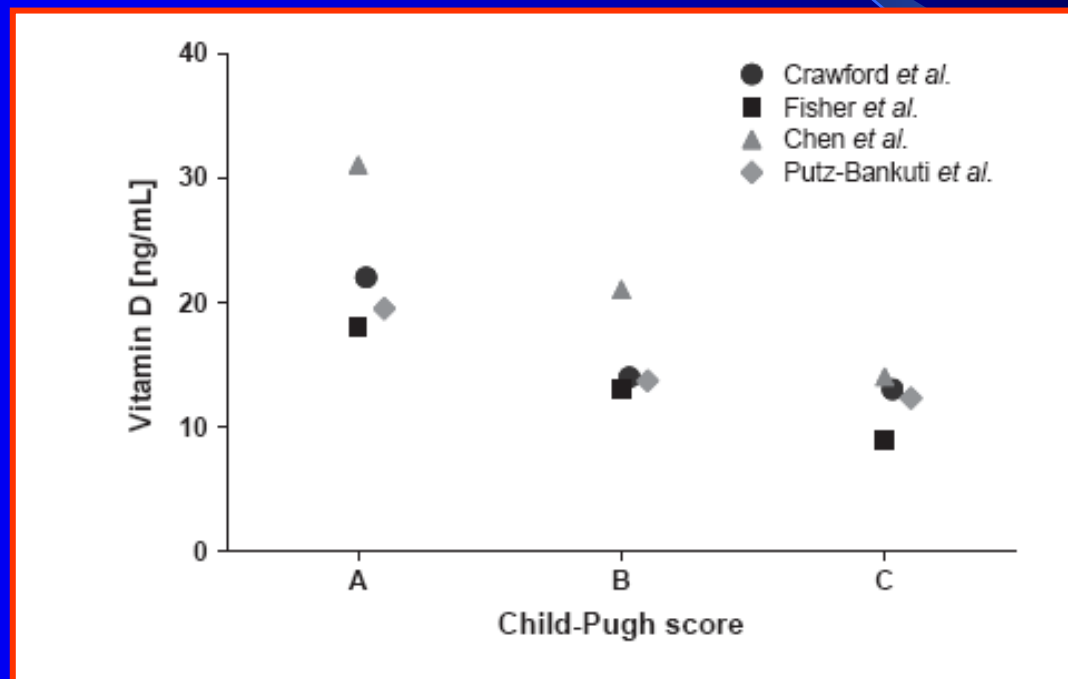
Vitamin D metabolism and tissue actions



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Vitamin D in chronic liver disease (CLD)

The prevalence of vitamin D levels < 20 ng/ml in CLD has been reported to range from 64 to 92% and is commonly inversely related to disease progression



Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentrations (ng/ml) in patients with cirrhosis, stratified by Child-Pugh score



Vitamin D in chronic hepatitis C

TAKE HOME
MESSAGE

Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to a low rate of sustained virological response in HCV patients undergoing interferon-based therapy and to more severe liver fibrosis



Vitamin D in chronic hepatitis C

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Vitamin D supplements
improve treatment response
in patients with chronic hepatitis C
and
increase the likelihood of
achieving sustained virological response



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Vitamin D in chronic hepatitis C

Is reasonable



Monitoring
of serum 25(OH)D
and
vitamin D supplementation



Hepatic Osteodystrophy

specific chronic liver disease (CLD) associated bone disease
and
related metabolism abnormalities
with both osteopenia and osteoporosis



- ❖ incidence of bone disease → 11 - 48% in patients with CLD
- osteoporotic fracture rate is double that of age-matched controls
 - prevalence of osteoporosis is between 20% and 60%
with the variance dependent on diagnostic criteria and patient selection



Hepatic Osteodystrophy

- ↪ pathogenesis is multifactorial and only partially understood
- ↘ concentrations of insulin-like growth factor 1
 - ↑ cytokine concentrations
(IL-1, IL-6 and tumour necrosis factor)
 - ↘ Vitamin D levels

risk factors

- increased alcohol intake
 - low BMI
 - hypogonadism
 - corticosteroid use





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