**Tips for Assessing a Patient Readiness for HCV Treatment**

Assess the patient’s readiness for treatment:

- Patient wants hepatitis C treatment.
- Patient generally keeps scheduled medical appointments.
- Patient has a reasonably stable social situation.
- Patient takes his/her currently prescribed medications, and has relatively good control over other chronic diseases (HIV, HTN, diabetes, etc).
- Clinic/pharmacy staff can contact patient by phone or have another reliable way to reach patient. Have at least 2 phone numbers and possibly email documented for patient. Second contact may be a friend, family member or case manager.
- Patient is willing to talk by phone with clinic and pharmacy staff to coordinate medications, etc.
- If patient has active substance use and/or mental health issues, these conditions are relatively stabilize or patient is engaged in treatment.
- Liver toxins (i.e. alcohol, high-dose acetaminophen) are minimized, and ideally eliminated.
- Patient willing to share financial information with pharmacy if patient assistance program is needed.
- Patient can articulate a plan to avoid hepatitis C reinfection after treatment.