

## **HIV/HCV Coinfection Project: Patient Assessment**

[NAME OF ORGANIZATION] is collaborating with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the RAND Corporation on a study of HIV and hepatitis C (HCV) coinfection. We would like to get your honest opinions on this issue, so that we can improve how medical and other services are provided to patients such as yourself.

This survey will take you about 20 minutes. Please answer the questions to the best of your abilities. There are no right or wrong answers and participation is completely voluntary. You do not have to answer any question that you do not want to answer.

This survey is completely anonymous, and you should not put your name or any identifying information anywhere on the survey. All of your responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the study team. To keep your responses confidential, all study documents will be kept in a locked office. Computer files will be protected with a password.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact the RAND Human Subjects Protection Committee toll-free at (866) 697-5620 or by emailing [hspcinfo@rand.org](mailto:hspcinfo@rand.org). If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please contact the study coordinator, Lisa Wagner, at (703) 413-1100, x5067.

## Section 1

1. Have you been screened eligible to receive Ryan White-covered services in the last 12 months?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
  
2. Are you currently receiving services to address substance use?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
  
3. [IF Q2 = No] Have you ever received services to address substance use?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
  
4. Are you currently receiving counseling, taking medications, or receiving other services to address mental health issues, such as depression or anxiety?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
  
5. [IF Q4 = No] Have you ever received counseling, taken medication, or received other services to address mental health issues, such as depression or anxiety?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
  
6. Have you ever been tested for hepatitis C infection?
  - 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure

7. [IF Q6=No] Which of the following are reasons why you have you not been tested for hepatitis C? (*Check all that apply*)
- 1 I didn't know there was a test for hepatitis C
  - 2 I knew about the hepatitis C test, but did not know where to get one
  - 3 My healthcare provider never offered me a test
  - 4 My healthcare provider told me his/her clinic didn't offer it
  - 5 I didn't think I was at risk for hepatitis C
  - 6 I didn't want to be tested for hepatitis C
  - 7 I didn't want to undergo a blood draw
  - 8 I didn't have the time to wait for test or test result
  - 9 I didn't want to know my hepatitis C test results at the time
  - 10 I didn't think my results would be kept private
  - 11 I didn't trust that the test would be accurate
  - 12 I didn't want the test results to be reported (to insurance, family, or government)
  - 13 I knew I would not want to start treatment for hepatitis C
  - 14 Other \_\_\_\_\_
8. [IF Q6=Yes] Did you receive a hepatitis C test in the last 12 months?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
9. [IF Q6=Yes] What was the result of your most recent hepatitis C test? (*Check one*)
- 1 Positive, but I don't know what kind of test it was
  - 2 Positive Hepatitis C antibody, but there was no virus detected in my blood
  - 3 Positive Hepatitis C antibody, and there was also virus detected in my blood
  - 4 My hepatitis C testing was completely negative
  - 5 Don't know/not sure
10. Have you ever been offered treatment for hepatitis C?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
11. [IF Q10=Yes] Did you ever start treatment for hepatitis C?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
12. [IF Q11=Yes] In what month and year did you start your most recent treatment? It's OK to give your best estimate. Month/year: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
13. [IF Q11=Yes] Did the treatment include taking injectable medications (e.g., interferon)?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure

14. [IF Q11=Yes] Did you finish the treatment? *(Check one)*
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No, I am currently taking it
  - 3 No, I started but didn't complete it
  - 4 No, I was referred to treatment but I haven't started it
  - 5 Don't know/not sure
15. [IF Q11=No] Which of the following are reasons why you did not start treatment for hepatitis C? *(Check all that apply)*
- 1 I didn't know about it
  - 2 My healthcare provider never offered it
  - 3 Hepatitis C treatment was not offered in my HIV clinic
  - 4 I didn't have the health insurance or medication coverage to pay for it
  - 5 I was concerned about the side effects
  - 6 I am waiting until the new therapies became available
  - 7 The clinic that offered it was too far from my home
  - 8 I was concerned hepatitis C treatment would negatively impact my HIV treatment
  - 9 I didn't feel sick
  - 10 I didn't have time to attend regular appointments
  - 11 Other\_\_\_\_\_
16. How do you pay for most of your health care? *(Check all that apply)*
- 1 Ryan White and/or AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
  - 2 Medicaid or Medical Assistance
  - 3 Medicare
  - 4 Your employer or someone else's employer
  - 5 Private insurance plan that you buy or someone else buys for you
  - 6 You, personally (out of pocket)
  - 7 Military, CHAMPUS, TriCare, or the VA
  - 8 COBRA
  - 9 Other\_\_\_\_\_
17. In the past 12 months, have you used any of the following drugs: heroin, crack, cocaine, or methamphetamine (also known as Speed, Crystal Meth, or Tina)? *(Check one)*
- 1 I have injected one or more of these drugs
  - 2 I have used one or more of these drugs but I did not inject
  - 3 I have used one or more of these drugs, both by injecting and not injecting
  - 4 I have not used any of these drugs in the past 12 months
18. In the past 12 months, have you had sex with a man without using a condom?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Don't know/not sure

## Section 2

Please answer "true", "false", or "not sure" to the following items about HIV and Hepatitis C.

19. The majority of people who have both HIV and hepatitis C do not have symptoms.
- 1 True
  - 2 False
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
20. There are antiviral medications available to cure hepatitis C.
- 1 True
  - 2 False
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
21. There is a vaccine to prevent hepatitis C.
- 1 True
  - 2 False
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
22. People who are cured of hepatitis C, either naturally (by their own immune system) or with medical treatment, can be infected with hepatitis C again.
- 1 True
  - 2 False
  - 3 Don't know/not sure
23. Hepatitis C can cause liver damage.
- 1 True
  - 2 False
  - 3 Don't know/not sure

## Section 3

Please read the following statements and choose ONE of the responses for each.

24. Hepatitis C treatment is too expensive for most patients.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
25. Even if a person who has hepatitis C doesn't have symptoms, taking medication for it is a good idea.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly

26. Taking hepatitis C medications will keep people who are infected healthier longer.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
27. Hepatitis C medications are too toxic or poisonous for most people.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
28. The side effects of hepatitis C medications are too extreme for most people.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
29. Hepatitis C medications have not been proven effective in curing hepatitis C.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
30. People who take new medicines for hepatitis C are human guinea pigs for the government.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
31. Rich patients receive better hepatitis C care than poor patients do.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
32. People of color receive the same treatment for hepatitis C as White people.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly

33. People have been treated poorly or unfairly by doctors or health care workers because of their substance use.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly
34. Doctors and health care workers do not take seriously the medical complaints of people who drink alcohol or use drugs.
- 1 Disagree strongly
  - 2 Disagree somewhat
  - 3 Don't know/Not sure
  - 4 Agree somewhat
  - 5 Agree strongly

#### Section 4

35. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ years
36. What is your current gender identity? (*Check one*)
- 1 Male
  - 2 Female
  - 3 Transgender Male/Trans Man/Female-to-Male (FTM)
  - 4 Transgender Female/Trans Woman/Male-to-Female (MTF)
  - 5 Genderqueer, neither exclusively male nor female
  - 6 Additional Gender Category/(or Other), please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7 Choose not to disclose
37. What sex were you assigned at birth on your original birth certificate? (*Check one*)
- 1 Male
  - 2 Female
  - 3 Prefer not to answer
38. How would you describe your sexual orientation? (*Check one*)
- 1 Straight (heterosexual)
  - 2 Gay or Lesbian (homosexual)
  - 3 Bisexual
  - 4 Additional Sexual Orientation Category/(Other), please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Choose not to disclose
39. How would you describe your ethnicity?
- 1 Latino, Latina, or Hispanic
  - 2 Not Latino, Latina, or Hispanic

40. How would you describe your race? *(Check all that apply)*

1 American Indian or Alaska Native

2 Asian

3 Black or African American

4 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

5 White

6 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

41. What is the highest level of education that you have completed? *(Check one)*

1 No high school degree

2 High school diploma or GED

3 Some college, but no degree

4 College degree

5 Some graduate study, but no degree

6 Graduate degree