

Pegylated Interferon/Ribavirin Treatment Schedule

Treatment Start Date: _____

Hep Clinic – Pre-treatment labs completed & within parameters (see Interferon/Ribavirin Pre-Treatment Checklist). Prescribe 2 wk. Rx.

Week 1 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs (see list below). Important to watch for blood dyscrasias.

Week 2 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs. Prescribe 2 wk. Rx.

Week 4 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs. Prescribe 2 wk. Rx.

Week 8 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 12 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs plus PT, TSH, Quantitative *HCV-RNA. Prescribe 2 wk. Rx.

*HCV-RNA < 2 log drop → **STOP.**

*HCV-RNA ≥ 2 log drop → Prescribe 2 wk. Rx.

Week 16 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 20 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 24 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs plus PT, TSH, Qualitative HCV-RNA*, AFP.

Genotypes 2 & 3 - Treatment ends at week 24.

***Genotype 1 → STOP treatment if HCV-RNA detectable. If undetectable, continue through 48 weeks; prescribe 4 wk. Rx.**

Week 28 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 32 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 36 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 40 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 44 _____

FM – Labs. Prescribe 4 wk. Rx.

Week 48 _____

Hep Clinic – Labs plus PT, TSH, HCV-RNA qualitative. **Treatment ends.**

24 Wk. post treatment (all) _____

Hep Clinic – ALT, AST, AFP, CBC with diff., HCV-RNA qualitative.

48 Wk. post treatment (all) _____

Hep Clinic – CBC, CMP, AFP, HCV-RNA*.

*IF HCV-RNA not detected = sustained virologic response.

Labs required for each visit:

CBC with mandatory differential, CMP, HCG if female

RX: Ribavirin 1200 mg qd if >75 kg and 1000 mg qd if <75 kg po in divided doses bid and pegylated interferon as per drug company recommendation depending on brand used.

Consult hepatologist for dose adjustments.