

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES

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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/25/14

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this health services bulletin (HSB) is to provide guidelines for the management of viral hepatitis (type A, B and C) infection in inmates. This protocol does not replace a health care provider's clinical judgment, but serves as a framework upon which to base evaluation and treatment of this disease.

These standards and responsibilities apply to both Department staff and Comprehensive Health Care Contractor (CHCC) staff.

II. ACTION:

- A. Standard and universal precautions will be utilized at all times when caring for inmates in order to prevent the spread of these and other infections.
- B. Hepatitis A, B, and C will be reported to the Department of Health according to guidelines established by law and Florida Administrative Code which are described in the *Infection Control Manual*.
- C. The infection control program will collect data on new cases of hepatitis A, B, and C according to guidelines described in the *Infection Control Manual*.
- D. Vaccines, when available, will be provided to inmates according to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Recommendations and Reports (MMWR)*. See each of the supplements for specific information.

III. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

Each institution will implement this health services bulletin no later than 30 days after signature.

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Supplements:

- #1 Hepatitis A Virus Infection Management
- #2 Hepatitis B Virus Infection Management
- #3 Hepatitis C Virus Infection Management
- #4 Bloodborne Pathogens (HBV, HCV, HIV) Significant Exposures
- #5 Recommendations for Hepatitis B Prophylaxis Following Percutaneous Exposure
- #6 Hepatitis B Testing Results Interpretation

This Health Services Bulletin Supersedes:

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