## MAYO CLINIC Tuberculosis and Viral Hepatitis



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## HEPATITIS VIRUSES

- Hepatitis A (HAV)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Hepatitis C (HCV)
- Hepatitis D (HDV)
- Hepatitis E (HEV)
- Hepatitis G (HGV)

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#### Number of deaths/year from selected conditions, Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 and 2013



GBD 2013 Mortality and Causes of Death Study: Lancet 2014



#### Hepatitis-related mortality, 2013



## **Global Impact of Viral Hepatitis**

- Viral hepatitis accounted for 1.45 million deaths in 2013, a 63% increase compared with the 0.89 million deaths in 1990.
- Increased morbidity Years lived with disability
  - From 0.65 million to 0.87 million
- Increased morbidity adjusted life-years
   o From 31.7 million to 42.5 million
- Most of the morbidity and mortality is caused by hepatitis B and C infections

### **Chronic Hepatitis and its Sequelae**







Over time, fibrosis can progress, causing severe scarring of the liver, restricted blood flow, impaired liver function, and eventually liver failure

Hepatocellular Carcinoma (with cirrhosis)



HCC Cancer of the liver can develop after years of chronic HCV infection

> Decompensated cirrhosis: Ascites Bleeding gastroesophageal varices Hepatic encephalopathy Jaundice

### **Talk Objectives**

- Understand the basic facts about Hepatitis B
- Understand the basic facts about Hepatitis C
- Identify unique features of tuberculosis and viral hepatitis co-infections
- Review the management of tuberculosis and druginduced hepatitis



#### **Worldwide Rates of Chronic Hepatitis B**



More than 686 000 people die every year due to complications of hepatitis B

Adopted and modified from CDC website: http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsHepatitisAwareness/

### Hepatitis B Virus

- Transmission
  - Parental
  - Perinatal
  - Sexual
- Chronic infection develops in
  - 80-90% of those infected as infants
  - 30-50% of children <6 years</li>
  - <10% of those infected as adults</li>
- Chronic infection can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer or liver failure, usually over 20-30+ years





### **Hepatitis B Treatment**

- Goal of treatment = reduce liver damage, by decreasing viral replication
- Suppress viral replication as much as possible for as long as possible
- Prevent liver disease and HCC

Hepatology. 2004; 39:857-861



## Hepatitis C

 Positive single stranded RNA virus with an open reading frame

Small, enveloped virus which is a member of the *Flaviviridae* family

• 1989 by Michael Houghton





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## **HCV: Transmission**







#### 60% of HCV in the US is due to IV Drug Abuse IVDU, Tattoos, Snorting cocaine, Sex, Peri-natal, Blood transfusion before 1991

cdc.gov



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### **HCV distribution across the world**

130–170 million people world wide are infected with HCV



Lavanchy D. *Clin Microbiol Infect* 2011; **17**:107–115; CDC: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2012/chapter-3-infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/hepatitis-c.htm.

## Hepatitis C in the US



150, 000 new cases every year in the US Annual costs of acute and chronic hepatitis C in the US is over \$1 billion



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### Baby Boomers (Born in 1945–1965) Account for 76.5% of HCV in the US<sup>1</sup>



#### An estimated 35% of undiagnosed baby boomers with HCV currently have advanced fibrosis (F3-F4; bridging fibrosis to cirrhosis)<sup>3</sup>

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *MMWR*. 2012;61:1-32; Adapted from Pyenson B, et al. *Consequences of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Costs of a baby boomer Epidemic of Liver Disease*. New York, NY: Milliman, Inc; May 18, 2009. http://www.milliman.com/expertise/healthcare/publications/rr/consequences-hepatitis-c-virus-RR05-15-09.php Milliman report was commissioned by Vertex Pharmaceuticals; 3. McGarry LJ et al. *Hepatology*. 2012;55(5):1344-1355.

Mortality associated with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV United States, 1999 – 2008



K Ly et al, Ann Intern Med 2012



### Disease Burden of Patients Infected 20 Years or More is Peaking Now

Complications from chronic hepatitis C develop slowly over a period of 20–30 years



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#### Evolution of Standard of Care in HCV Therapeutics



Webster DP, et al. The Lancet 2015 385, 1124-1135DOI: (10.1016/S0140-6736(14)62401-6

### **Reported SVRs of IFN-free, Multi-DAA Rx**



### Impact of Treatment on Liver Failure



## Impact of Treatment on HCC



Van der Meer AJ, et al. JAMA. 2012;308:2584-2593.

## Treatment Reduces All-Cause Mortality in Patients With Advanced Fibrosis



Van der Meer AJ, et al. JAMA. 2012;308:2584-2593.

# **HCV Screening Guidelines**

- Anyone born between 1945 and 1965
- HIV-infected
- History of illicit injection drug use or intranasal cocaine use, even if only used once
- Received clotting factors made before 1987
- Ever on chronic hemodialysis
- Persistently elevated ALT level
- Informed that they received blood from a donor who later tested positive for HCV
- Received blood/organs before July 1992
- Children born to HCV-infected mothers.
- Needle stick injury or mucosal exposure to HCV+ blood

Smith, et al. MMWR Recomm Rep 2012; 61:1-32.

### **Tuberculosis and Viral Hepatitis**





#### When the Lung needs the Liver





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### Treating Tuberculosis

#### Common Sideeffects of TB drugs

Side Effect	Drug
GI side effects	EthionamideFiuoroquinolonesPara-aminosalicylate (PAS)ClofazimineRifabutinAminoglycosides
Headache	<ul> <li>Fluoroquinolones</li> <li>INH</li> <li>Cycloserine</li> <li>Ethambutol (EMB)</li> <li>Ethionamide</li> </ul>
Skin problems	<ul> <li>Clofazimine</li> <li>Cycloserine</li> <li>INH</li> <li>Rifabutin</li> <li>PAS</li> <li>Ethionamide</li> <li>EMB</li> </ul>
Photosensitivity	Clofazimine Fluoroquinolones
Hepatotoxicity (early symptoms are anorexia and malaise, then abdominal pain, vomiting, jaundice)	<ul> <li>INH = Rifabutin = Ethionamide = PZA</li> <li>PAS = Fluoroquinolones = Rifampin (RIF)</li> </ul>
Behavioral changes	INH         Cyclosofine           Ethionamide         Fluoroquinolones
Musculoskeletal / joint / tendons	Fluoroquinolones       PZA       Rifabutin         RIF       INH (positive antinuclear antibody [ANA])
Visual changes, eye pain, change in color vision	EMB     Rifabutin     Clofazimine       high-dose INH     Linezolid
Hearing loss, ringing in the ears, vestibular toxicity	Aminoglycosides Capreomycin
Dizziness	<ul> <li>Cycloserine Fluoroquinolones</li> <li>Aminoglycosides / capreomycln (as manifestation of vestibular toxicity)</li> </ul>
Peripheral neuropathy	INH Ethionamide Cycloserine Linezolid
Hypothyroidism	Ethionamide PAS
Hypokalemia / hypomagnesemia	Aminoglycosides Capreomycin



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### **Tuberculosis and Hepatitis**



 Reported incidence of hepatitis with first line anti-TB medications (INH, Rif, PZA) varies widely: 2.5-35%

 The mechanism of drug induced hepatotoxicity is not fully understood

• Can be symptomatic or asymptomatic

Int J Tuberc Lund Dis 2004;8:1499 Am J Ther 2010 Jan-Feb;17(1):17 Liverfoundation.org



### **Tuberculosis and Hepatitis**

- Causes symptoms
- Risks treatment interruption
  - Loss to follow up
  - Inducing drug resistance
  - Continued infectivity
- Death (3% vs. 13%)



Betterhealth.com

Am J Ther 2010 (1):17

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### **Tuberculosis and Hepatitis**

- Factors that exacerbate hepatitis during treatment:
  - Advanced age
  - Female sex
  - Alcohol use
  - Malnutrition
  - HIV co-infection
  - Underlying Liver disease
  - HBV co-infection
  - HCV co-infection

Int J Tuberc Lund Dis 2004;8:1499



### **Tuberculosis and HBV**

- Many high incidence TB countries are also high incidence for HBV
  - Asia- 10% of population are HBV infected
- Active, replicating HBV can predict hepatotoxicity, but with low precision
  - Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2010;14:332
- HBV infection resulted in a higher proportion of people developing drug-induced hepatotoxicity (34% vs 9%)
  - Hepatology 2003;31:200



### **Tuberculosis and HBV**

**Probability Score** 

- HBV infected individuals had more drug-induced hepatotoxicity than noninfected individuals
- Hepatotoxicity correlated with HBV DNA levels



Hepatology 2003;31:200

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### **HBV and Tuberculosis**



- 8% were HBV co-infected
- HBV + had a similar rate of hepatitis than HBV-
- Of those who developed hepatitis with HBV
  - o Higher peak ALT
  - o Occurred later in the course

Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2010;14:616



### **Tuberculosis and HCV**

 Limited data on the impact of viral hepatitis during TB treatment

- High incidence Country (Georgia)
  - 326 pt pulmonary pan-sensitive TB
  - Treated with INH, Rif, Ethambutol, PZA
  - 21% HCV co-infected





PLoS One 2013;8:12

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- HCV co-infection was an independent risk factor for anti-TB drug hepatotoxicity
- 43% HCV+ vs. 18% HCV-
- HCV + developed toxicity faster than HCV -
- No medication discontinuation was required



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Time (Months)

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### **Tuberculosis and HCV**

- What about people with normal liver tests?
- 295 patients with pulmonary TB, normal liver tests at baseline (Hong Kong)
- 10% HCV positive
- On first line anti-TB therapy

Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2010;14:616



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- HCV was a significant risk factor for drug induced hepatoxicity
- Onset of HCV hepatoxicity was early
- Hepatoxicity was more prolonged
- Hepatitis had an increased mortality, but not associated with viral hepatitis co-infection

Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2010;14:616



## Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment





### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment General Principles

- Not unusual for patients just starting combination TB therapy to experience upset stomach
  - Pts need counseling that this is <u>NOT uncommon</u>
  - INH, Rifampin, PZA all can produce gastritis
    - Symptoms can be similar to hepatitis, but LFTs <u>remain normal</u>

- Patients who develop anorexia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, jaundice – more concerning
  - Stop all medications promptly, examine patient and check LFTs





### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment General Principles

- ALT is more specific for hepatocellular injury
  - AST can also be produced from muscle, heart, etc.
- If AST > ALT, assess for excessive alcohol intake
- 10-20% of patients on INH will have asymptomatic rise in transaminases
  - Tends to occur during 1<sup>st</sup> few months on INH
  - Not a toxicity and does not require cessation of therapy
  - Improves with continuation of therapy



### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment Follow Up Assessments



- Stop meds with any abnormal LFTs and the presence of adverse symptoms
  - Some guidelines state adverse symptoms and transaminases 
     <u>></u> 3 x upper limits of normal range
- If LFTs abnormal (AST or ALT > 5x upper limit of normal) or if bilirubin is elevated, with or without symptoms, all TB drugs should be promptly stopped
- Patient should have LFTs checked 1x 2x weekly
  - If symptoms persist > 2 weeks off TB medications or if LFTs continue to worsen, then should suspect progressive hepatitis or an unrelated cause of hepatitis – may need hospitalization
    - E.g. HCV, HBV, HAV, other medications (non-TB); alcoholism, etc
- As soon as hepatitis is identified, viral hepatitis should be ruled out



### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment Important Notes

- If the patient has extensive pulmonary, meningeal or disseminated TB – then may not be able to temporarily observe off therapy:
  - Start a new combination drug regimen that is non-liver metabolized (i.e. EMB, FQ, AMK), while awaiting LFTs to improve:
    - Minimizing risk of further hepatoxicity
    - May be started even before LFTs return to normal.
- Pattern of LFT abnormalities clues to offending agent
  - Rifampin- cholestatic pattern (bilirubin & Alk phos. out of proportions to AST/ALT)
  - INH, RFP, PZA hepatocellular pattern (AST/ALT elevated out of proportion to bilirubin or Alk phos)



### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment Restarting Drugs after LT improve

#### Hepatocellular pattern:

- Start with Ethambutol and Rifampin x 1 week
  - Recheck LFTs if stable/improved:
- Add INH or PZA (either which drug to add is debated)
  - Recheck LFTs if they remain stable:



- Continue with EMB / Rifampin / INH or EMB / Rifampin / PZA for the duration of therapy
  - At least monthly LFTs (more frequently early on)
- Notes:
  - INH and PZA are most commonly associated with hepatotoxicity
    - Some reports implicate PZA more frequently
    - Combination using PZA may be more problematic
    - PZA less important in combination TB drug regimen

AJRCCM 2003 167:1472-77



### Managing Hepatitis During TB Treatment Restarting Drugs after LT improve

#### Cholestatic pattern:

- Start with INH and ethambutol x 1 week
  - Recheck LFTs if stable/improved:
- Add PZA
  - Recheck LFTs if they remain stable:
  - Continue with INH/EMB/PZA consider adding FQ
    - At least monthly LFTs (more frequently early on)
- If symptoms are not related to TB drugs, then restart entire drug regimen promptly and observe



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#### **Restarting Anti-TB Medications in Patients with Drug-Induced Hepatitis**

Clinical Policies and Protocols Bureau of Tuberculosis Control New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2008











TB Eradication needs treatment Treatment needs medications Medications need the liver

Look for HBV and HCV co-infection!



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#### **Questions & Discussion**



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