

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES

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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

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**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.
- E. Surveillance of high-risk individuals for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) is commonly performed using the serum marker alfa-fetoprotein (AFP) often in combination with ultrasonography

**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
- #5 Recommendations for Hepatitis B Prophylaxis Following Percutaneous Exposure

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