

Viral Hepatitis 2015

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Viral Hepatitis - Overview

Type of Hepatitis

	A	B	C	D	E
Source of virus	feces	blood/ blood-derived body fluids	blood/ blood-derived body fluids	blood/ blood-derived body fluids	feces
Route of transmission	fecal-oral	percutaneous permucosal	percutaneous permucosal	percutaneous permucosal	fecal-oral
Chronic infection	no	yes	yes	yes	yes, in I/C
Prevention	pre/post- exposure immunization	pre/post- exposure immunization	blood donor screening; risk behavior modification	pre/post- exposure immunization; risk behavior modification	ensure safe drinking water; immunization

Estimates of Acute and Chronic Disease Burden for Viral Hepatitis, United States

	HAV	HBV	HCV	HDV
Acute infections /year*	21,000 falling	38,000 falling	35-180 falling	1,000
Fulminant deaths/year	20	50	?	10
Chronic infections	0	1.25 million	3.5 million	70,000
Chronic liver disease deaths/year	0	3,000	14,000 rising	600

* CDC, estimated annual incidence, 2009

Hepatitis A

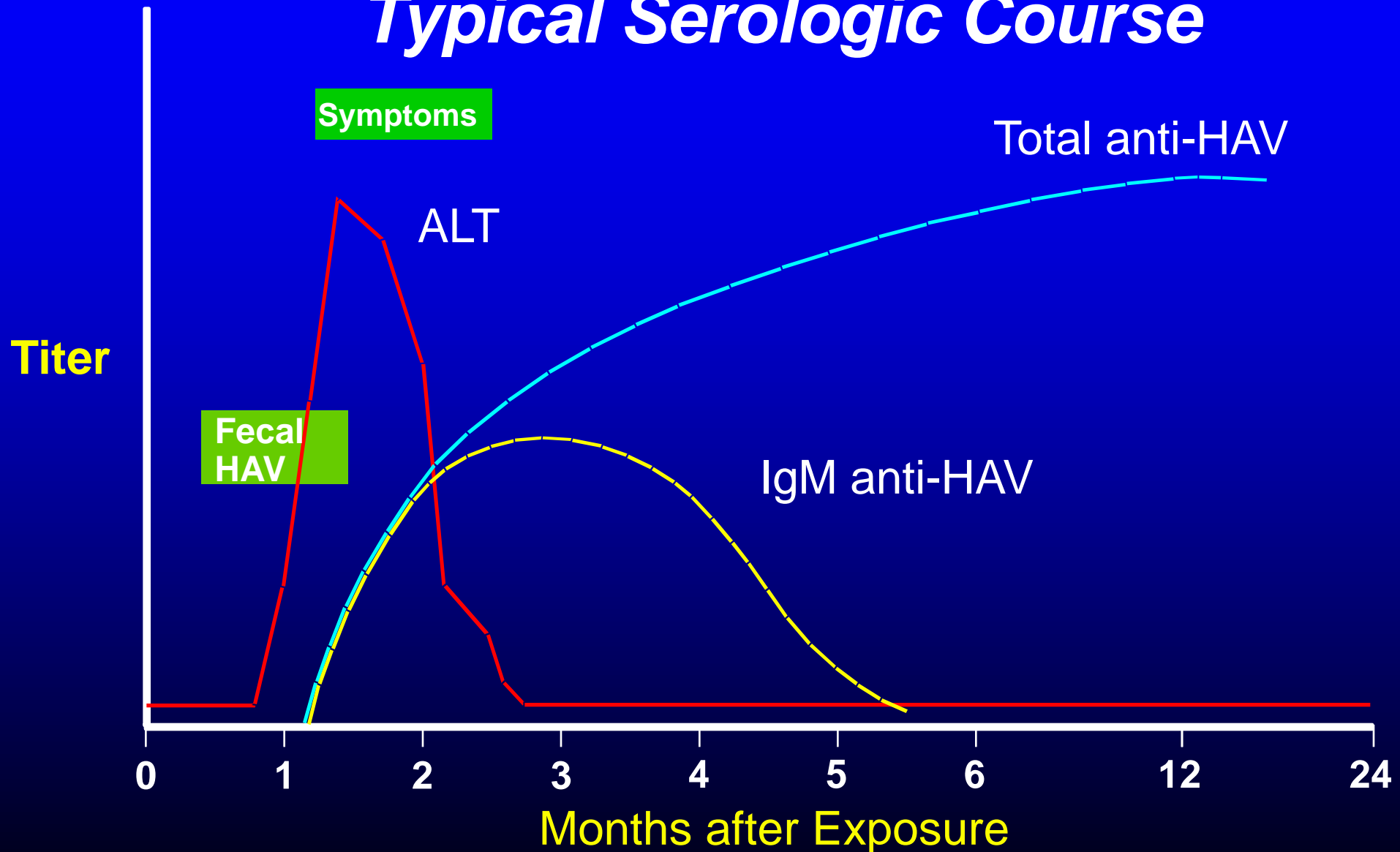
- Virology: picornavirus
- Incubation period: Average 30 days
Range 15-50 days
- Jaundice by age group:
<6 yrs <10%
6-14 yrs, 40%-50%
>14 yrs, 70%-80%
- Complications: Fulminant hepatitis
Cholestatic hepatitis
Relapsing hepatitis
- Chronic sequelae: None

Hepatitis A Virus Transmission

- Close personal contact
(household contact, sex contact, day care centers)
- Contaminated food, water
(infected food handlers, raw shellfish)
- Blood exposure (rare)
(injection drug use, transfusion)

Hepatitis A Virus Infection

Typical Serologic Course



Age-specific Mortality Due to Hepatitis A

<u>Age group (years)</u>	<u>Case-Fatality (per 1000)</u>
<5	3.0
5-14	1.6
15-29	1.6
30-49	3.8
>49	17.5
Total	4.1

Source: Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Program, 1983-1989

Monovalent Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated

- recommended: travel to endemic areas (long notice), risk groups, CLD

	Dose	Schedule
Havrix ^{®1}	1440 EL.U. in 1.0 mL IM	0, 6 to 12 months
Vaqta ^{®2}	~50 U in 1 mL IM	0, 6 to 12 months

1. *Havrix* Prescribing Information. See Dosage and Administration. SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. Philadelphia, PA. Nov. 2001.

2. *Vaqta* Prescribing Information. Merck & Co, Inc. West Point, PA; 2001.

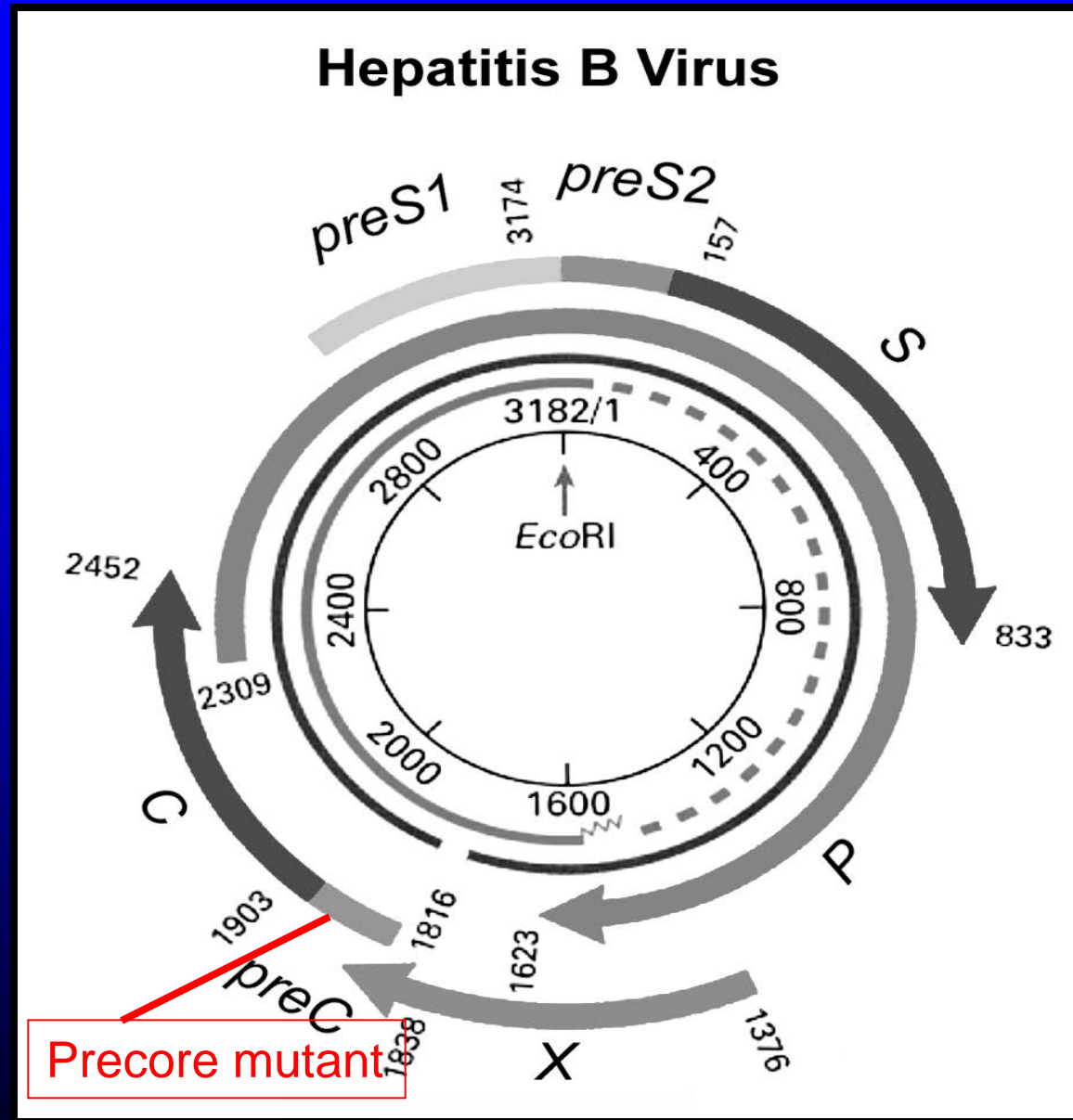
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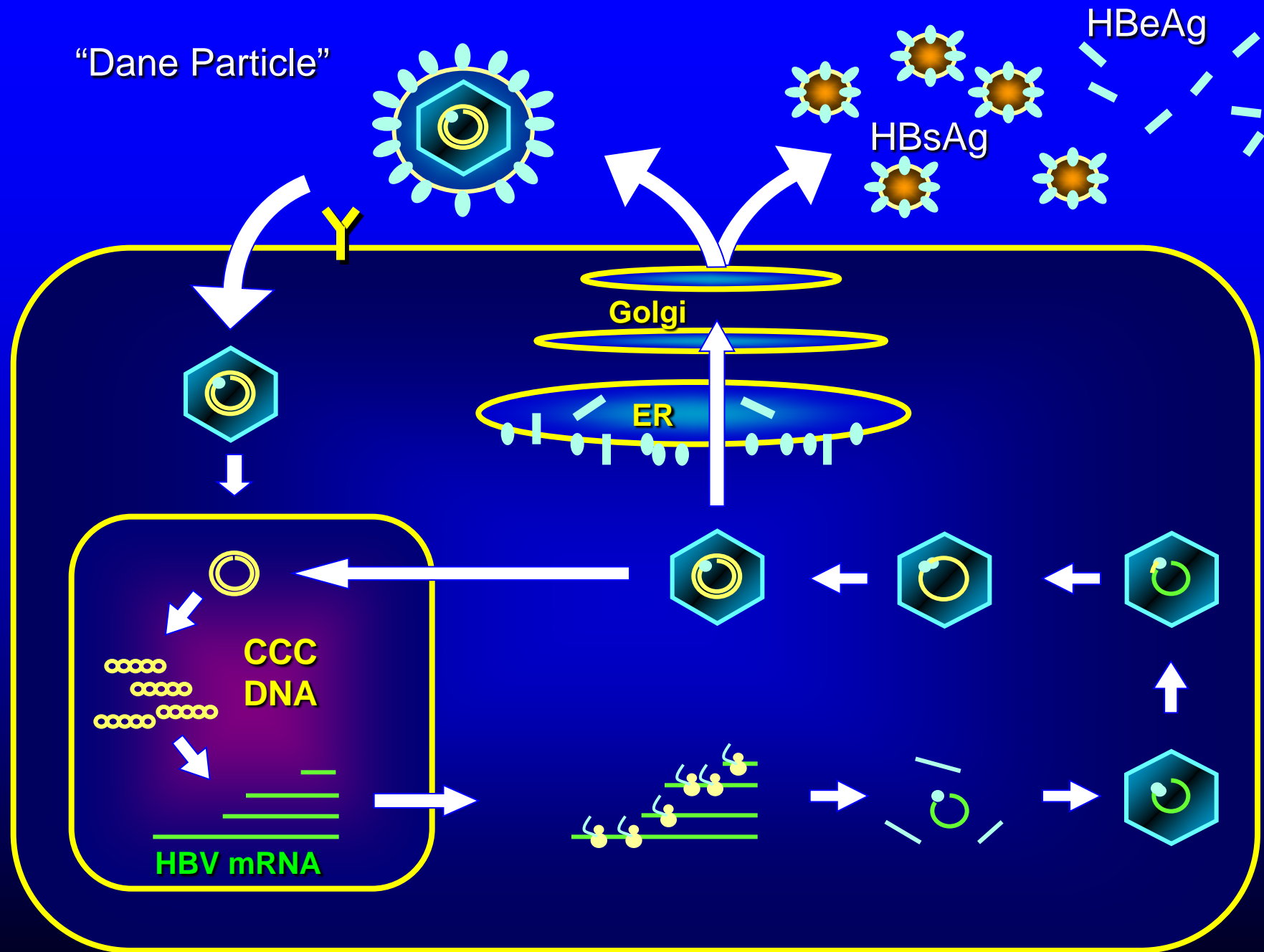
Hepatitis A Prevention - Immune Globulin

- Preexposure
 - travelers to intermediate and high HAV-endemic regions (short notice <2 wks)
- Postexposure (within 14 days)
 - Routine
 - household and other intimate contacts
 - Selected situations
 - institutions (e.g., day care centers)
 - common source exposure (e.g., food prepared by infected food handler)

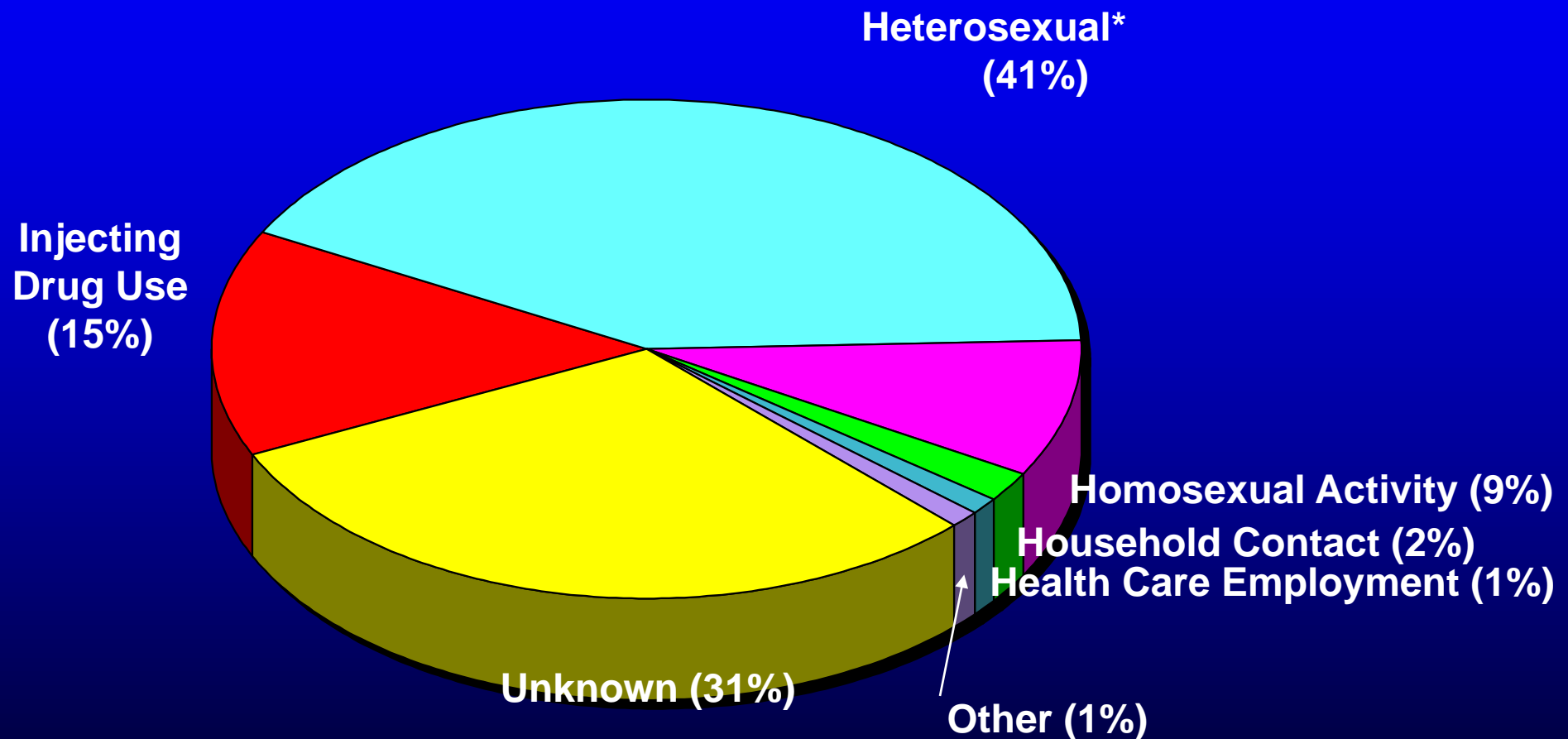
Hepatitis B Virus

- Small partially double-stranded DNA virus
- Prototype of the *hepadnavirus* family
- 4 major gene products





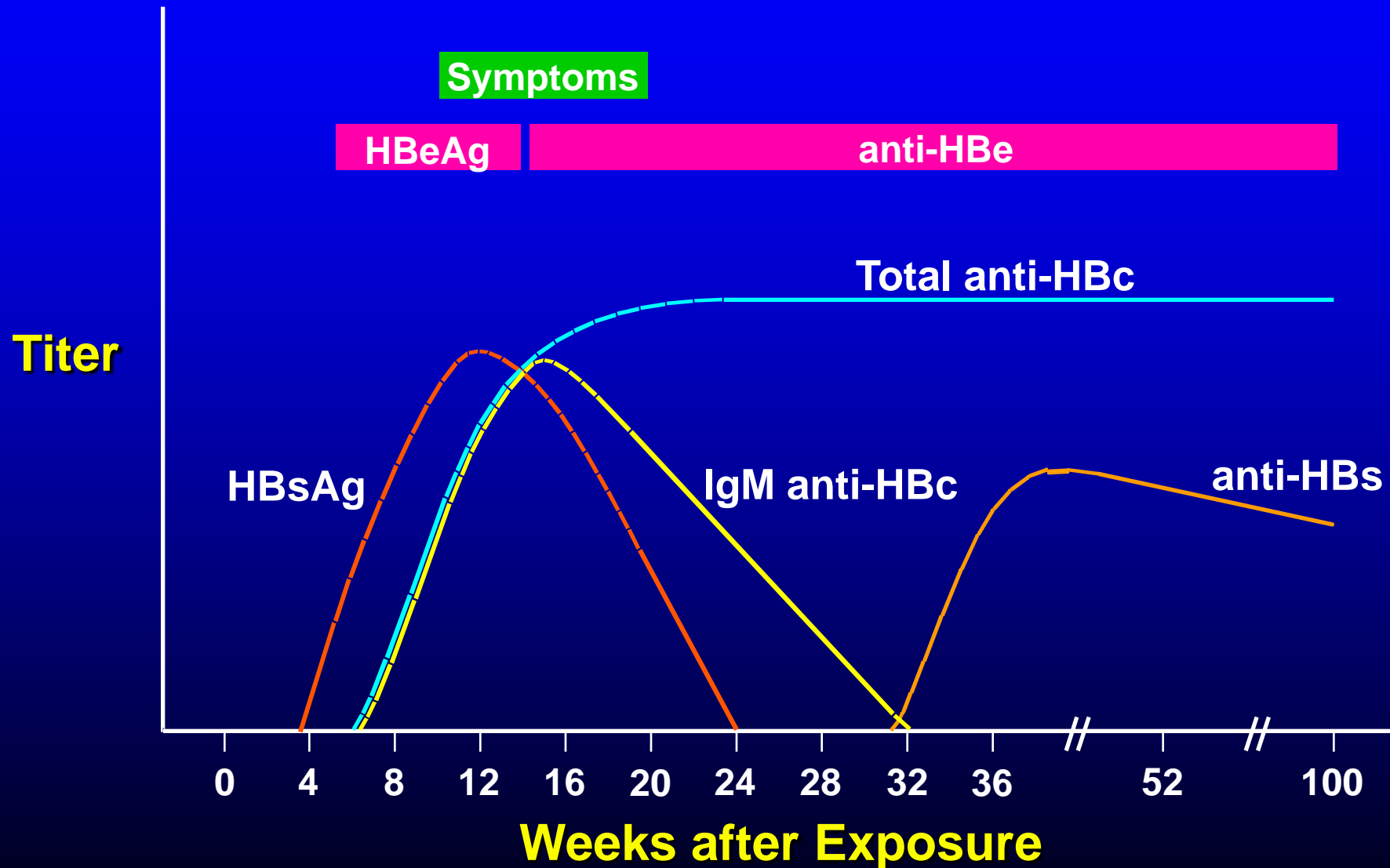
Risk Factors for Acute Hepatitis B United States, 1992-1993



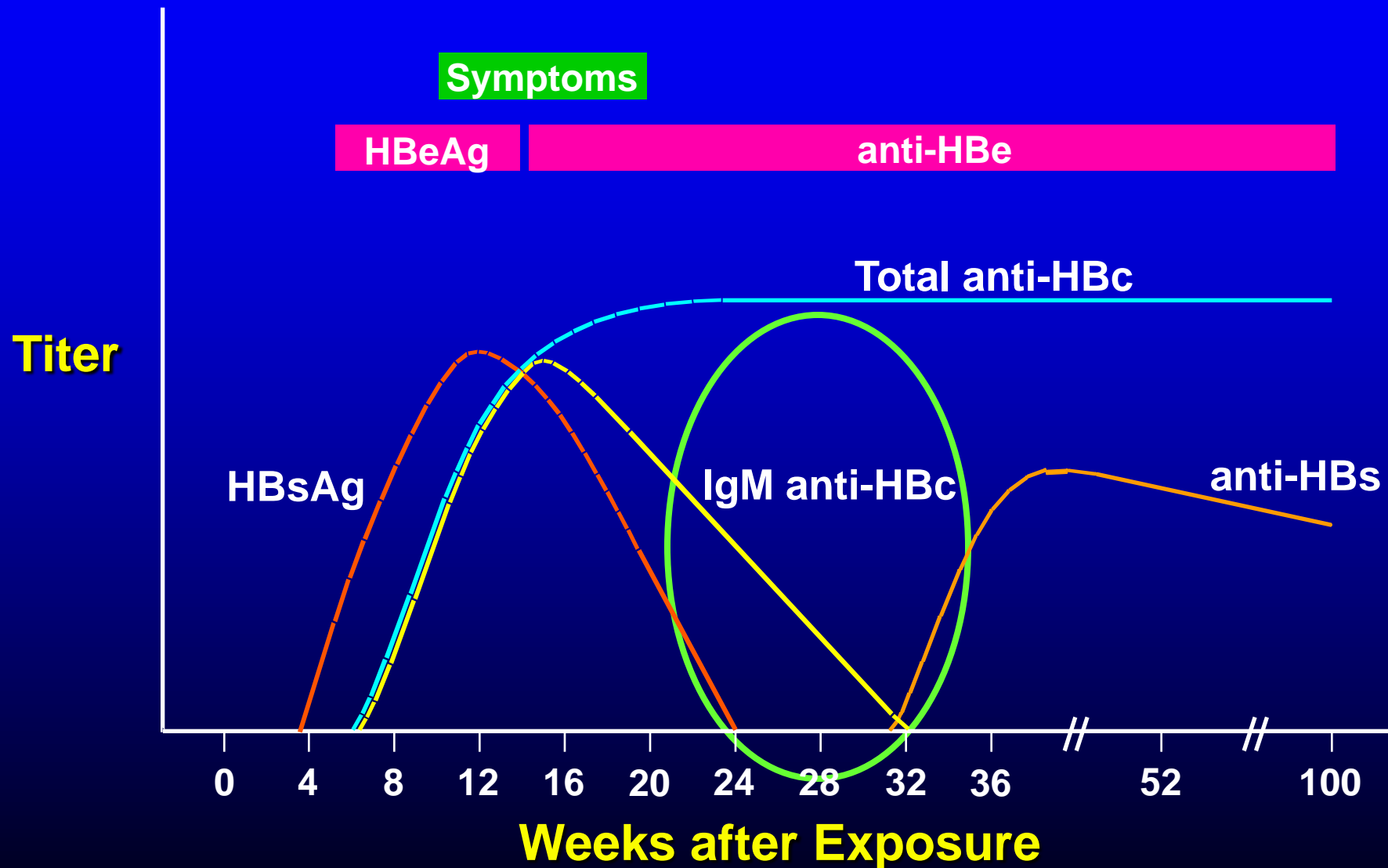
* Includes sexual contact with acute cases, carriers, and multiple partners.

Source: CDC Sentinel Counties Study of Viral Hepatitis

Acute HBV Infection with Recovery Typical Serologic Course

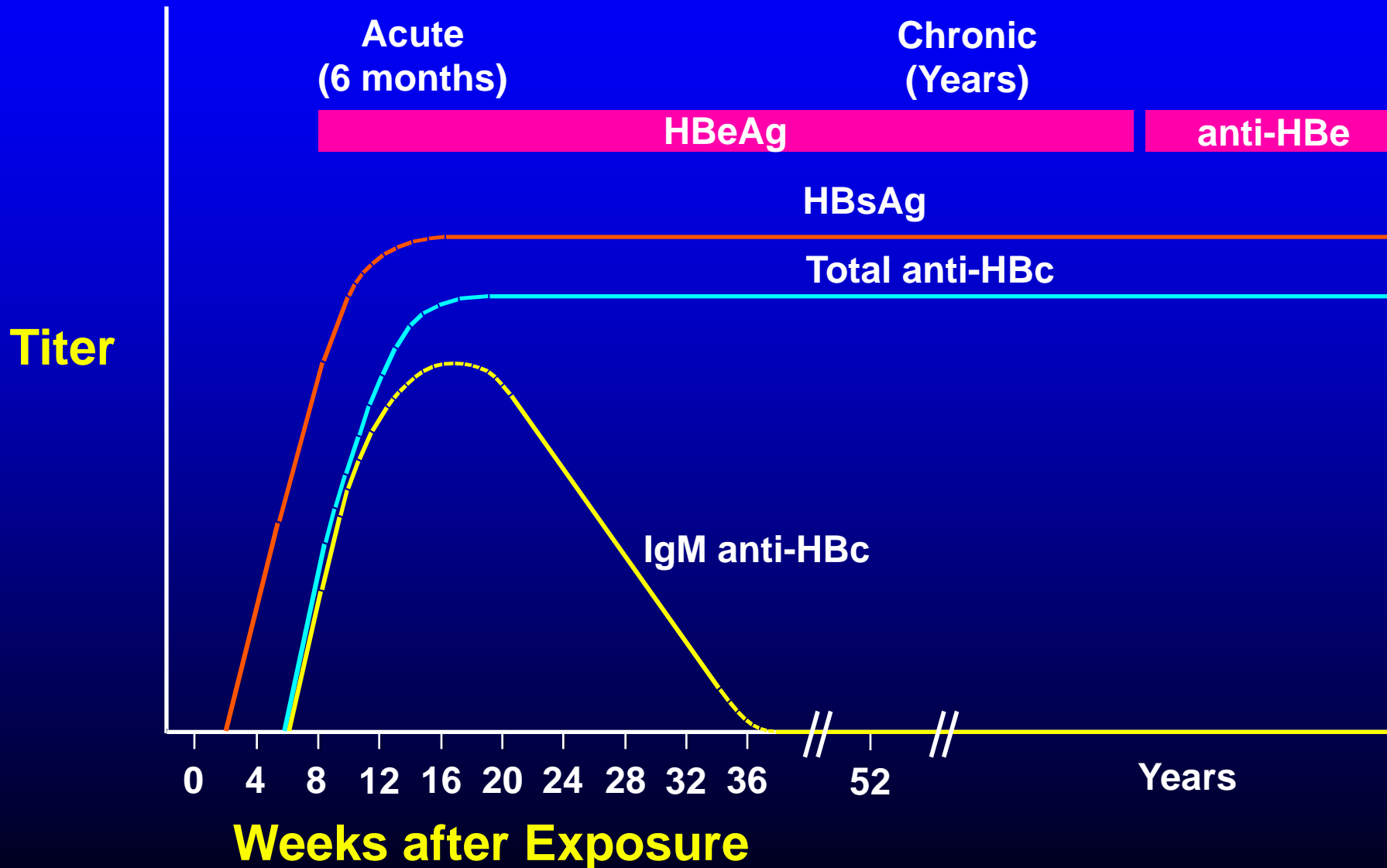


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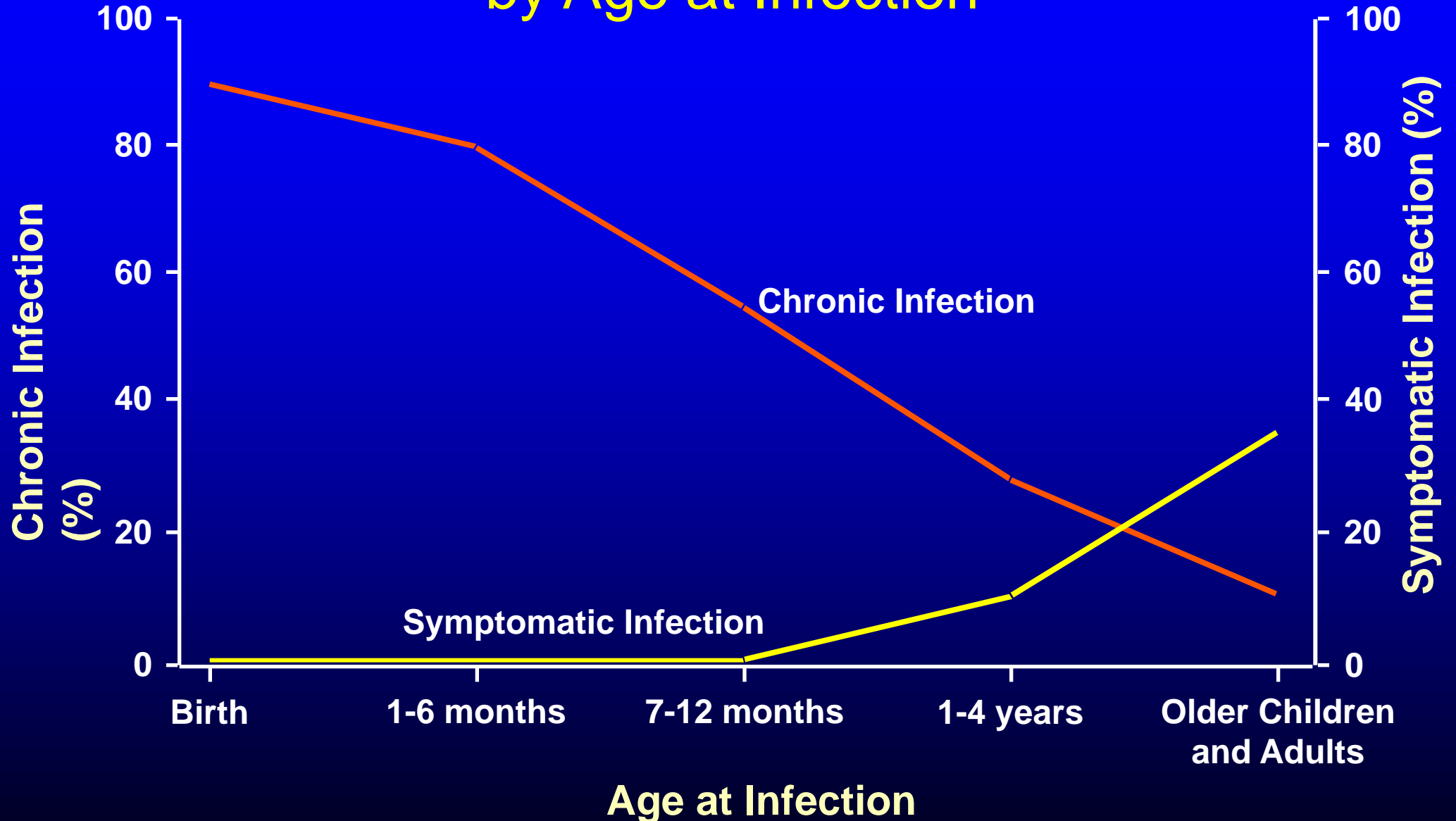


Progression to Chronic HBV Infection

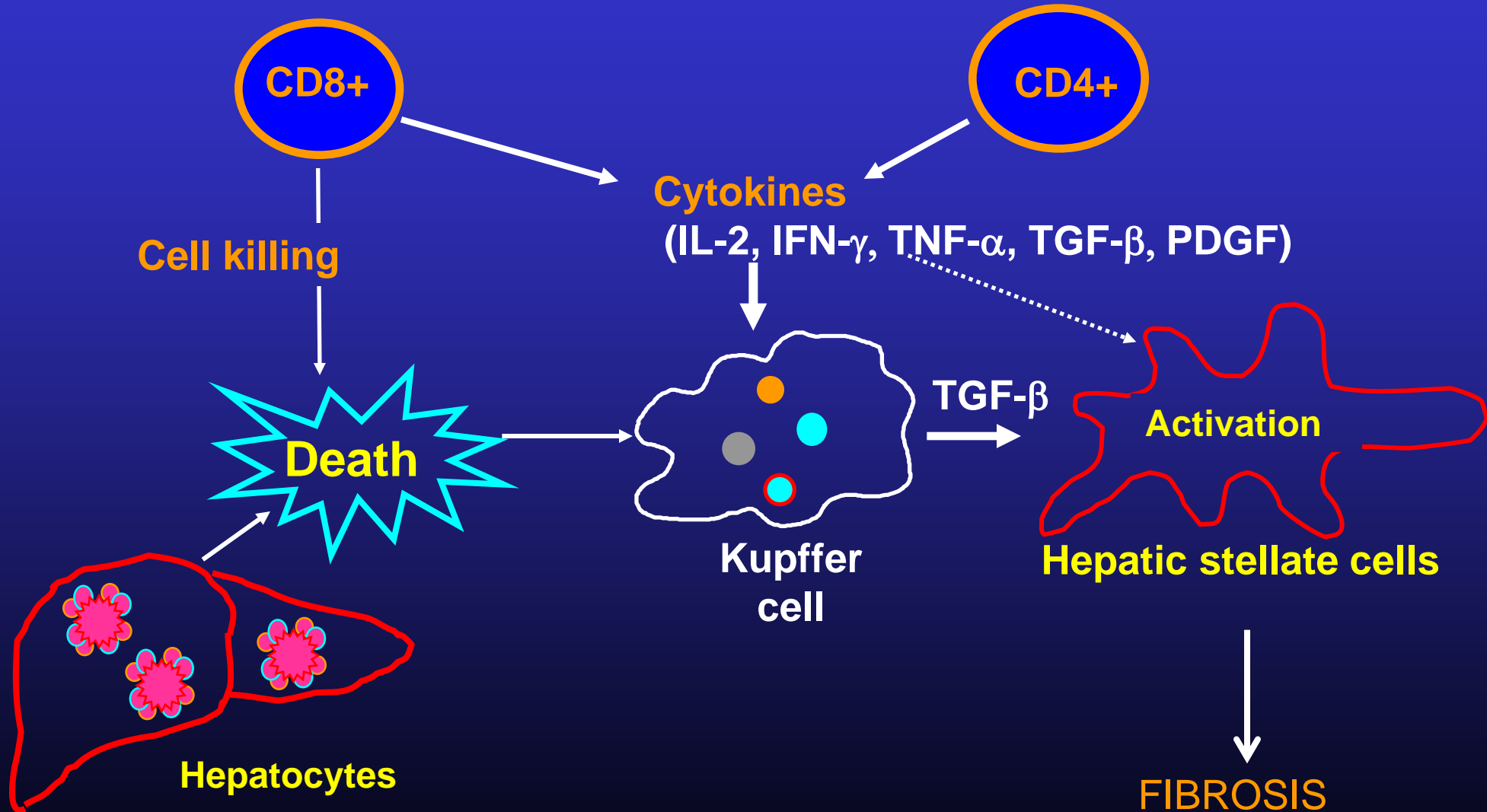
Typical Serologic Course



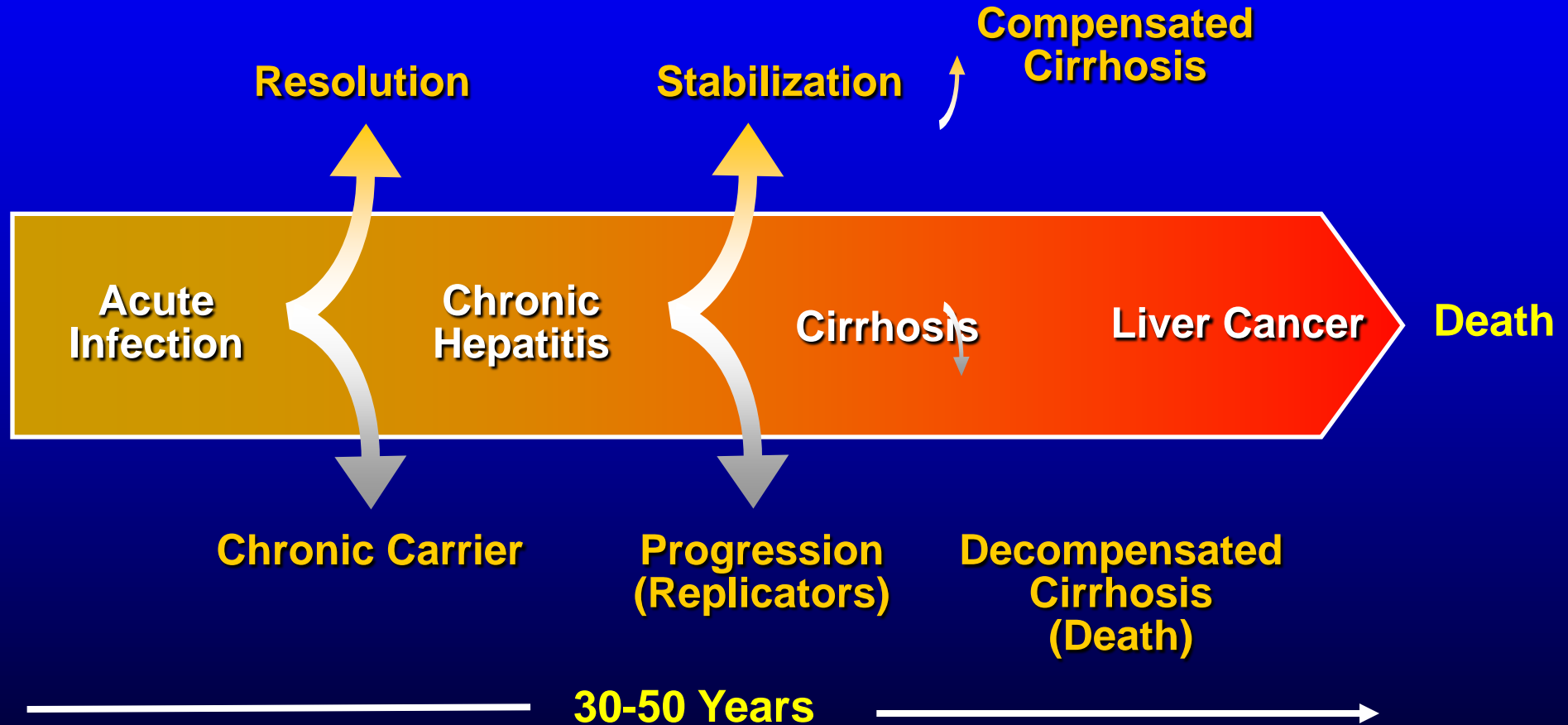
Outcome of HBV Infection by Age at Infection



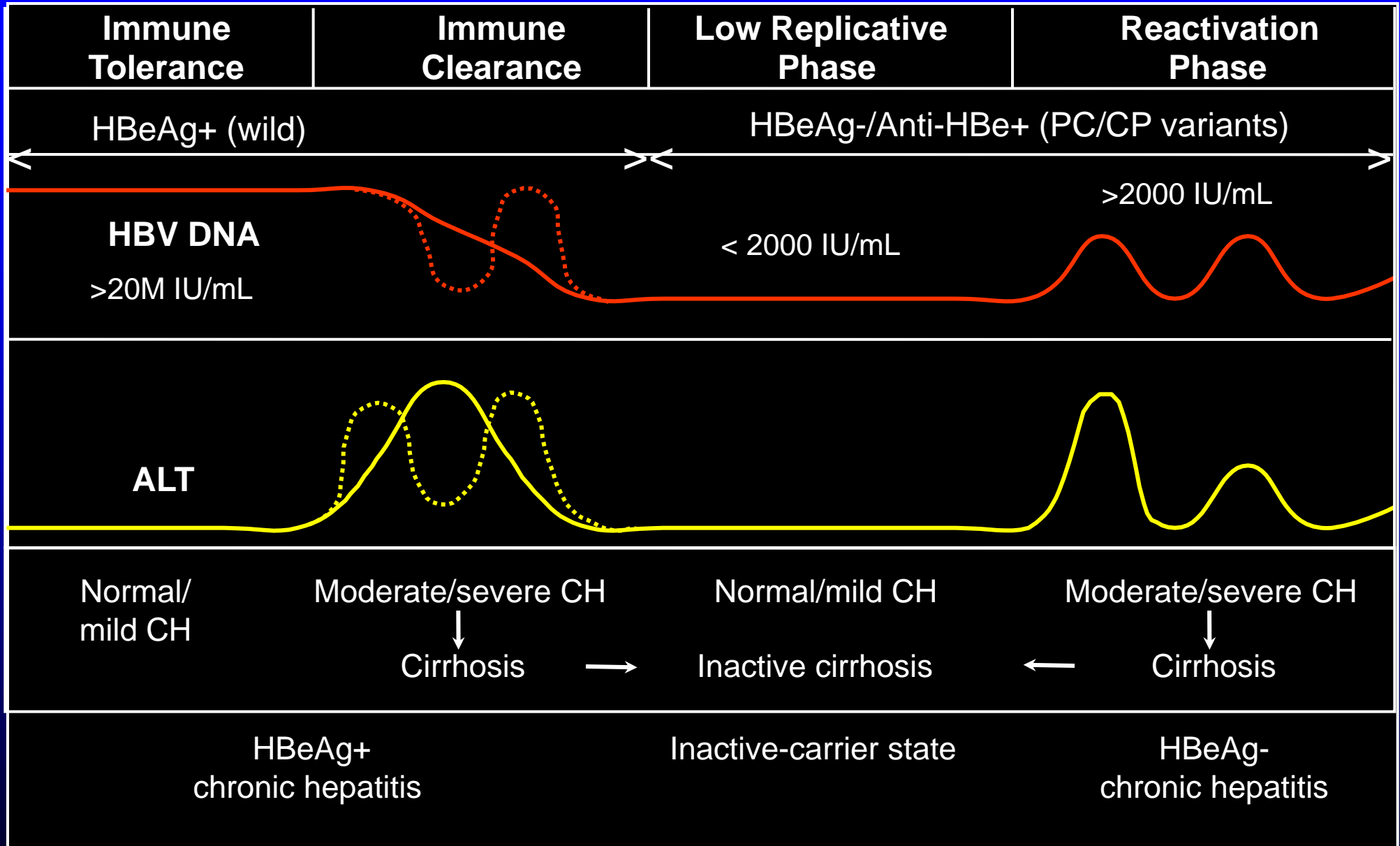
Hepatitis B disease pathogenesis



Natural History of Chronic HBV Infection



Stages of Chronic HBV Infection



Interpretation of HBV Diagnostic Tests

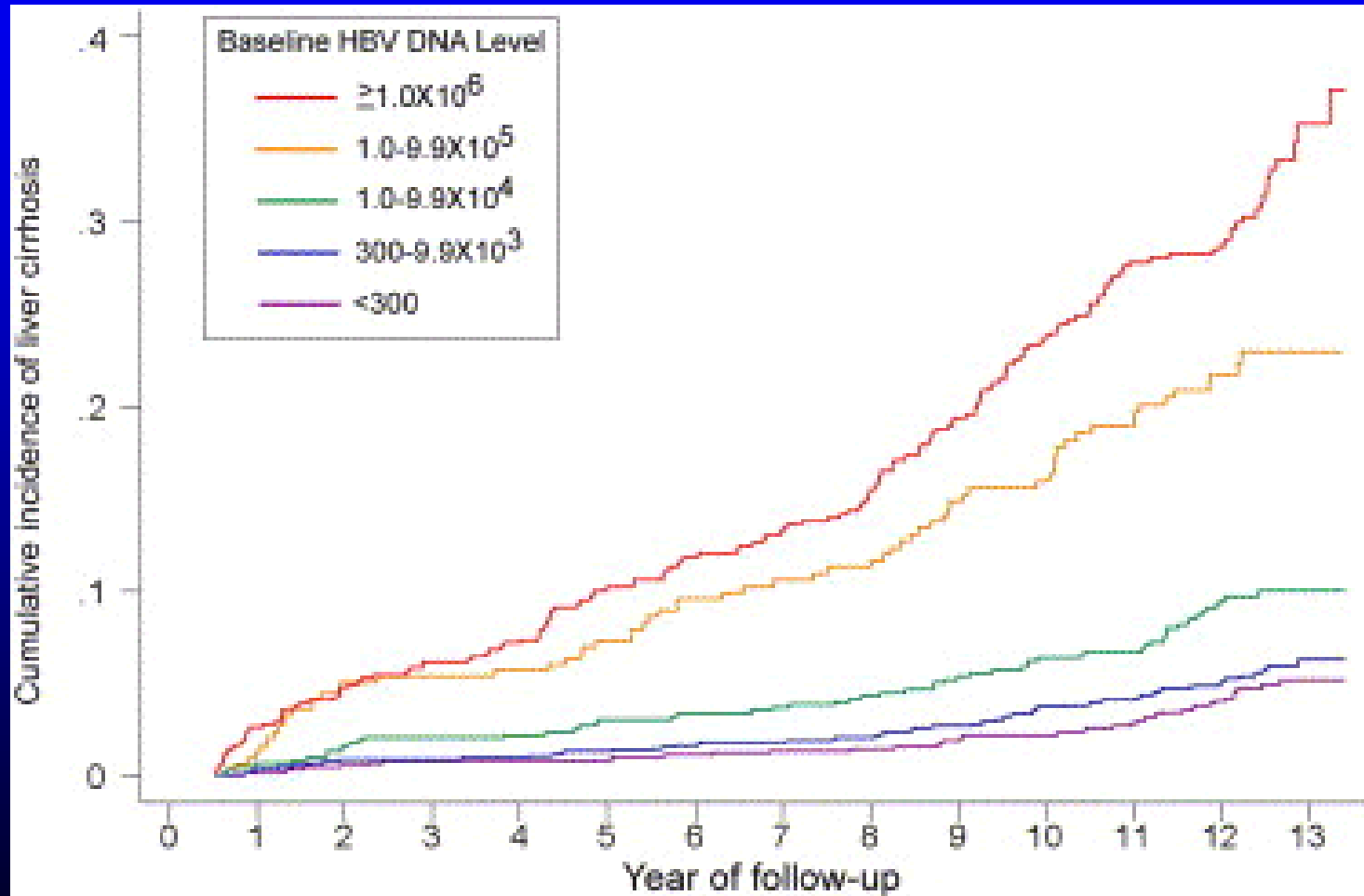
Test	Acute Hepatitis B	Past Exposures (Immunity)	Vaccinated	Chronic* eAg(+) (replicative)	Chronic* eAg(-) (replicative)	Inactive Carrier
HBsAg	+	-	-	+	+	+
Anti-HBs	-	+	+	-	-	-
HBeAg	+	-	-	+	-	-
anti-HBe	-	+/-	-	-	+	+
anti-HBc	+	+	-	+	+	+
IgM anti-HBc	+	-	-	-	-	-
HBV DNA (PCR)	+	-	-	>20,000 IU/mL	>2,000 IU/mL	- or low +
ALT	Elevated	Normal	Normal	Elevated	Elevated	Normal

*indicated for antiviral therapy

HBV replicators are at highest risk of disease progression

- Study of HBV progression and HCC in 11,893 men in Taiwan
- Likelihood of HCC 3.9x higher in patients with detectable HBV DNA vs undetectable
 - Risk associated with increasing HBV DNA levels
- Relative risk of HCC vs uninfected individuals
 - HBsAg(+) and HBeAg(+) 60.2x
 - HBsAg(+) but HBeAg(-) 9.6x
- Antiviral therapy to decrease risk of outcomes

HBV DNA level predicts clinical outcome



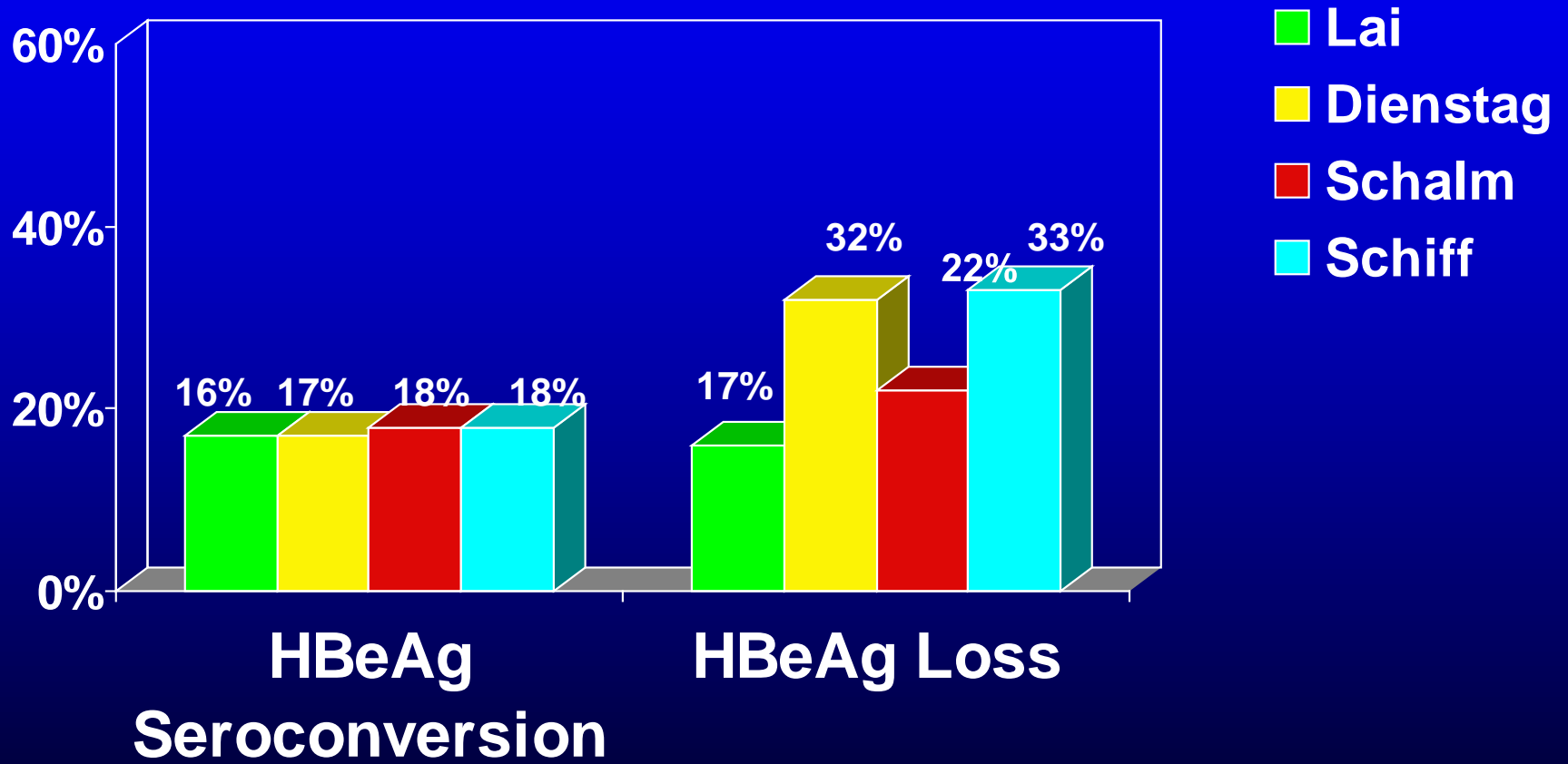
Approved agents for chronic HBV

- Interferon-alfa-2b
- Lamivudine
- Adefovir
- Entecavir
- Tenofovir
- Telbivudine
- PEG-interferon-alfa-2a

Other approved agents with anti-HBV activity

- Emtricitabine

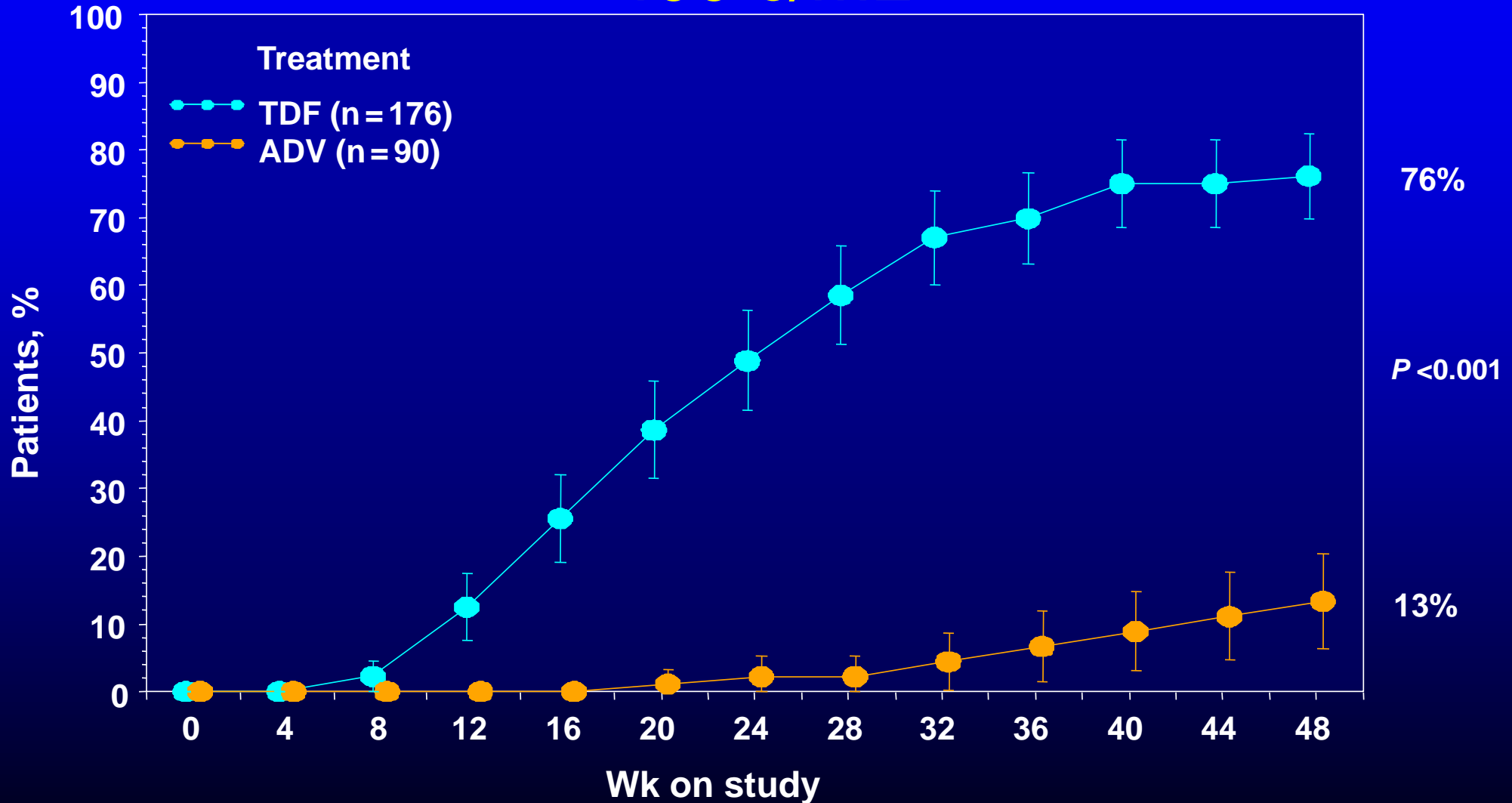
HBeAg Responses in Phase-III Trials of Lamivudine (100 mg/d x 52 weeks)



Entecavir vs Lamivudine in HBeAg(+) patients

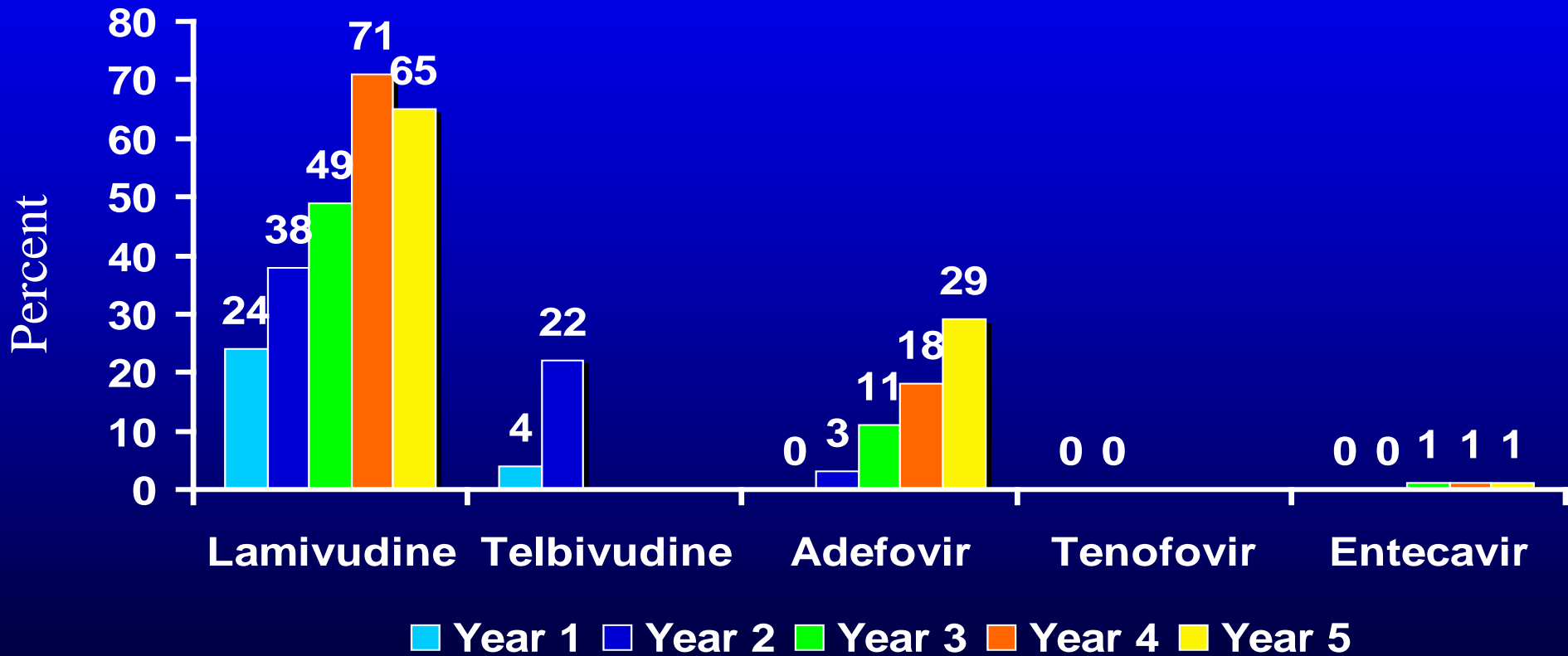
	Entecavir (n = 354)	Lamivudine (n = 355)	<i>P</i> Value
Histologic improvement, %	72	62	.0085
Median change in HBV DNA from baseline, log ₁₀ copies/mL	-6.98	-5.46	< .0001
HBV DNA < 0.7 mEq/mL, %	91	65	< .0001
HBV DNA < 400 copies/mL, %	69	38	< .0001
HBeAg seroconversion, %	21	18	NS

Tenofovir vs Adefovir in HBeAg-positive CHB: Patients With HBV DNA Levels of <400 c/mL



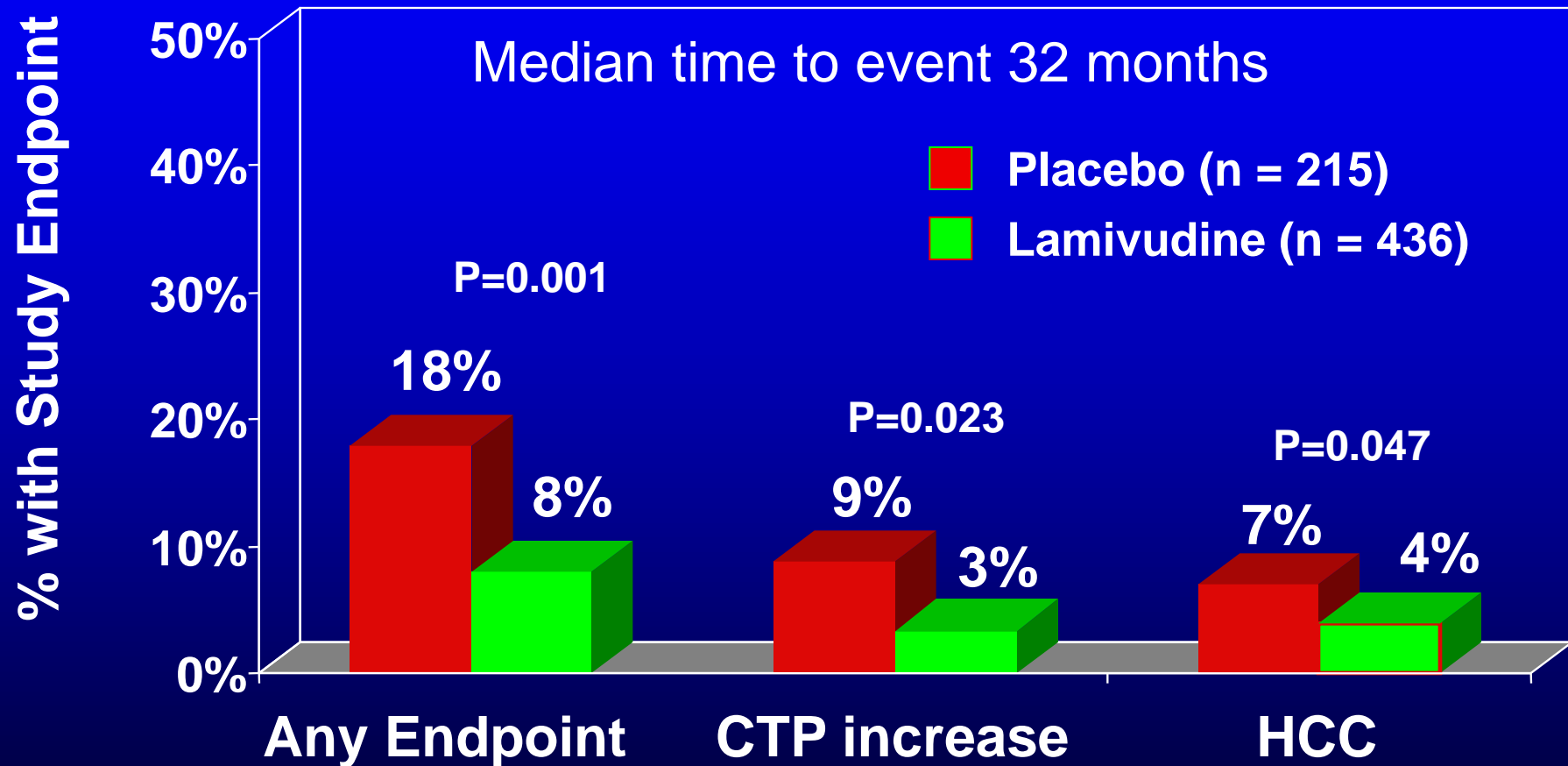
Rates of Genotypic Resistance

FDA approved nucs



Antiviral therapy postpones clinical outcomes in cirrhotic HBV

Study terminated early after 72 endpoints

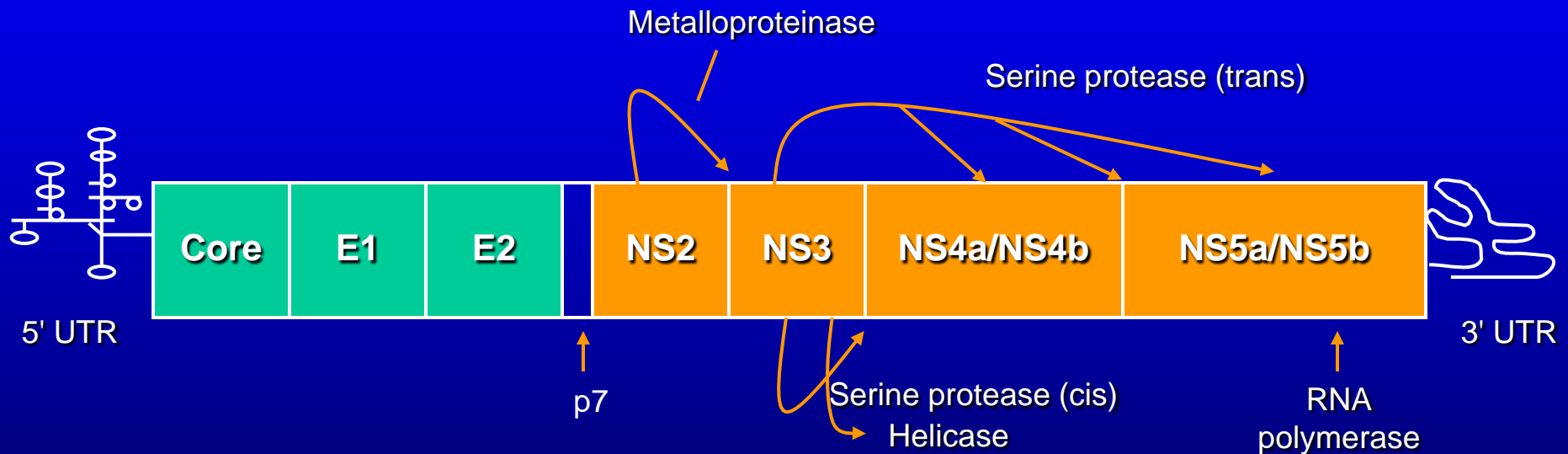


≥2 point CTP elevation, HCC, SBP, renal insufficiency, bleeding varices

HBV Management

- HBV DNA levels have prognostic value
- Treat *replicative, active* HBV
- Goal is eAg seroconversion or HBV DNA suppression
 - sAg seroconversion elusive
- Entecavir, Tenofovir 1st line monotherapy agents
- PEGIFN can be considered in young persons with low HBV DNA, inc ALT
- In any HBsAg+ pt undergoing chemo, steroids, rituximab, biologics, prophylax!
- We need curative strategies directed against other viral lifecycle steps

HCV Genomic Organization

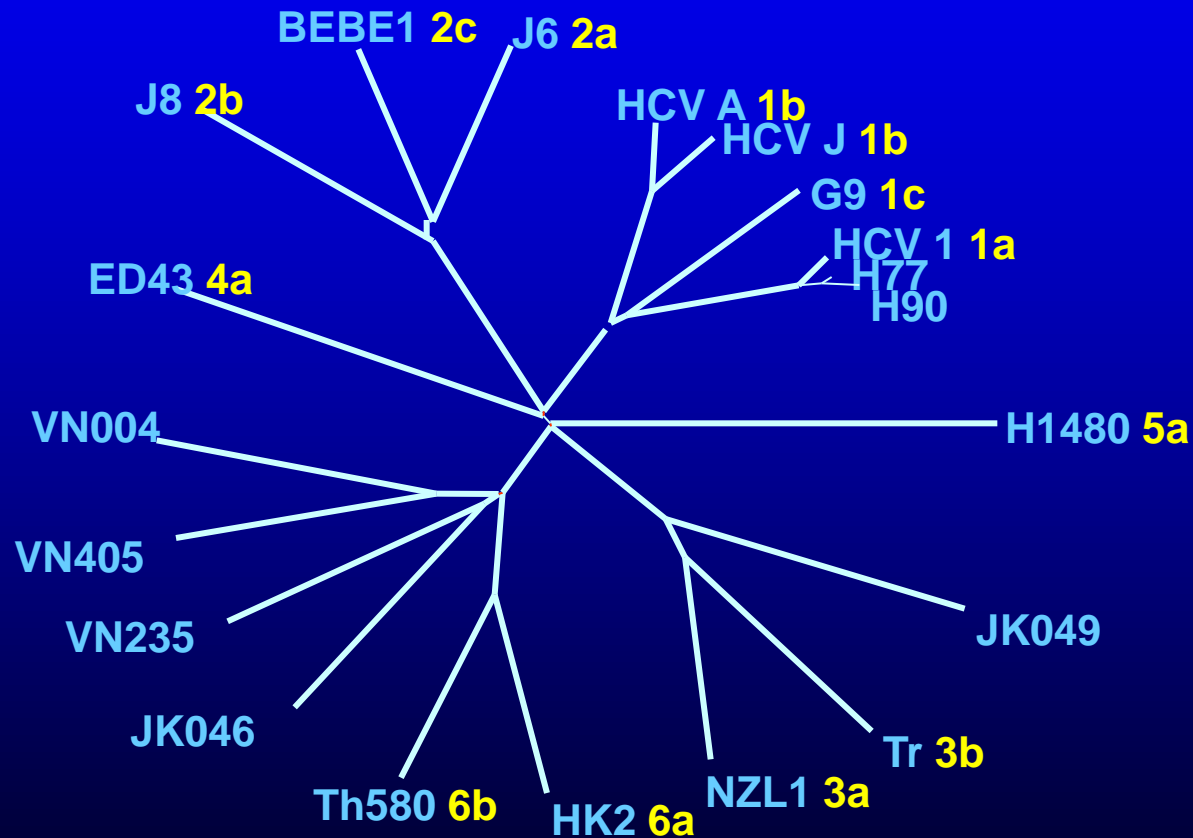


Structural proteins

Nonstructural proteins

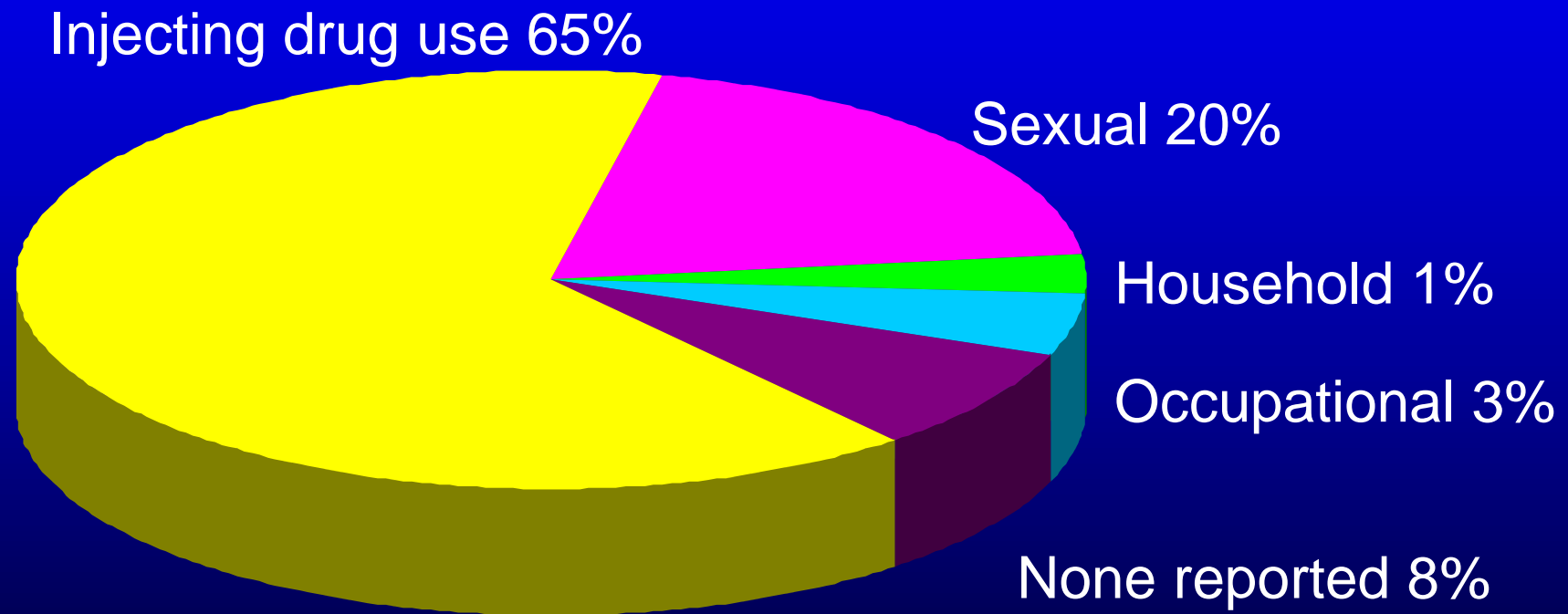
RNA virus does not integrate into genome – *curable*
RNA polymerase error-prone – *high genetic diversity*

Genetic Diversity of HCV

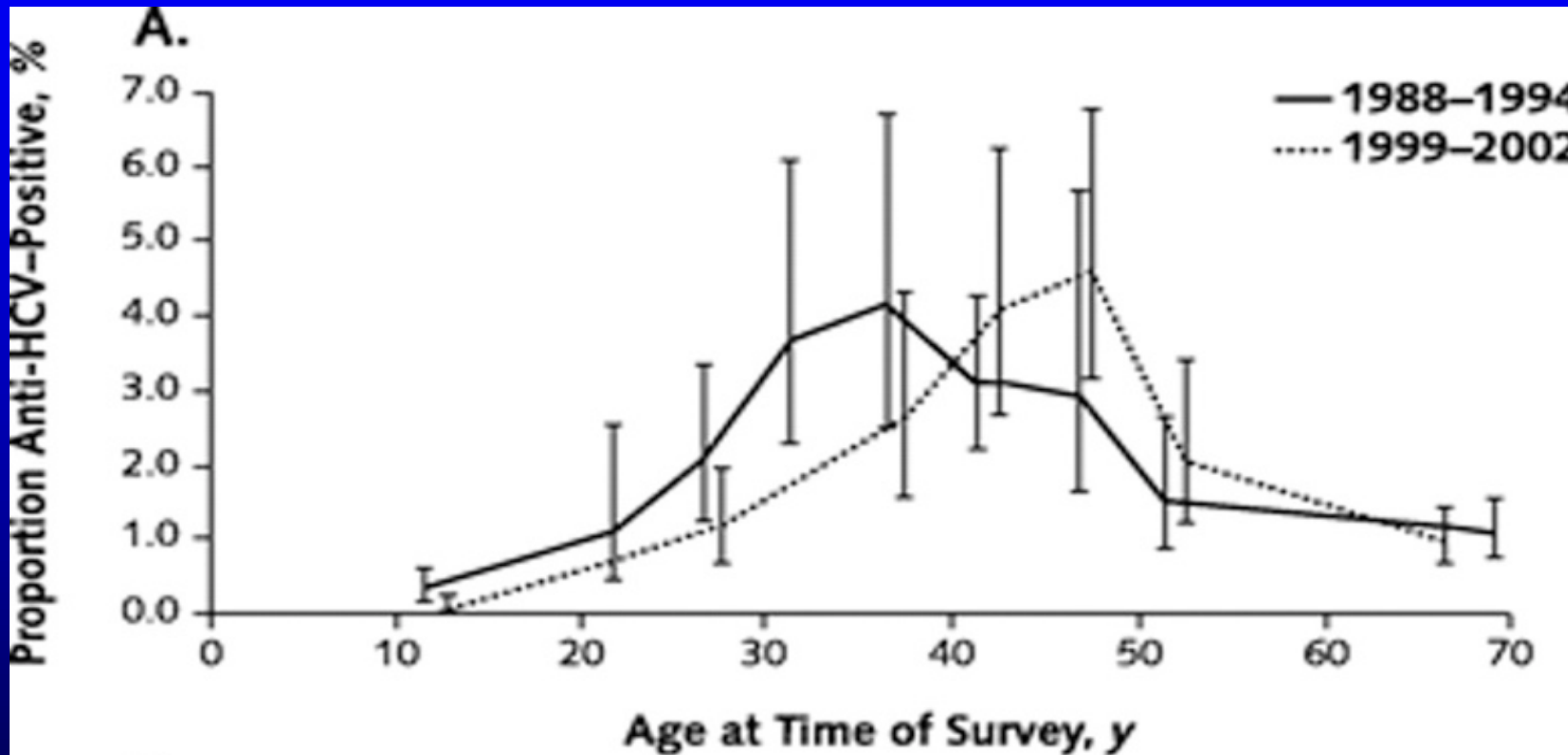


- 6 major genotypes
- many subtypes
- in US,
 - gt 1 75%
 - gt 2,3 25%

Sources of Infection for Persons With Acute Hepatitis C in 6 Months Prior to Illness Onset, 1994-2006

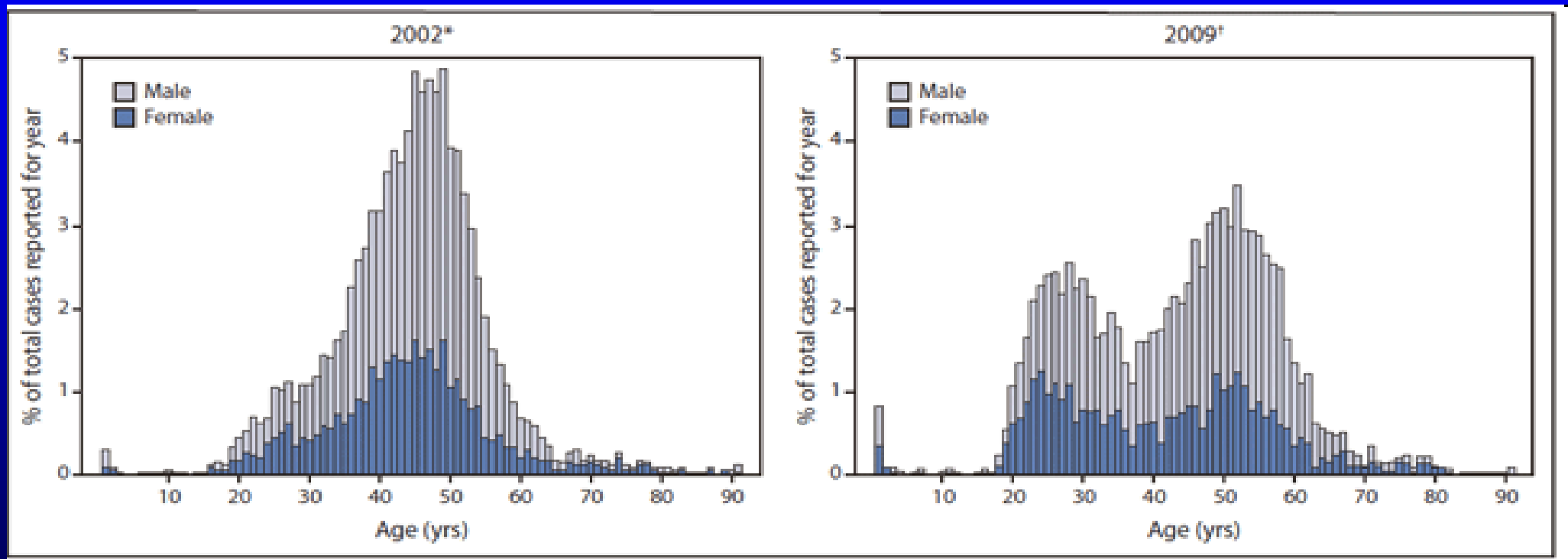


In general, the HCV cohort has aged...

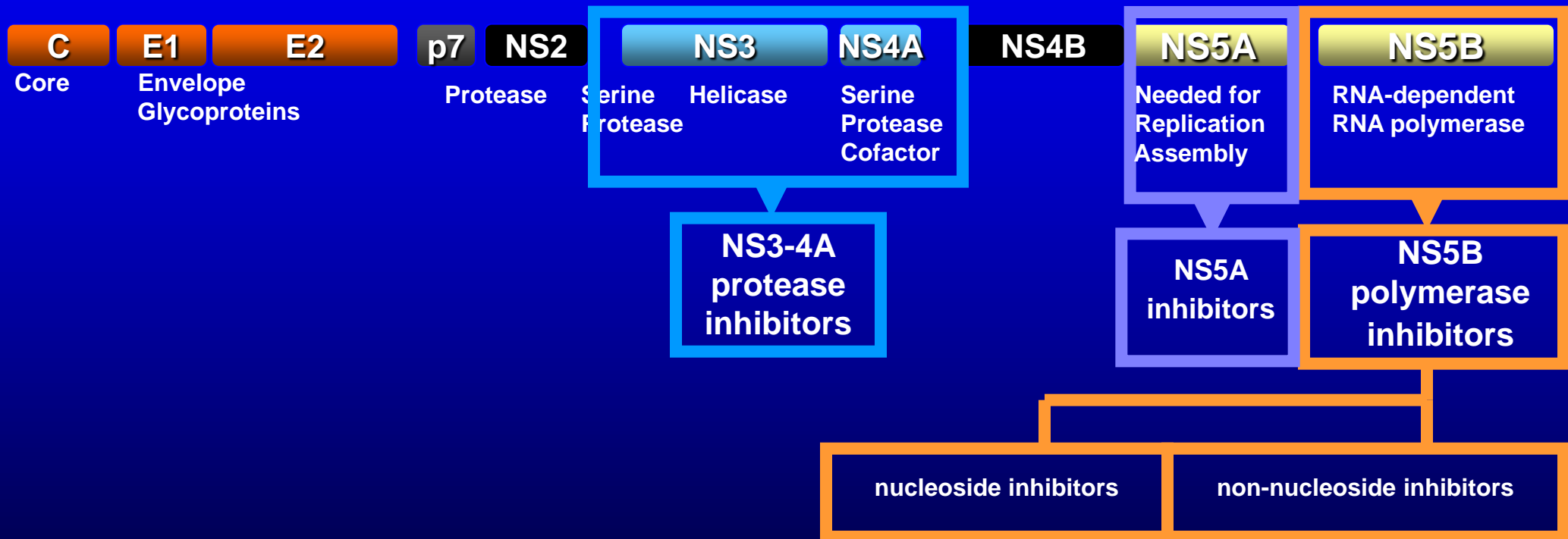


NHANES 2003-10: 2.7M chronically infected

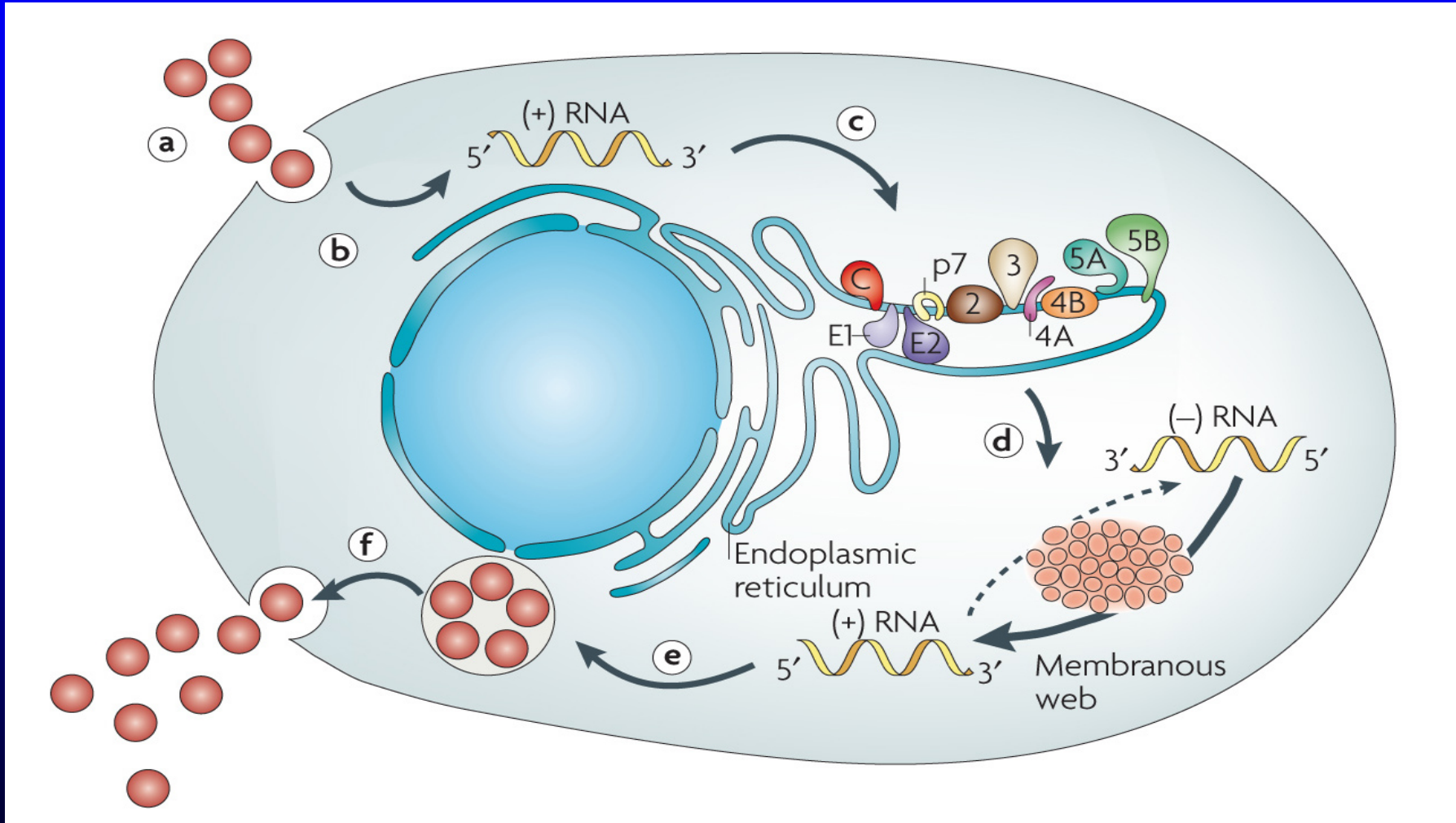
...but there has been a youthful spike



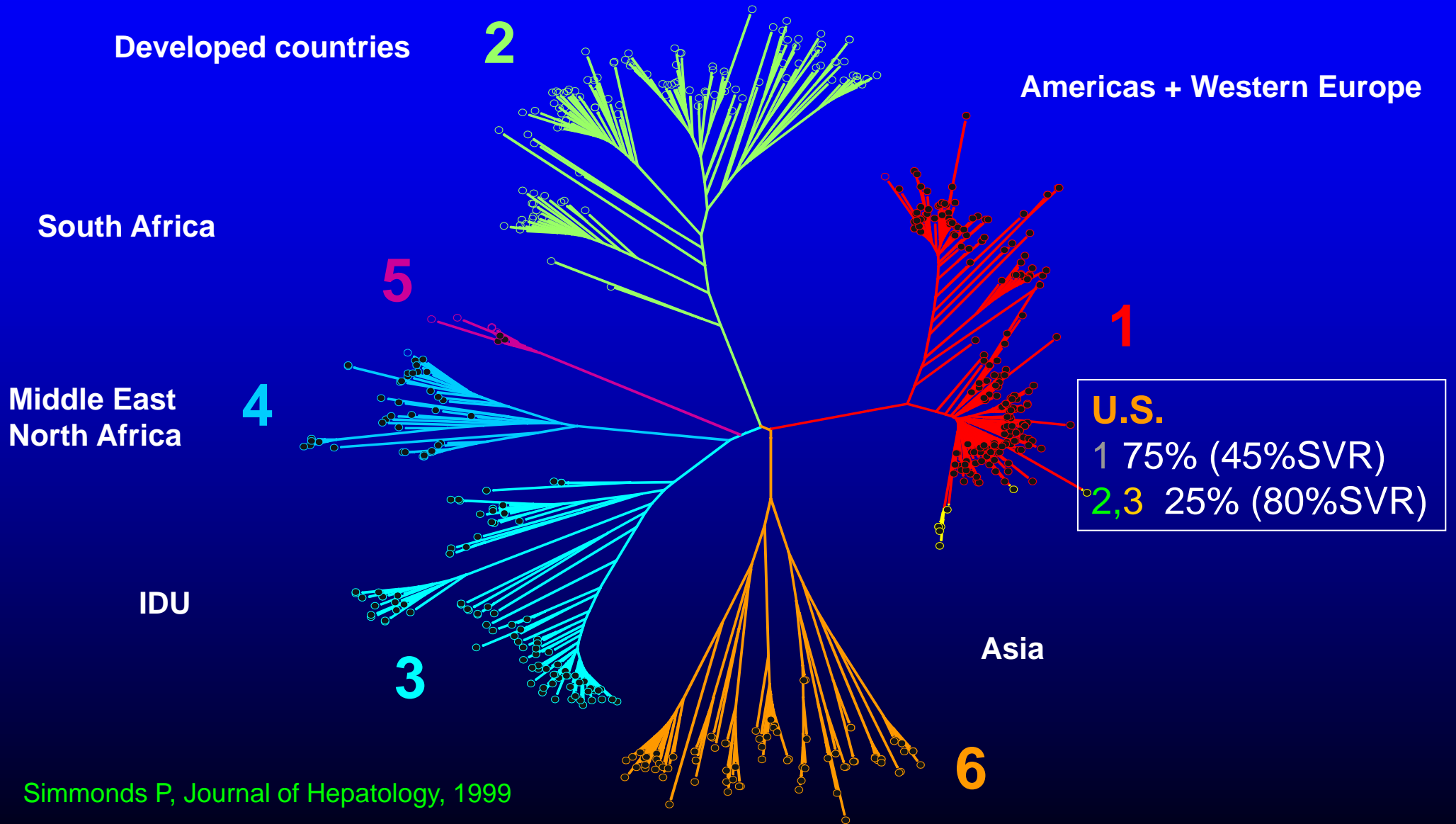
Targets for Direct Acting Antivirals (DAA)



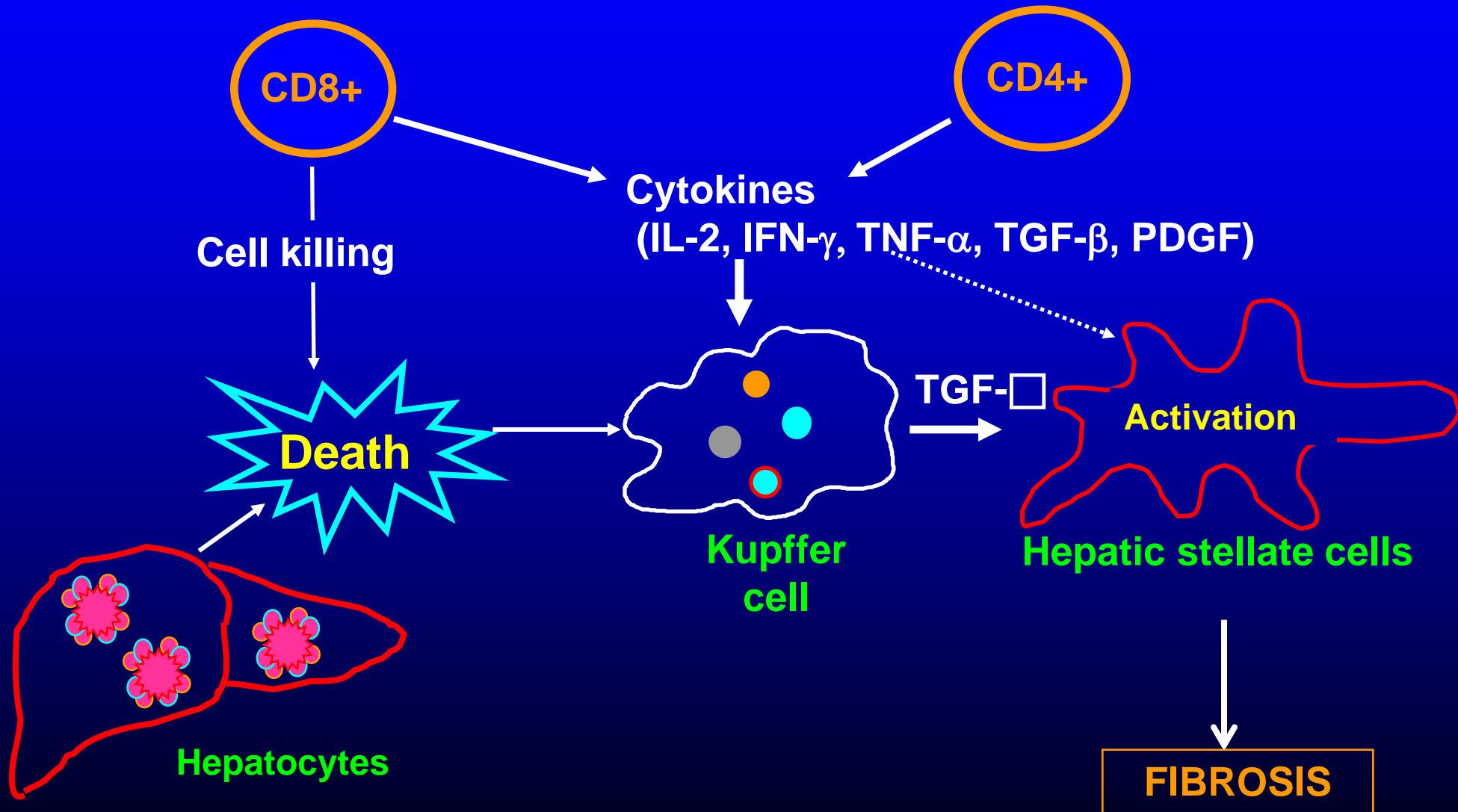
HCV life cycle



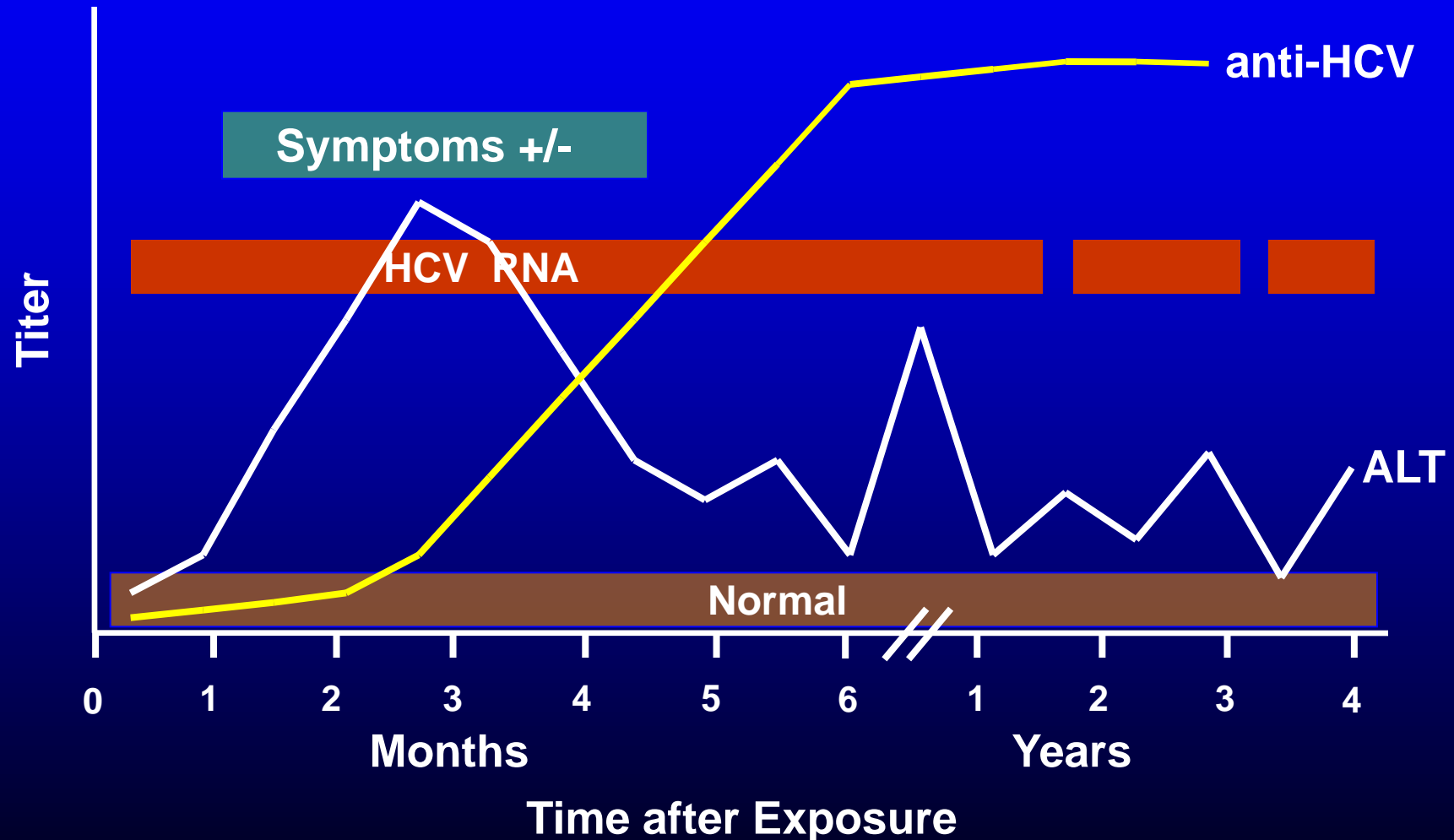
HCV Genotypes and Subtypes



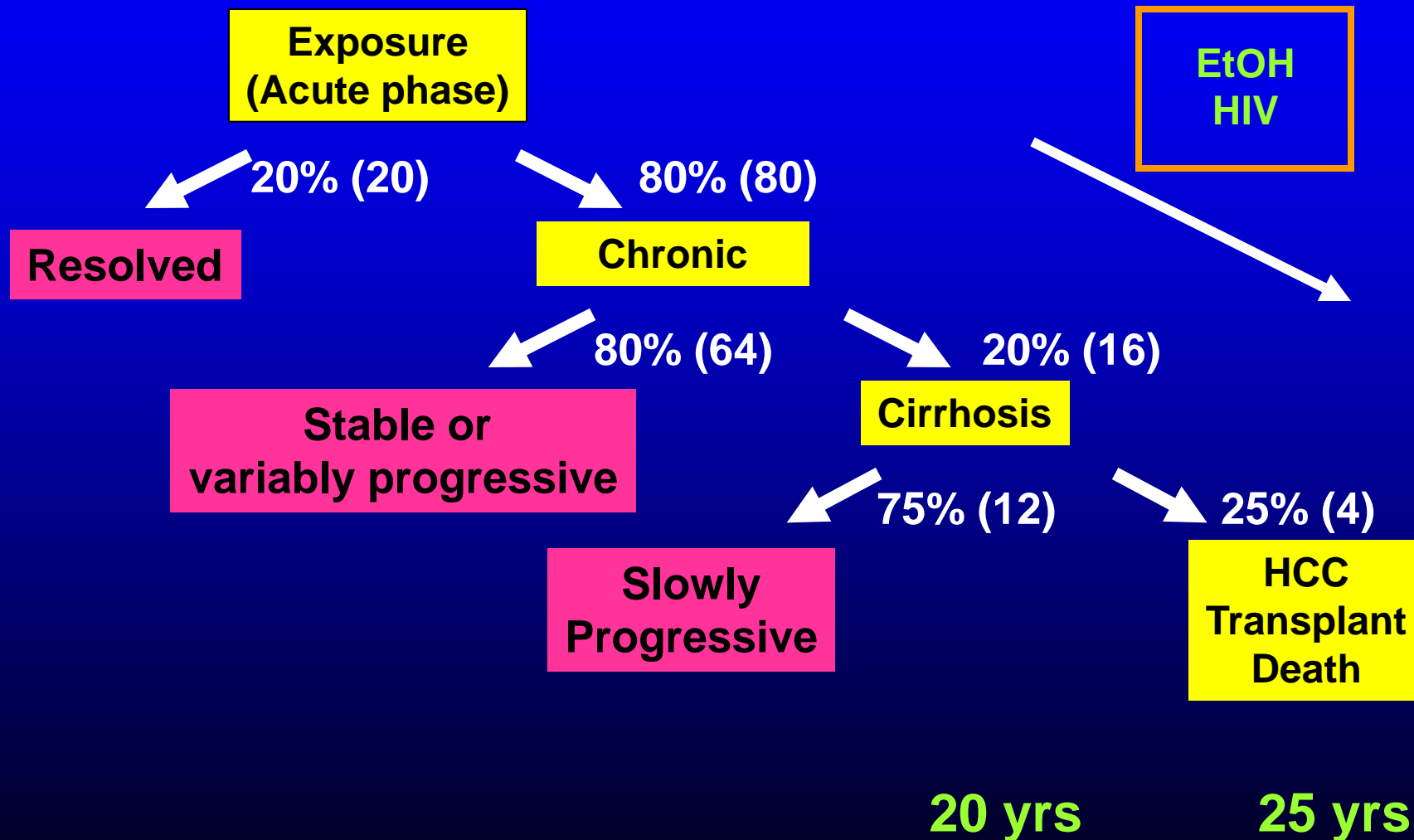
Hepatitis C disease pathogenesis



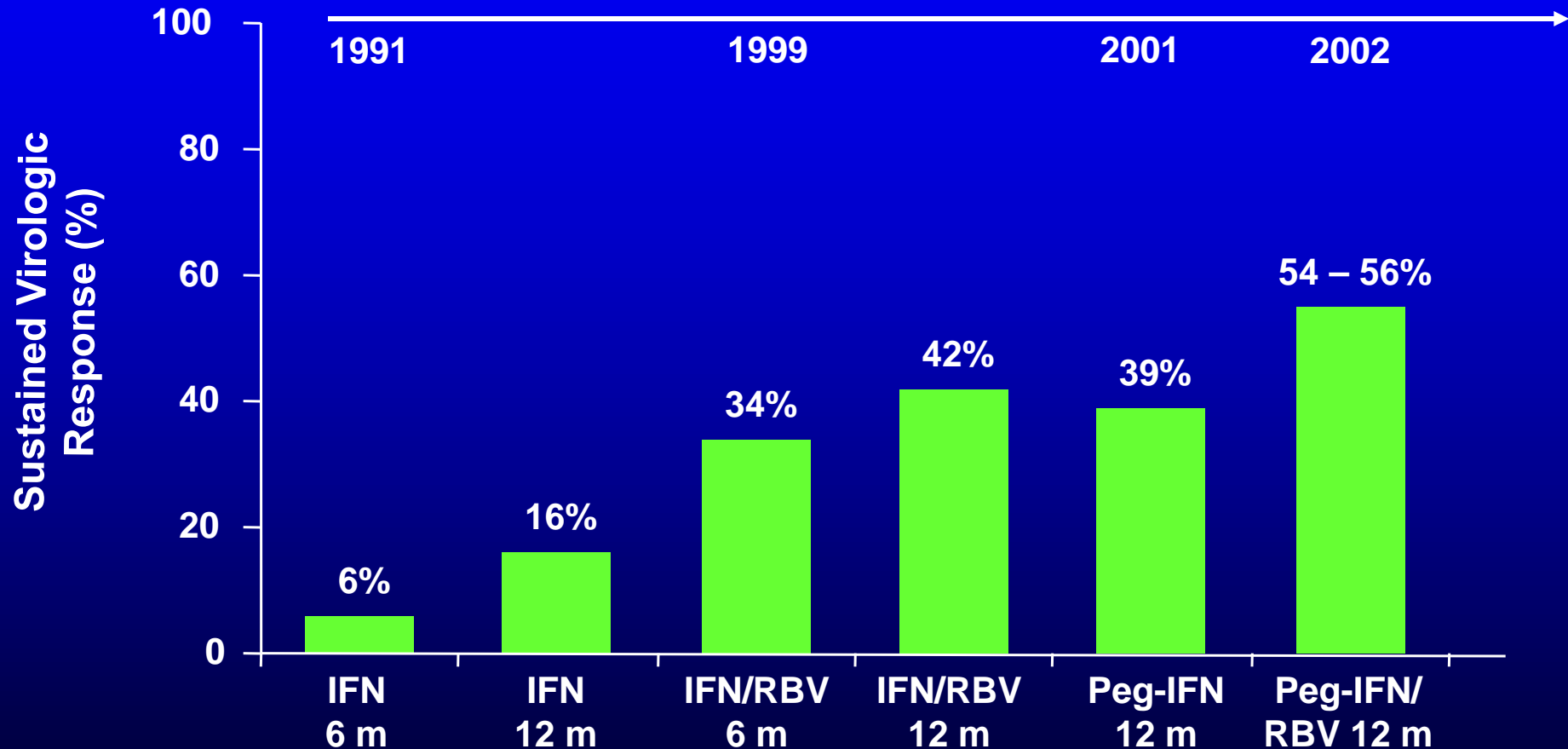
Serologic Pattern of Acute HCV Infection with Progression to Chronic Infection



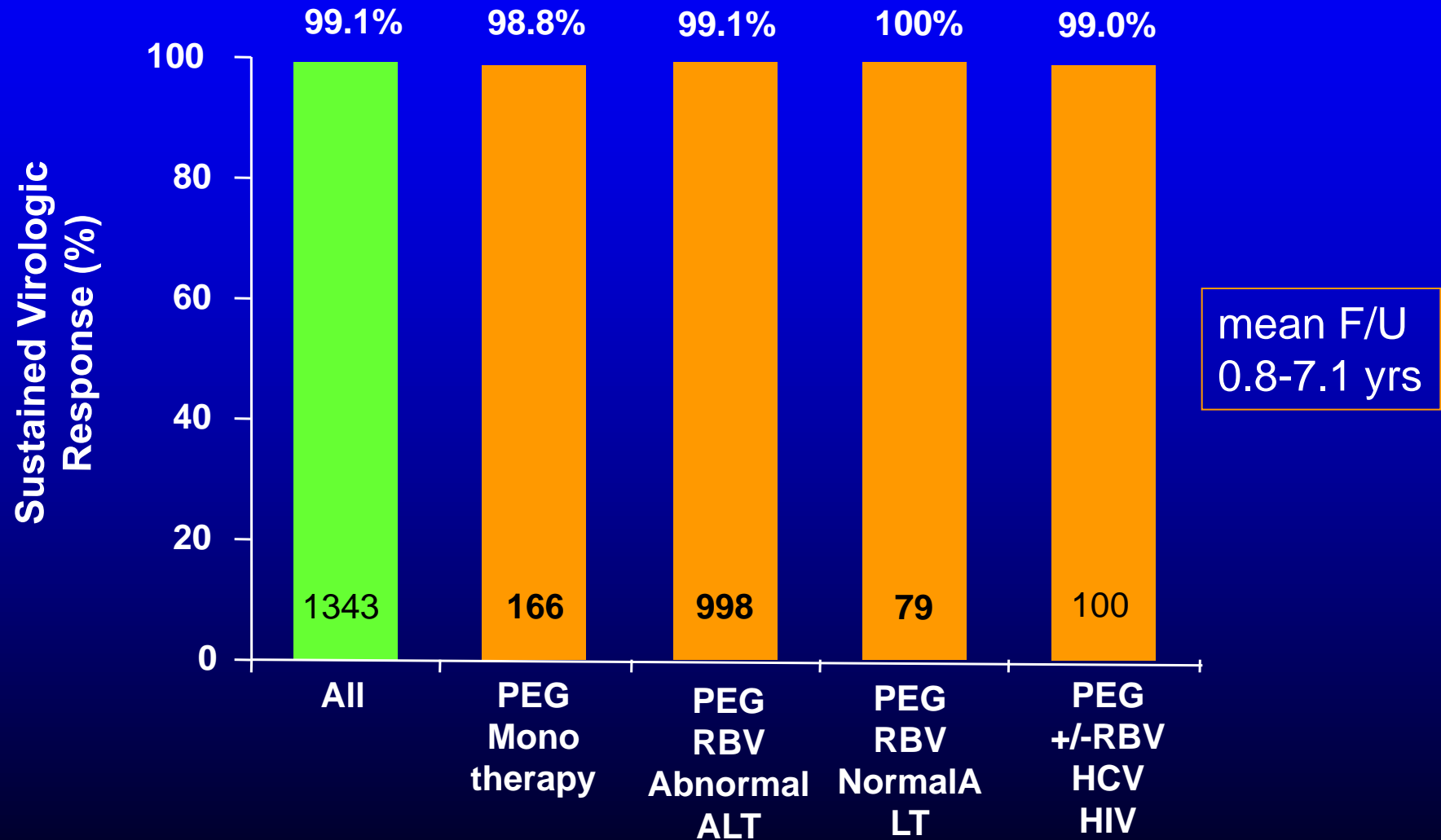
Natural History of HCV Infection



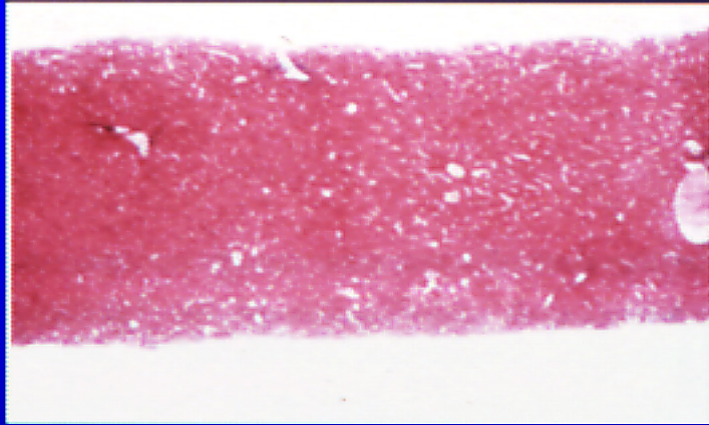
PEG-IFN- α and RBV Produce SVR in About Half of Patients with HCV



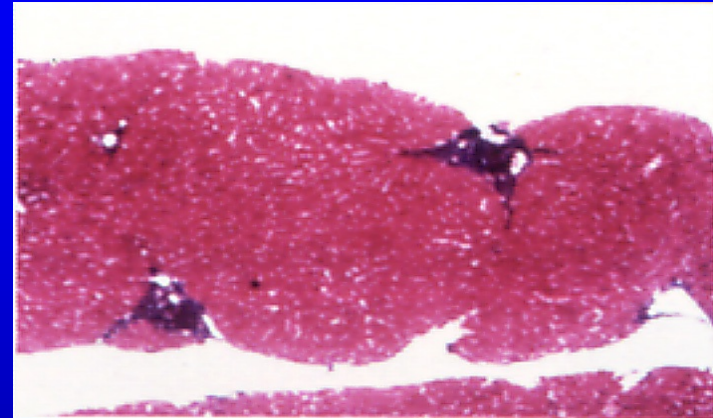
The good news: a sustained response is truly sustained



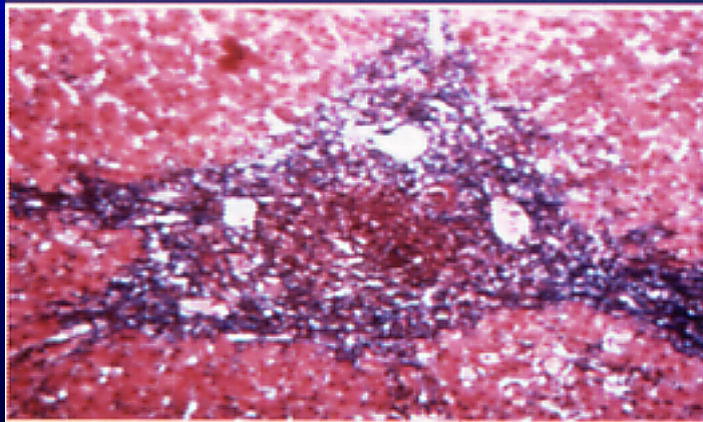
Histologic Progression of HCV



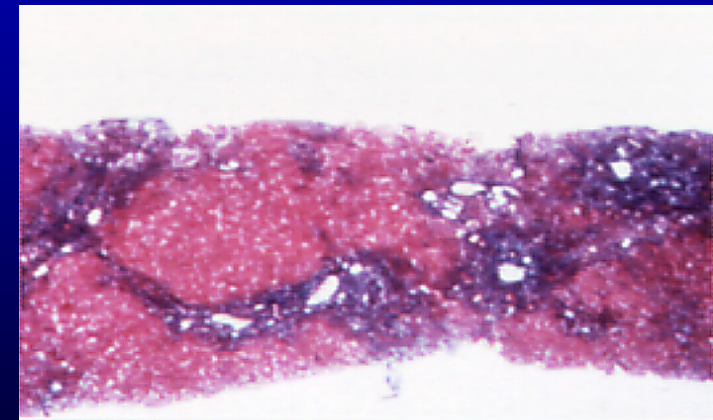
Normal



Mild Chronic Hepatitis (F1)



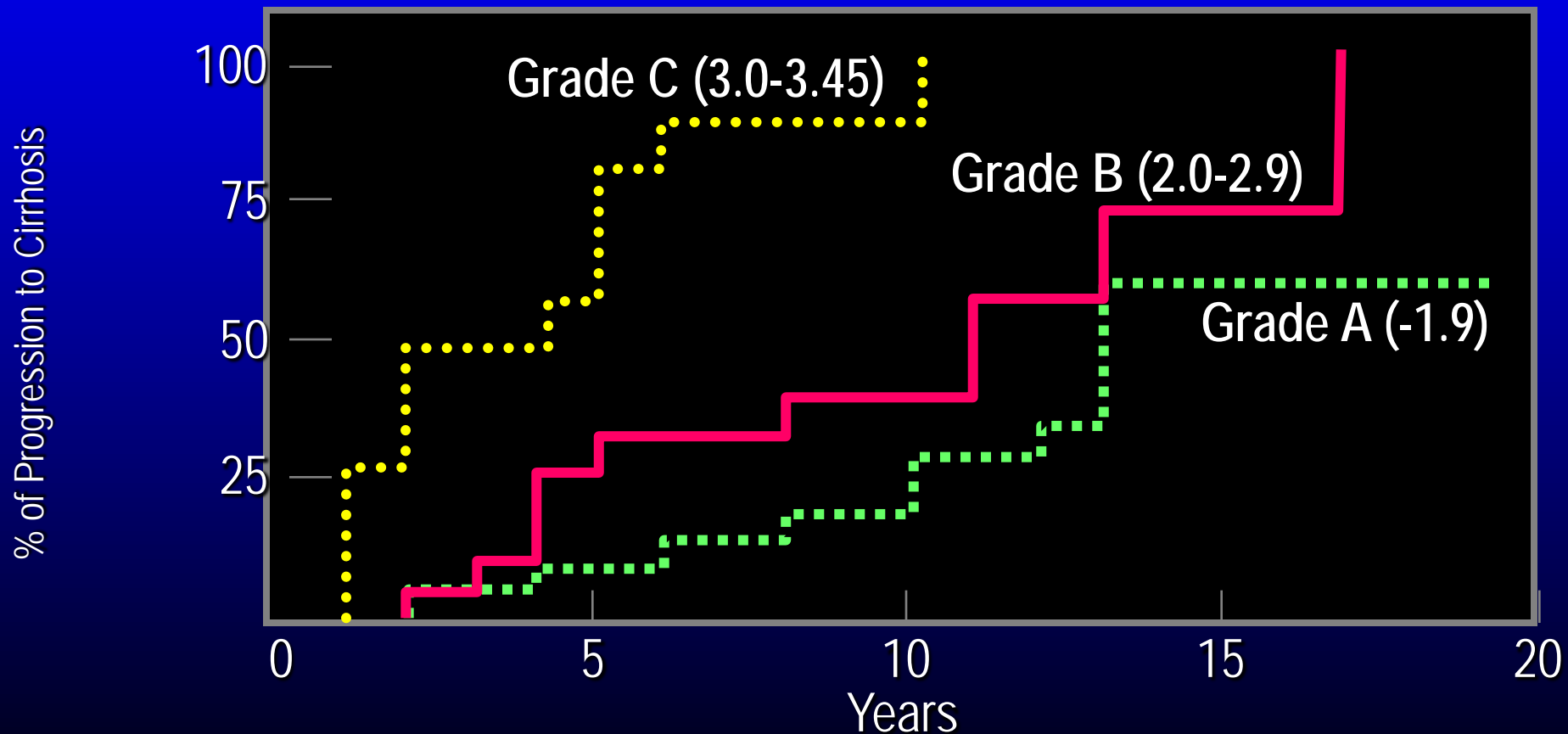
Moderate Chronic Hepatitis (F3)



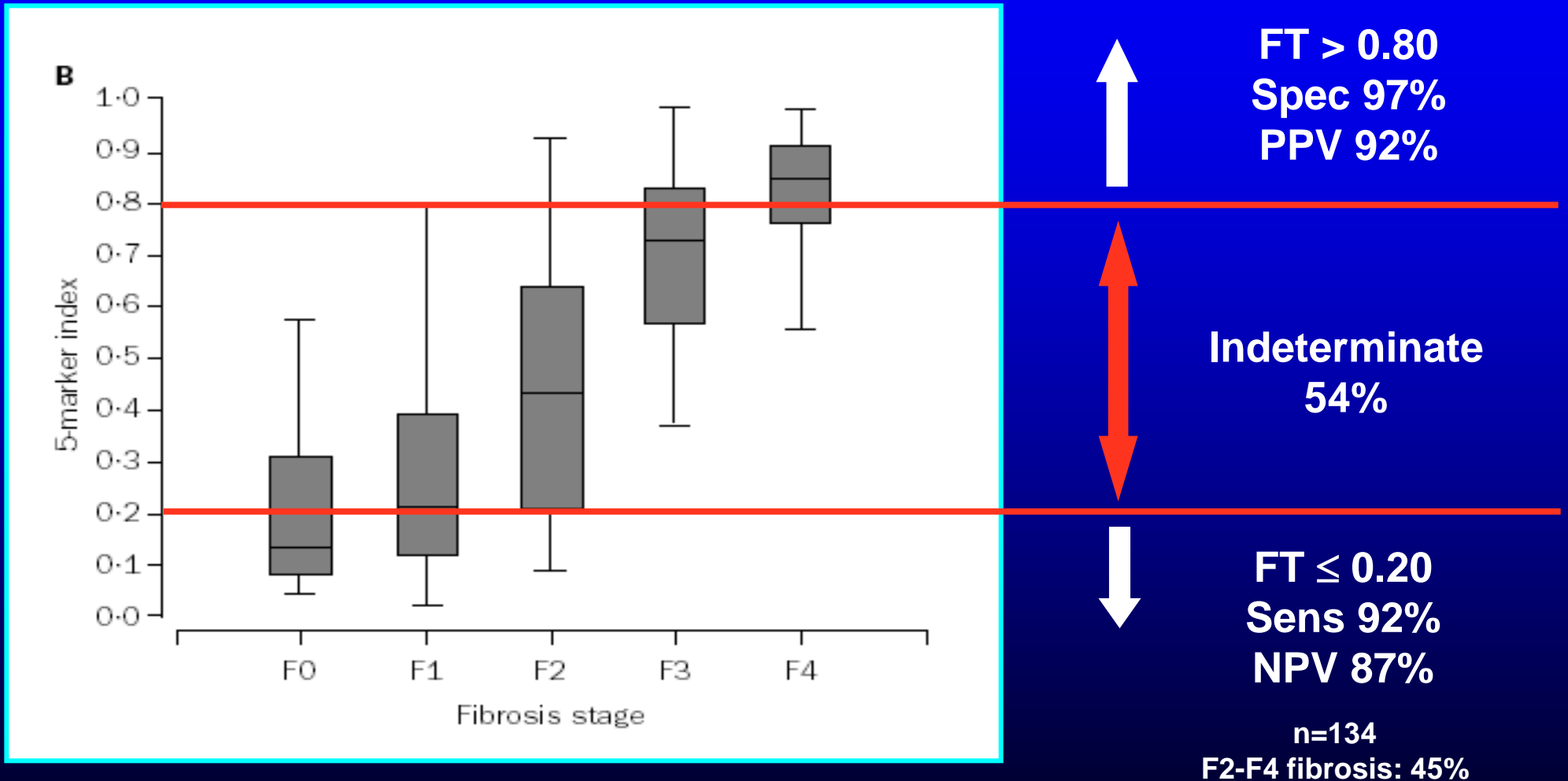
Cirrhosis (F4)

Rate of Progression to Cirrhosis from Chronic Hepatitis C

Degree of Fibrosis on Initial Liver Biopsy



≈ 50% of Biopsies Avoidable with FibroTest



TBili, α-2-MG, hapto, GGT, ApoA1

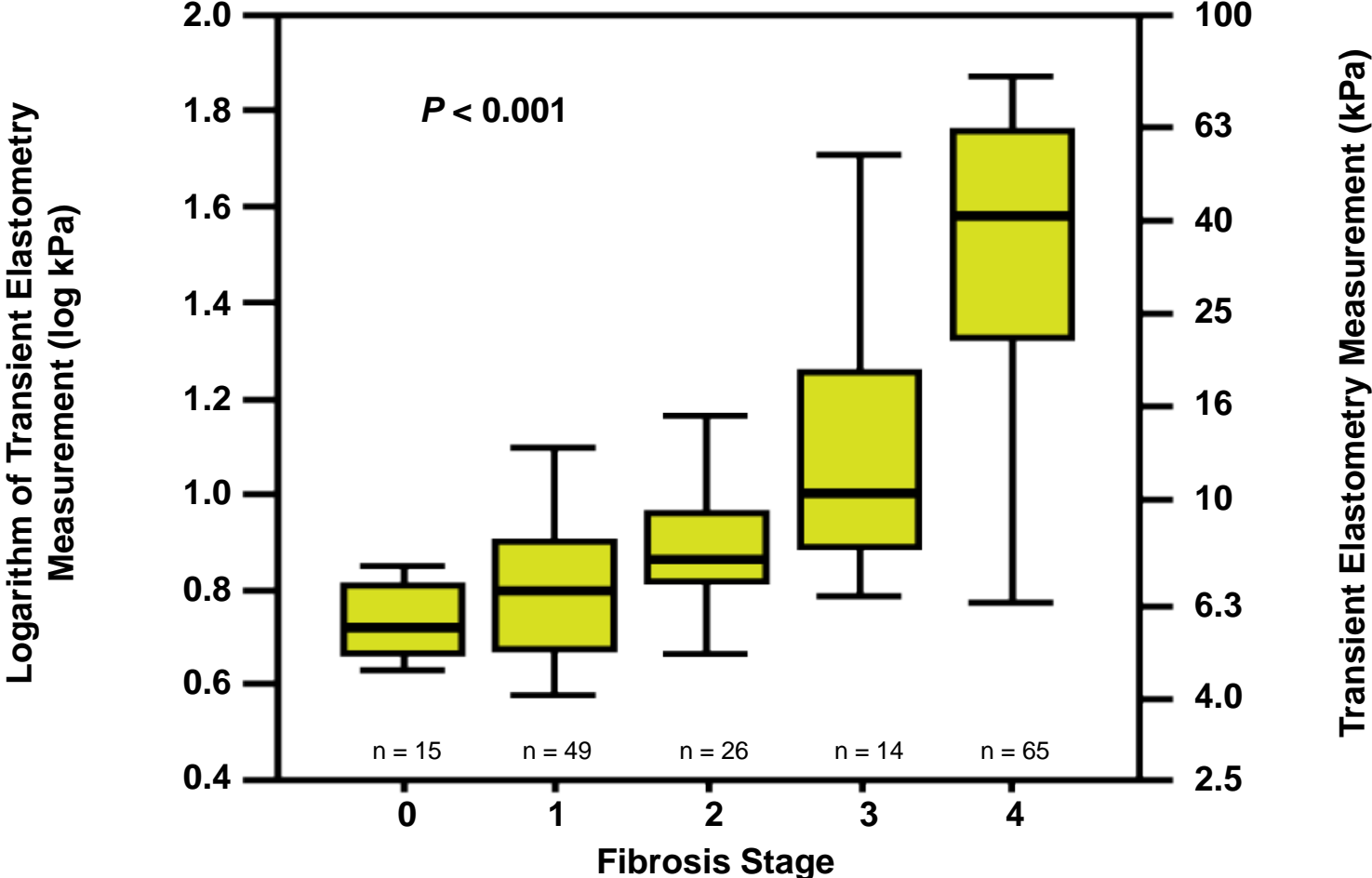
New Tools: Liver Stiffness by Transient Elastography

- Ultrasound-based technique
- Determines liver “stiffness”
- Correlates well with fibrosis
- No ceiling, ie, increases with worsening cirrhosis → predicts complications (eg, varices)
- Simple to use – minimal training



Liver Stiffness by Transient Elastography (Fibroscan)

Very good for minimal fibrosis (F0-2) vs cirrhosis (F4)



HHS Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

By 2020, goal will be to achieve

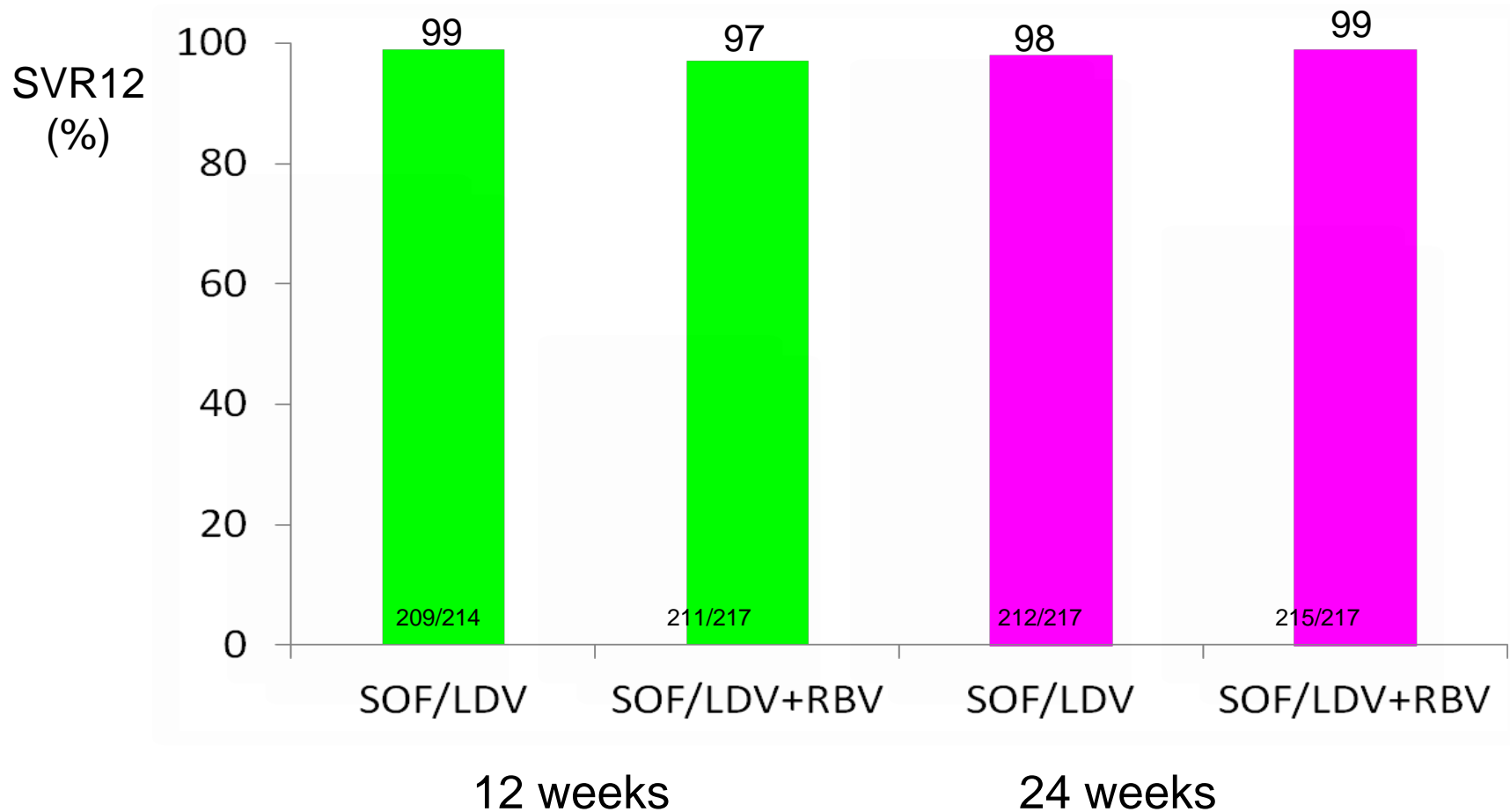
- an increase in the proportion of persons who are aware of their hepatitis B virus infection, from 33% to 66%
- elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HBV
- an increase in the proportion of persons who are aware of their hepatitis C virus infection, from 45% to 66%
- Birth cohort initiative: screen all persons born between 1945-65 (75% of epidemic in this group)
- 25% reduction in the number of new cases of HCV infection

ION-1: Sofosbuvir + Ledipasvir (NS5A Inhibitor)

Genotype 1: Treatment Naïve, n=865

Cirrhosis in 16%

n=468

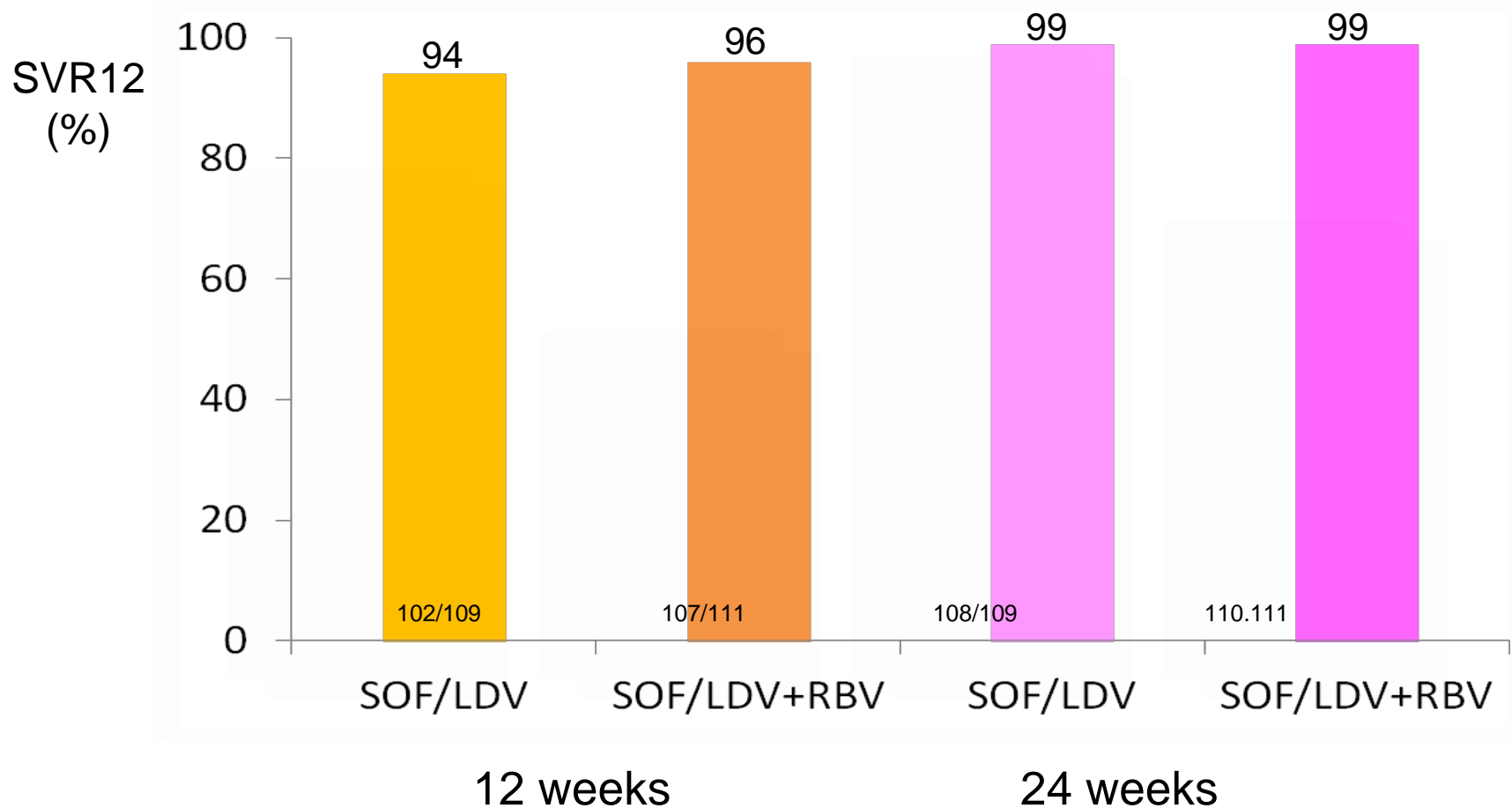


ION-2: Sofosbuvir + Ledipasvir ± RBV

Genotype 1 Treatment Experienced

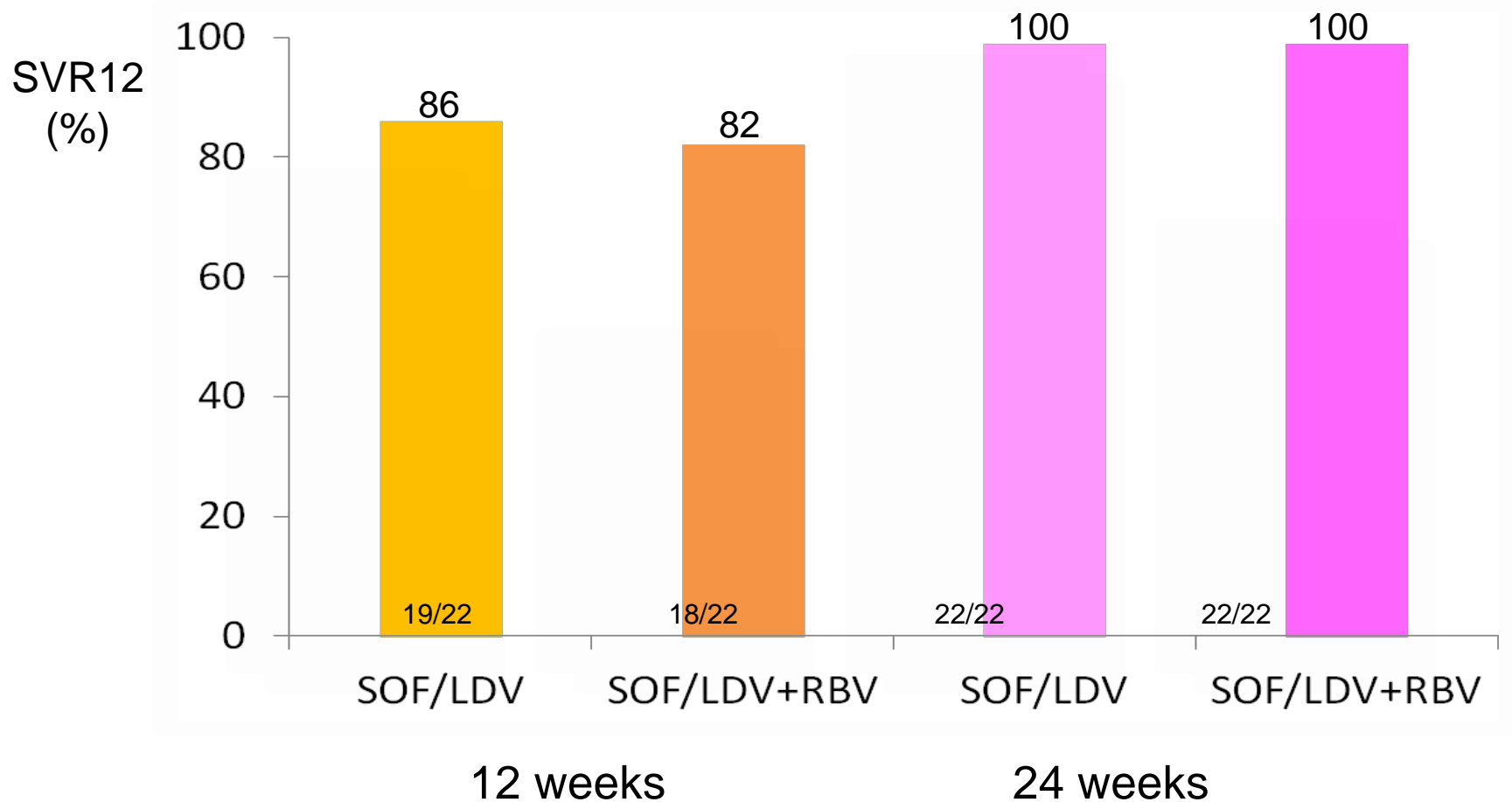
Cirrhosis in 20%

n=440



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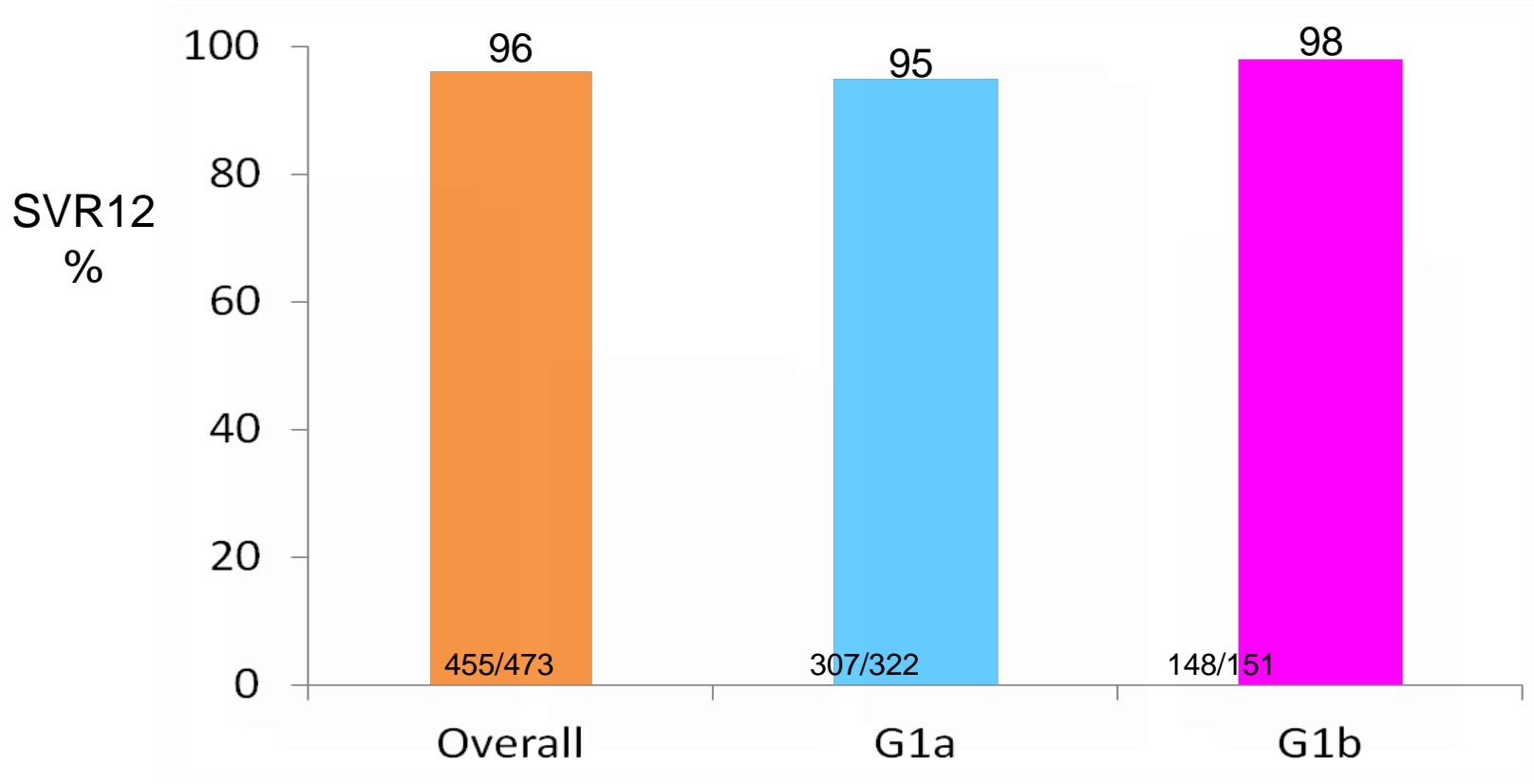
*Genotype 1 Treatment Experienced
Patients With Cirrhosis*



Paritaprevir (PI)/ritonavir/Ombitasvir (NS5A) + Dasabuvir (NNI) + RBV

SAPPHIRE-1

Genotype 1, treatment naïve, noncirrhotic, 12 weeks, n=473

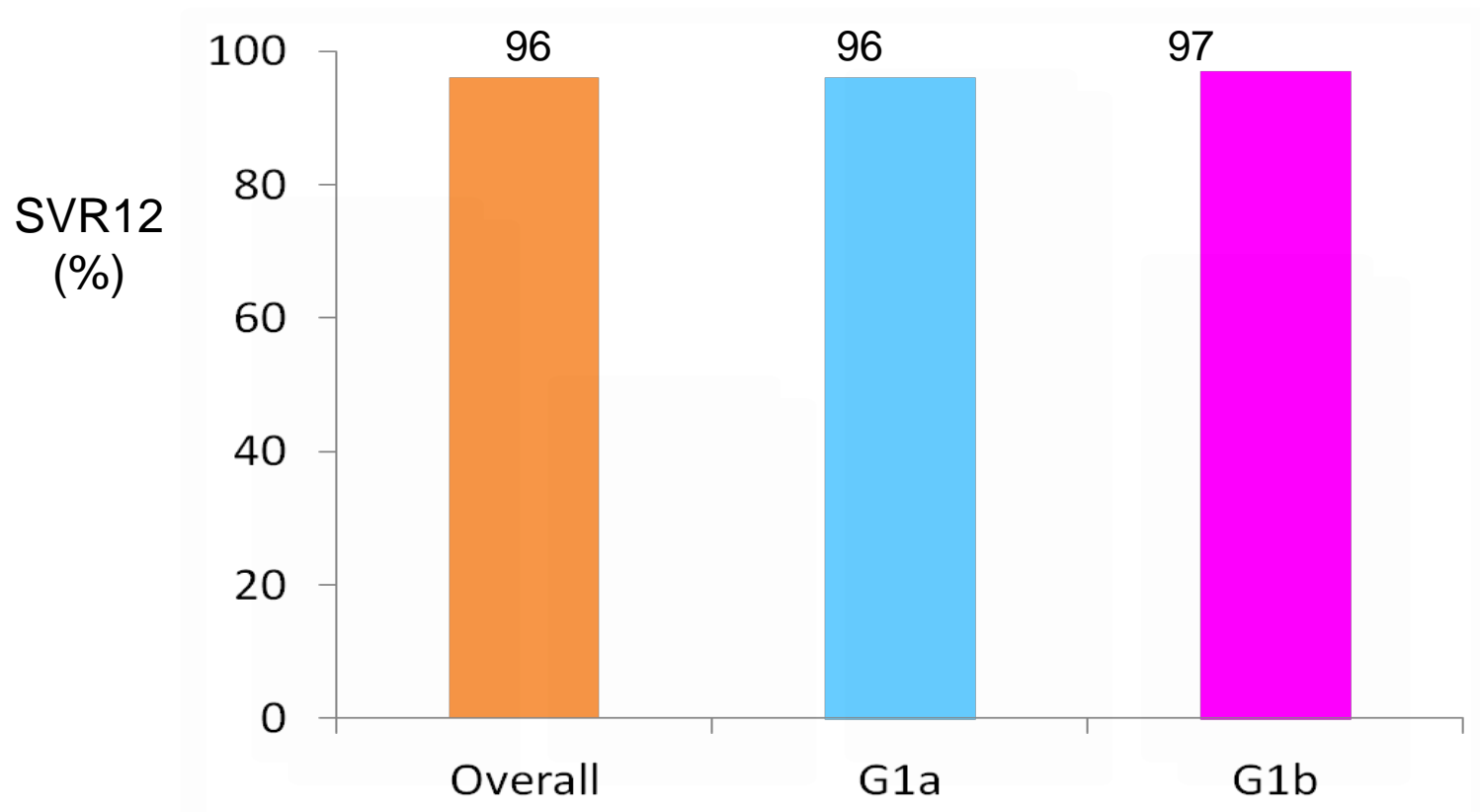


PEARL III Trial, gt1b treatment naïve (n=419): 3DAA + RBV 99%, 3DAA no RBV 99%

Paritaprevir (PI)/ritonavir/Ombitasvir (NS5A) + Dasabuvir (NNI) + RBV

SAPPHIRE-2

Genotype 1, treatment experienced, noncirrhotic, 12 weeks, n=394



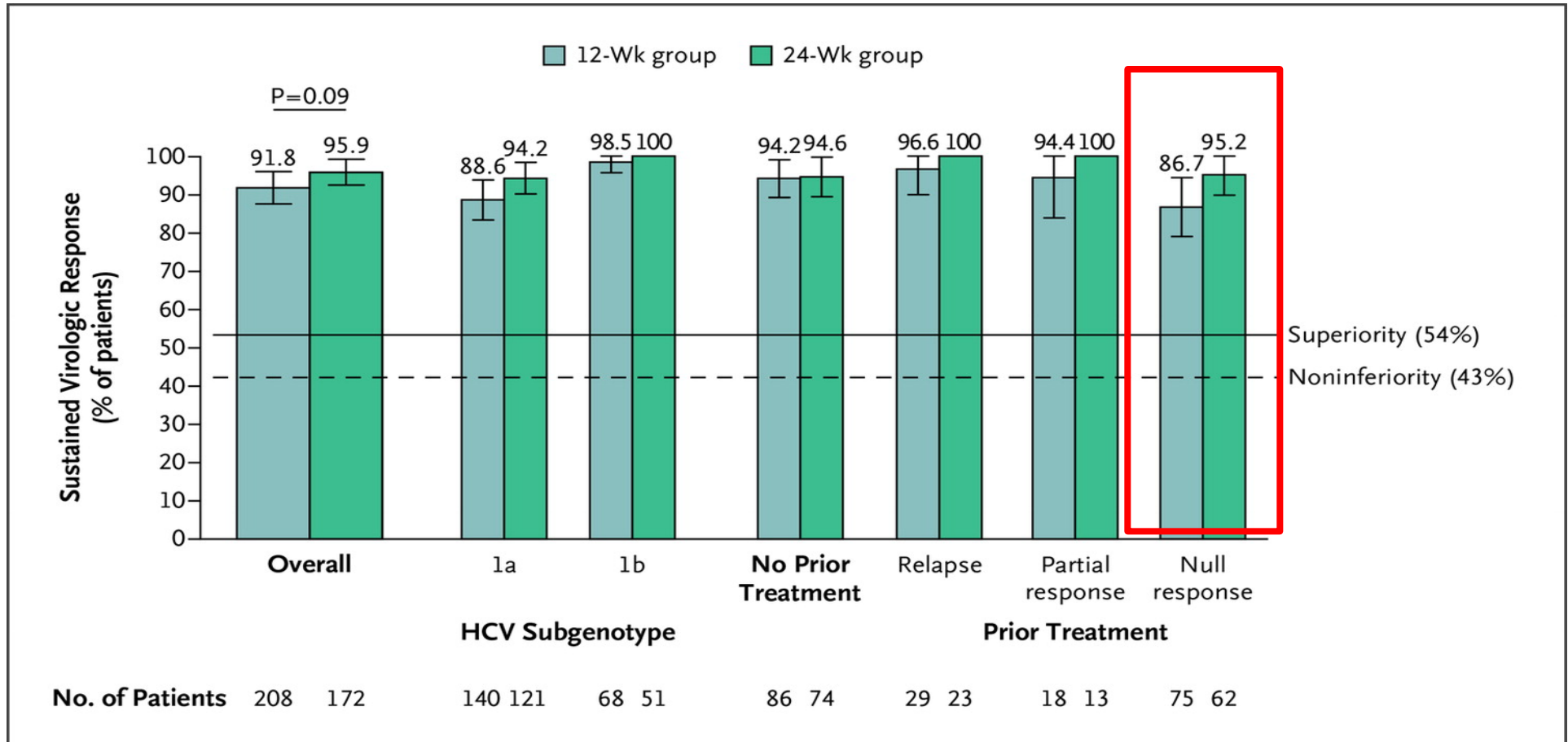
PEARL II Trial, gt1b treatment experienced (n=179): 3DAA + RBV 97%, 3DAA no RBV 100%

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TURQUOISE-II

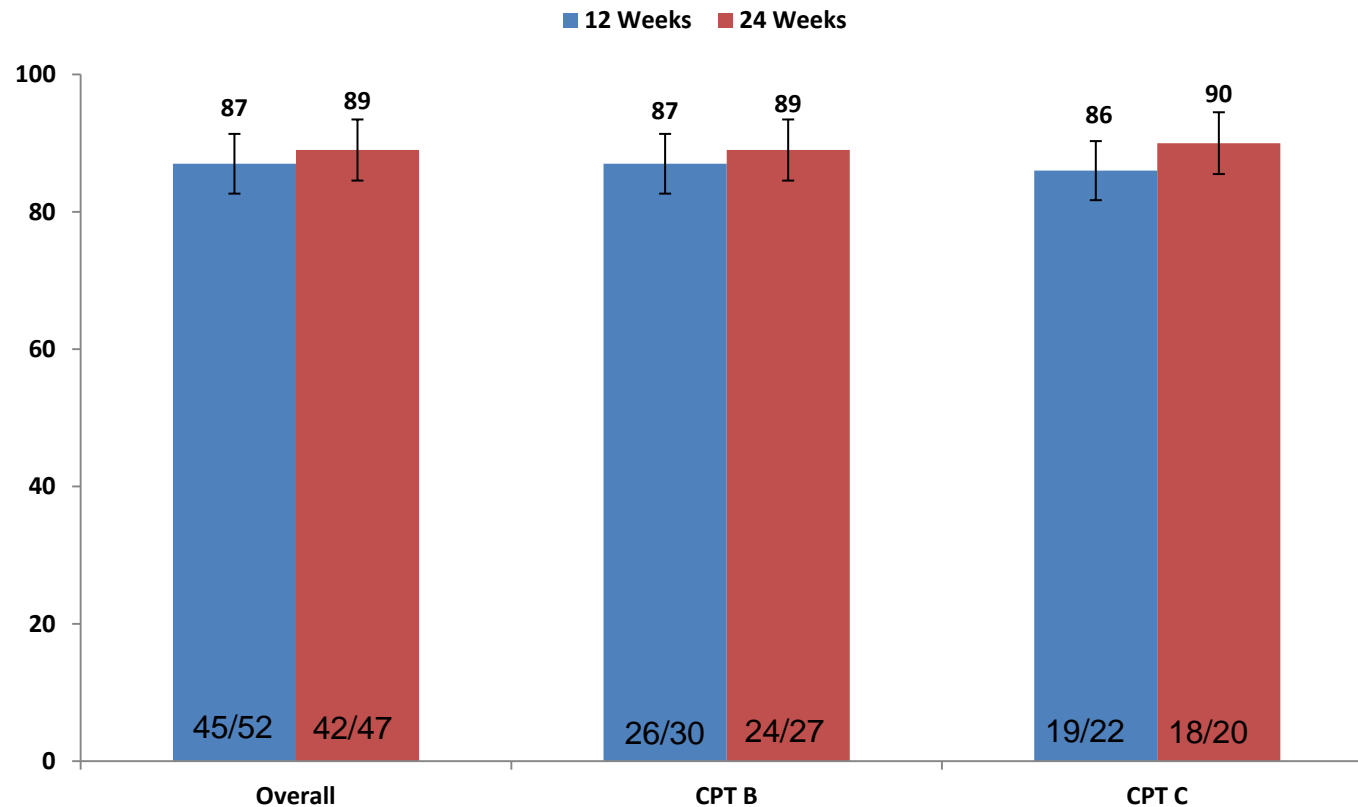
Gt1 compensated cirrhosis (naïve and experienced)

n=380



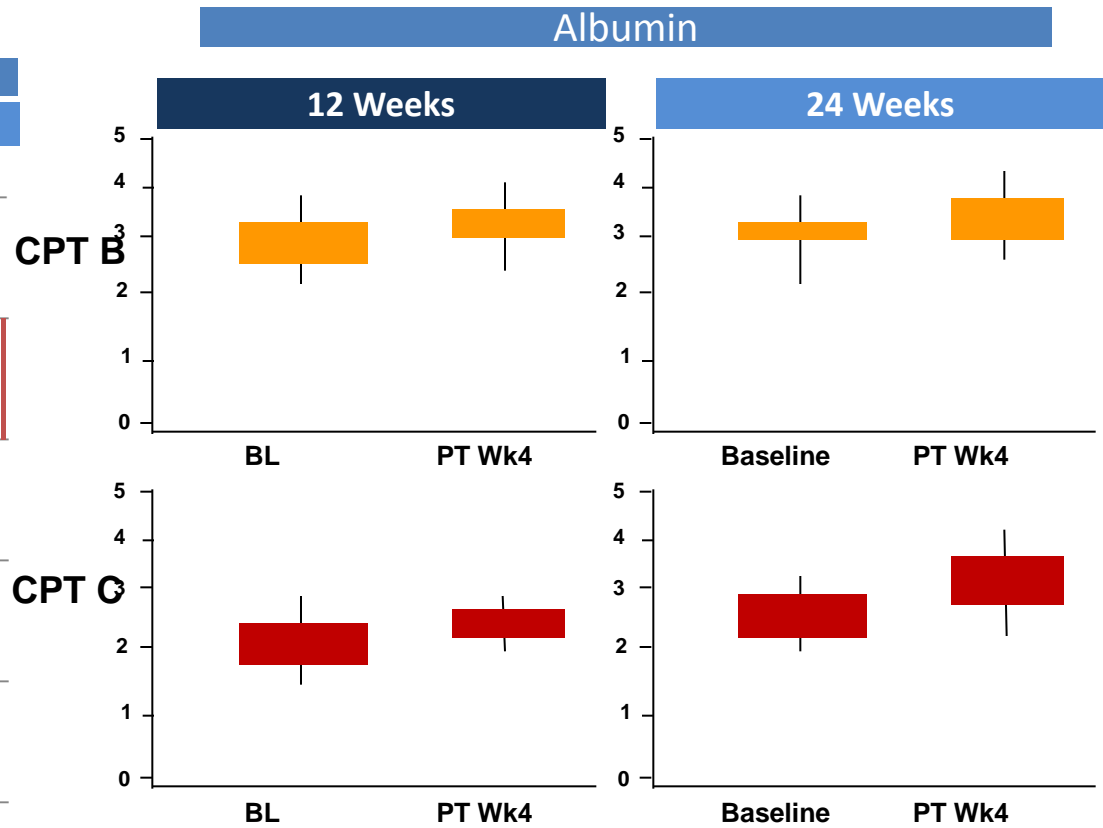
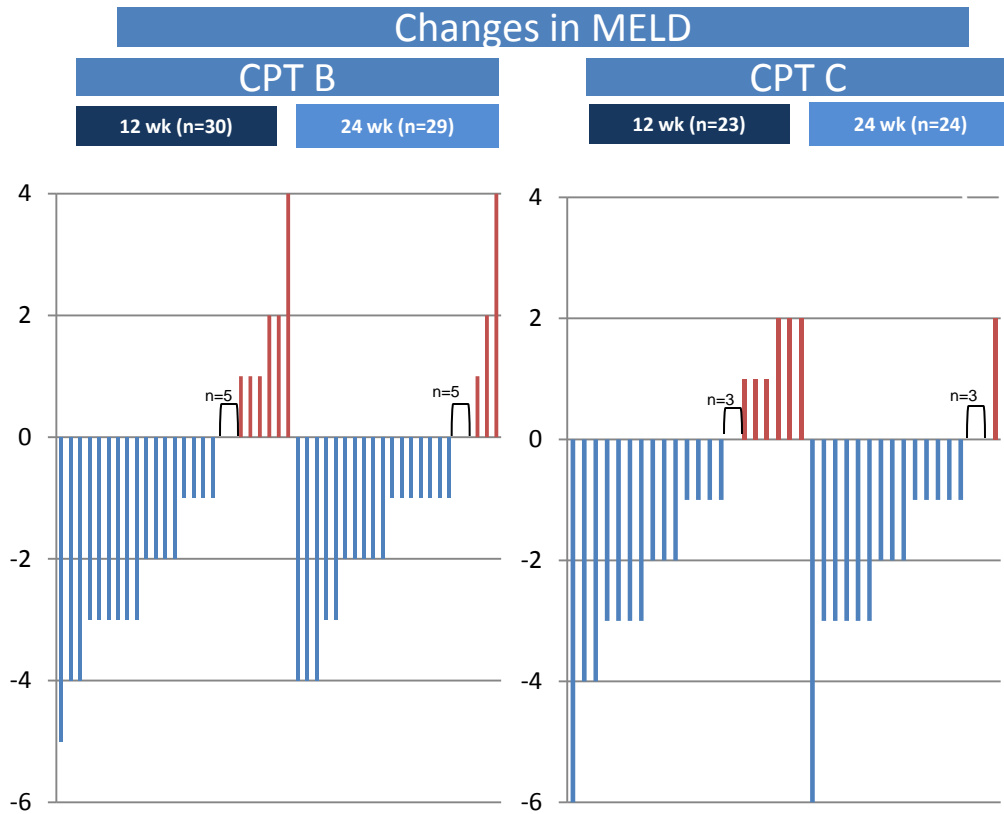
Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir + RBV in Decompensated Cirrhosis: Preliminary Results of a Prospective, Multicenter Study

- n=99
- Randomized to SOF + LDV + RBV (600 mg w/escalation) for 12 or 24 wks
- Patients with GT 1 or 4 and decompensated cirrhosis
- Median albumin = 2.6-3.0 g/L; Median platelets = 71-88K



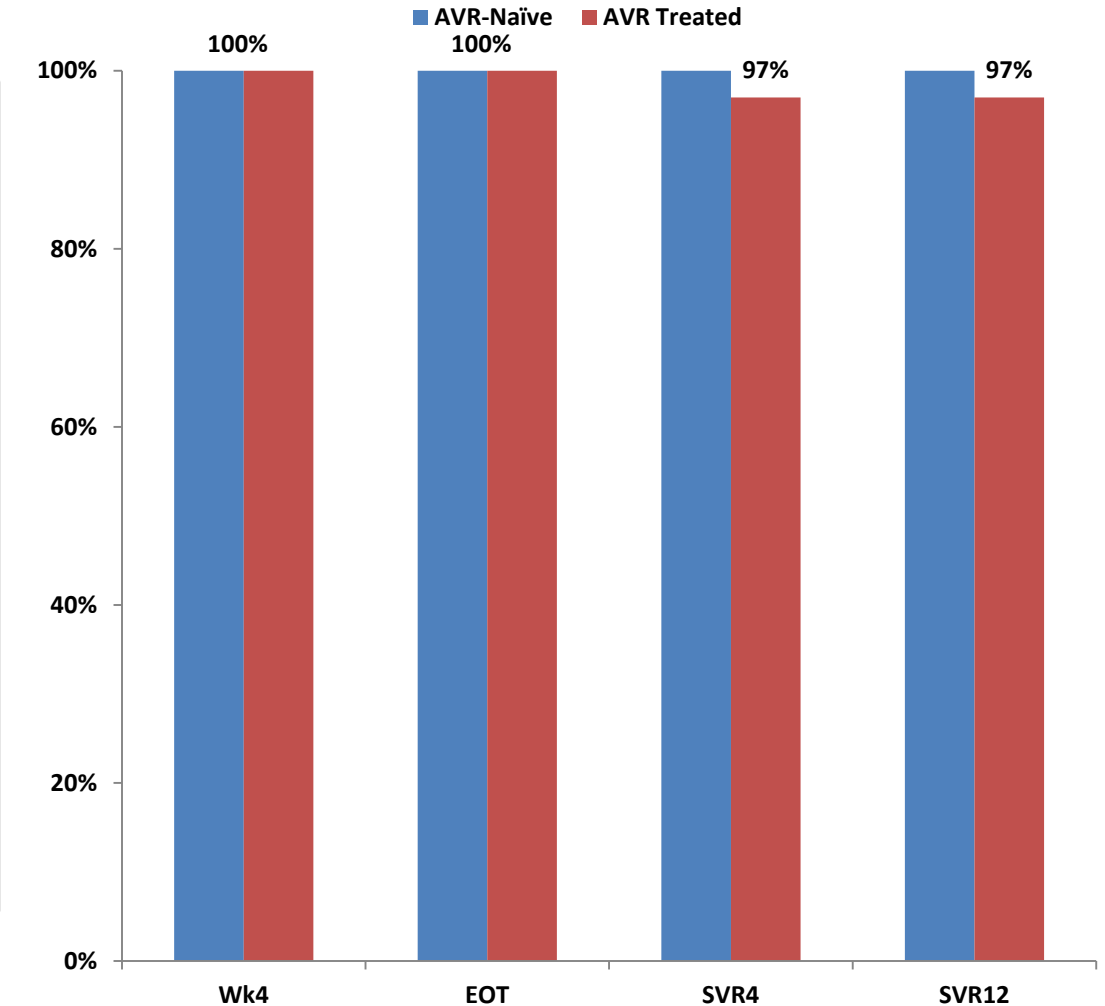
Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir + RBV in Patients with Decompensated Cirrhosis: improved clinical status

- SAE = 10%-42% (only 4 considered treatment-related)
- 5 deaths: Septic shock (4), renal failure/cardiac arrest

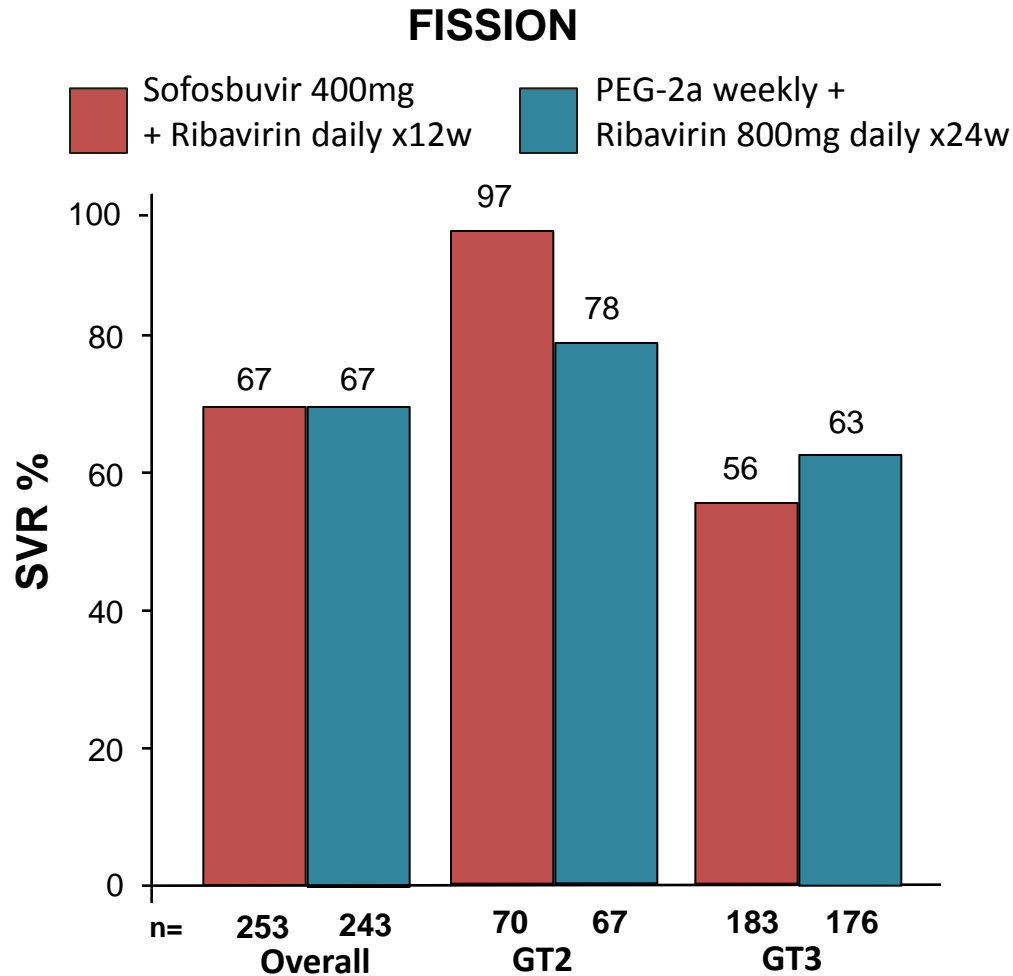


High Efficacy of Sofosbuvir/Ledipasvir for HCV GT1 in Patients Coinfected With HIV: NIAID ERADICATE Trial

- HCV, GT1, tx naïve noncirrhotic subjects (n=50) treated with SOF/LDV x12 wks
 - GT1a =74%
 - African American = 84%
 - F0-2 78%
- Arm A (n=13): ARV naïve
- Arm B (n=37): ARV treated
 - ARV: Tenofovir/FTC with Efavirenz, Rilpivirine or Raltegravir
- No change in CD4 or HIV RNA
- No SAE or early DC due to AE

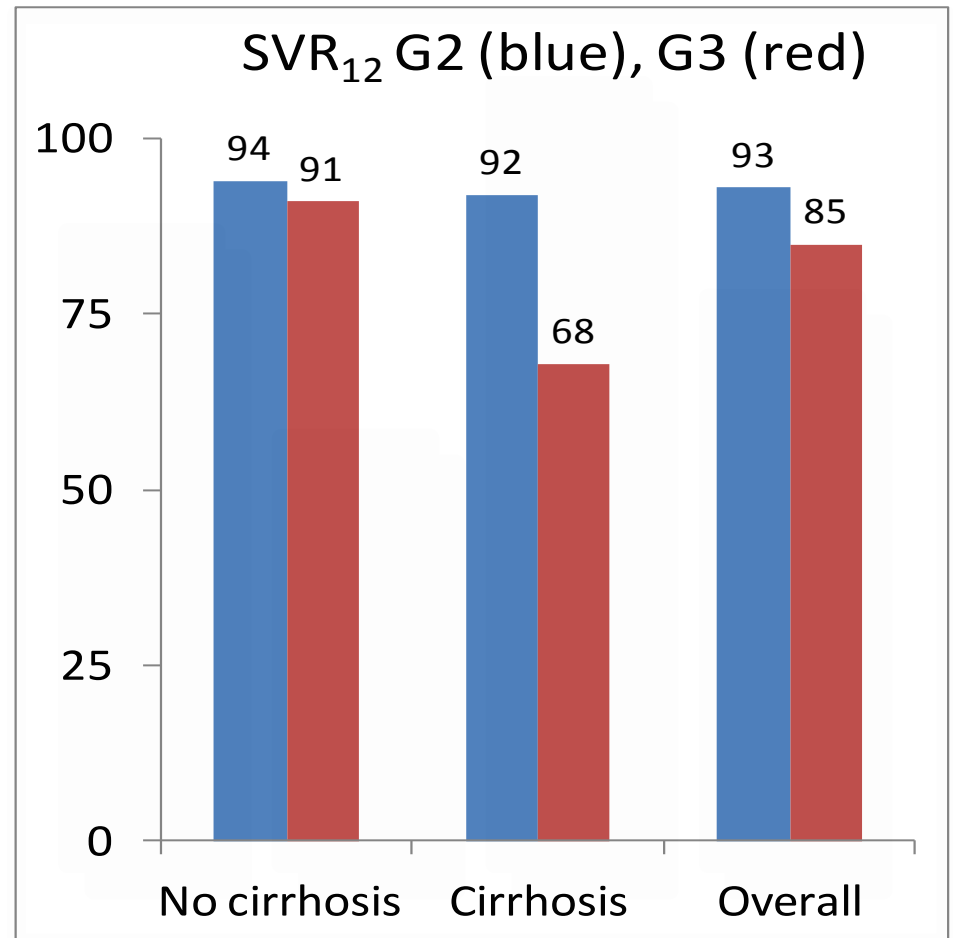


Sofosbuvir in Treatment Naïve GT 2,3 Patients

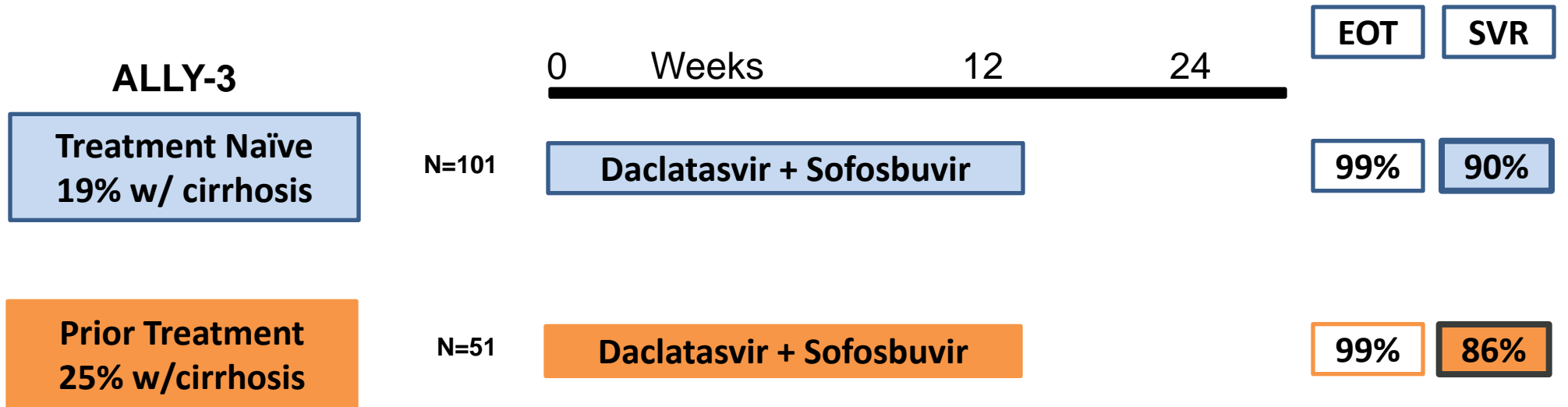


Sofosbuvir/Ribavirin for Treatment-Naïve and Experienced Patients with Genotype 2 or 3: VALENCE

- Phase 3 trial in Europe
 - Amended to treat GT3 for 24 weeks
- SOF/RBV x12W (GT2, n=73) or 24W (GT3, n=250)
 - Cirrhosis 14–23%
 - Treatment experienced 58%
- Discontinuation due to AE, n=2



All-Oral Combination of Daclatasvir (NS5A) and Sofosbuvir in Patients with GT 3: ALLY-3



SVR F0-F3 = 96% (105/109)
SVR F4 = 63% (20/32)

- No SAEs related to treatment, no premature D/C due to AEs
- Most AE mild: fatigue, headache, nausea, diarrhea

Summary

- All oral, tolerable, high efficacy regimens (>90% cure) now available
- Several roads to the same IFN-free destination
 - High barrier compounds desirable for simplified regimens but can be matched by combinations of DAA classes
 - High SVR rates now possible in historically difficult populations (nulls, cirrhotics, decompensated, post-LT, HIV)
- Timelines for FDA approval
 - Dec 2013
 - Sofosbuvir + P/R, Simeprevir + P/R for gt 1
 - Sofosbuvir + RBV for gt 2/3
 - Oct 2014
 - Sofosbuvir + simeprevir for gt1
 - Sofosbuvir/ledipasvir for gt1
 - Dec 2014
 - Paritaprevir/r/ombitasvir + dasabuvir +/- RBV for gt 1
 - July 2015
 - Daclatasvir + sofosbuvir for gt 3
- Beyond: grazoprevir/elbasvir +/- RBV, ASV/DCV/BCV

Who should be treated and how?

- Genotype 1
 - Sofosbuvir + ledipasvir x 8-24W (TE cirrhosis)
 - 1a: Paritaprevir/r/ombitasvir + dasabuvir + RBV x 12-24W (cirrhosis)
 - 1b: Paritaprevir/r/ombitasvir + dasabuvir x 12W
 - Sofosbuvir + simeprevir x 12-24W (cirrhosis)
- Genotype 2
 - SOF/RBV x 12W (naïve and experienced)
 - Extend to 16W in cirrhotics
- Genotype 3
 - SOF/RBV x 24W
 - PEG/RBV/SOF x 12W
 - Daclatasvir and Sofosbuvir x 12 wks (noncirrhotic)
- Ideally: all treated
- Priority: F3-4, extrahepatic disease, symptomatic
- www.hcvguidelines.org

Summary

- HAV
 - vaccine-preventable
- HBV
 - vaccine-preventable
 - chronicity dictated by age at exposure
 - replication is associated with more severe outcomes
 - therapeutic strategies therefore aimed at replicative HBV
- HCV
 - not likely to be vaccine-preventable
 - much more likely to be clinically silent
 - highest rates of chronicity
 - curable!
 - strongly consider evaluating with liver biopsy (gt 1)