World Gastroenterology Organisation Announces the Release of a New Global Guideline

Milwaukee, USA — October 31, 2013 — The World Gastroenterology Organisation currently has a library of 24 Global Guidelines and Cascades, which are written from a viewpoint of global applicability. Each Guideline goes through a rigorous process of authoring, editing and peer review and is as evidence based as possible. WGO is the only organisation however, that has adopted a global focus. Many WGO Guidelines are Cascade-based which offer different treatment options for diagnosis and treatment depending on the resources available. A Cascade is a hierarchical set of diagnostic or therapeutic techniques for the same disease, ranked according to the resources available.

About This Guideline

The newly created Hepatitis C Guideline, chaired by Professor Muhammad Umar, Principal, Rawalpindi Medical College, Chief Allied Hospitals, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, will be of interest to all health professionals in primary and secondary care involved in the management of people with hepatitis C infection in different countries of the world. It covers all stages of the disease management pathway: screening, testing, diagnosis, referral, treatment, care, and follow-up of children and adults with, or exposed to, hepatitis C (HCV) infection. “These guidelines will help the Physician treating Chronic Hepatitis C patients particularly in resource constrained countries as well as categorizing their patient for future therapies with DAA,” noted Professor Umar, Chair of the Hepatitis C Guideline.
The Hepatitis C Guideline was created with the global view of many Guideline Committee members and special advisors – with a section on Regional Treatment Notes from selected areas – including Muhammad Umar (chair, Pakistan), Aamir Ghafoor Khan (co-chair, Pakistan), Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan), Sanjeev Arora (USA), Asif Abbas Naqvi (UK), Andre Elewaut (Belgium), Gamal Esmat, (Egypt), Graham Foster (UK), Michael Fried (Switzerland), Khean-L Goh (Malaysia), Hamama Tul Bushra (Pakistan), Michio Imawari (Japan), Vasily Isakov (Russia), Justus Krabshuis (France), Douglas LaBrecque (USA), Anton LeMair (Netherlands), Peter Malfertheiner (Germany), Steve Ryder (UK), Peter Schiedermaier (Germany), Davor Stimac (Croatia), Rakesh Tandon (India), Federico Villamil (Argentina), Rodrigo Zapata (Chile) and Special advisor, Peter Ferenci (Austria) and can be accessed at http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/hepatitis-c.html

Each WGO guideline is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Mandarin and Russian, and is updated as new information and evidence is discovered. The Global Guidelines Committee meets each year to discuss updating and creating new guidelines and consists of 30-plus members from around the globe.

About WGO

Formed in 1935 and incorporated in 1958, The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) is a federation of over 110 national societies and 4 regional associations of gastroenterology representing more than 50,000 individual members worldwide, focusing on the improvement of standards in gastroenterology training and education on a global scale. The WGO Foundation, incorporated in 2007, is dedicated to raising funds to support WGO educational programs and activities.

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