

## OUR REMARKS OVER VIRUS C INFECTION

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The hepatitis C virus is encountered world wide with prevalences ranging from 0,1% to 1,5%. Using new generation diagnostic tests we could proven to be more frequent. Although often asymptomatic, 50% of the cases developed a chronic liver diseases with possible evolution to cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.

Testing the anti HCV from the patients with non-A non-B hepatitis hospitalized and followed up in Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases in Timisoara in the last 5 years we could identified virus C hepatitis in some cases. 60% of them were hospitalized with acute viral hepatitis and 40% followed up for chronic non-A non-B hepatitis.

The age of patients with anti HCV positive was between 3-60 years, 22% were children between 3-14 years. In our study we could find the main route of transmission (posttransfusional) only in a few cases (under 20%).