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Supporting the HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Workforce

# **Pro Forma Guidelines for Hepatitis B s100 Community Prescribers**

## **Why do I need to complete the pro forma?**

Hepatitis B treatment, for the majority of patients, will be life-long; therefore the decision to initiate a patient onto treatment is of great importance. To support GPs new to initiating treatment for hepatitis B, linking specialists will review the initiation work-up for the first five patients, to confirm that the decision to start treatment is appropriate at that time.

## **When does the pro forma need to be completed?**

For the first five patients you intend to start on treatment, the pro forma will need to be completed in full and sent to the specialist for review. GPs should allow adequate time for this review to be completed prior to the appointment when you intend to write the first script initiating your patient onto treatment.

## **How do I complete the pro forma?**

Once you have all of the relevant information and have completed the pro forma in full you need to send the document to your linking specialist via their preferred method as described to you in the email from ASHM.

If sending the pro forma by email please ensure you cc ASHM using the following email address [HBVprescriber@ashm.org.au](mailto:HBVprescriber@ashm.org.au)

## **What should I do if don't hear back from the specialist?**

If you don't hear back from your linking specialist within the time frame specified you may follow up with them using the method as described to you in the email from ASHM.

If you have not heard back from your linking specialist within a week of sending the pro forma please contact ASHM for further advice.

## **What should I do if the linking specialist disagrees with my decision to start the patient on treatment?**

If, having reviewed the pro forma, your linking specialist does not agree with your decision to start the patient on treatment and you do not understand the reasoning behind it, either discuss this with your specialist in more detail or contact ASHM for further advice.