

To Whom It May Concern:

Pt was seen for the first time in this clinic on 12/1/09 for right upper quadrant pain. He had lab done on 12/1/09, was positive for Hep C, negative for Hep A or Hep B. The negative profile was repeated on 12/21/09 and confirmed, Hep C positivity. He was referred to GI specialist in Jan 2010, Dr , TX. Genotype 1a was diagnosed on 4/20/10 with a viral load by RNA PCR of 6.72 log 10 IU/mL. Past history revealed no risk factors for Hep C with regard to blood transfusions. He was in the military and was at high risk for transmission of Hep C due to the past methods of mass vaccination. His social history was negative for IV drug use, snorting of drugs, piercings, and tattoos. Transmission thru sex is rare 0-6% a year in a monogamous relationship and around 1% in multiple short term relationships. It is much more likely to be transmitted thru mass vaccination practices due to contaminated needles or equipment.

Sincerely,

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