16. What is your level of interest in each of the following: *(Please tick)*

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17. Since the 1st of March 2016, have you tried to access specified specialists to fulfill the PBS consultation criteria for oral hepatitis C antiviral therapy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. In regards to accessing specified specialists to fulfill PBS consultation: *(Please tick)*

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19. What method of contact does the defined local referral pathway use to connect you to a specified specialist? ☐ Phone ☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Videoconference ☐ Other ☐ Unknown

20. Regarding people infected with hepatitis C who are actively injecting drugs, which of the following is correct? ☐ People actively injecting drugs are not eligible to receive hepatitis C treatment ☐ People actively injecting drugs are eligible to receive hepatitis C treatment only if they are on opioid substitution therapy ☐ Hepatitis C treatment decisions for people who inject drugs should be based on individualized evaluation ☐ Unsure

Please comment on any difficulties you see for people with hepatitis C in your area accessing treatment under the new PBS model of care.

Please return the questionnaire in the stamped and addressed envelope provided.
Thank you for your time.
Part B: Hepatitis C knowledge

8. Which of the following clinical risk factors would prompt you to screen for hepatitis C infection? (multiple responses possible)
   - A history of unsterile tattooing or body piercing
   - A history of injecting drug use
   - A history of imprisonment
   - A history of unprotected heterosexual intercourse
   - A history of unprotected male to male intercourse
   - A history of unprotected male to male intercourse if HIV infected

9. What tests would you order to screen for hepatitis C infection?
   - Hepatitis C RNA
   - Hepatitis C serology
   - Hepatitis C serology, and then if antibody positive, a hepatitis C RNA
   - Hepatitis C RNA, and then if RNA positive, hepatitis C serology
   - Unsure

10. Which of the following results are diagnostic of hepatitis C infection?
    - Hepatitis C antibody positive and hepatitis C RNA negative
    - Hepatitis C antibody positive
    - Hepatitis C antibody positive and hepatitis C RNA positive
    - Hepatitis C antibody positive and hepatitis C RNA negative
    - Hepatitis C antibody positive
    - Unsure

A FibroScan is a non-invasive test, which measures hepatic fibrosis. The level of hepatic fibrosis determines which hepatitis C antiviral therapy is indicated. As there is no Medical Benefits Schedule item number for performing a FibroScan, FibroScans are not available through radiology services and most FibroScan machines are located in specialist liver clinics.

11. If you have a local liver clinic, are you able to directly request a FibroScan (without a specialist consultation)?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Unsure
    - Not applicable

12. Have you ever ordered a FibroScan?
    - Yes
    - No

13. Which of the following factors will confound the results of a FibroScan? (multiple responses possible)
    - Body Mass Index
    - Fasting state
    - Platelet count
    - ALT
    - Bilirubin
    - Unsure

Acoustic Radiation Force Impulse (ARFI) imaging is another non-invasive measure of hepatic fibrosis, and is available at some radiology services.

14. Does your local radiology service offer Acoustic Radiation Force Impulse (ARFI) imaging?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Unsure

Part C: How will you manage hepatitis C in 2016?

General practitioners are eligible to prescribe oral antiviral therapy for hepatitis C under the PBS, provided that prescription occurs in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, or infectious diseases physician experienced in the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection.

“In consultation with” is intended to mean a general practitioner must consult with one of the specified specialists by phone, mail, email or videoconference in order to meet prescriber eligibility requirements.

15. Given oral antiviral treatment has been listed on the PBS, how are you managing patients with chronic hepatitis C infection this year?
    - I refer all patients with chronic hepatitis C infection to a specialized treatment service
    - I fill the PBS in consultation criteria to prescribe, and treat selected patients with chronic hepatitis C infection myself
    - Unsure, need more information
    - Other

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