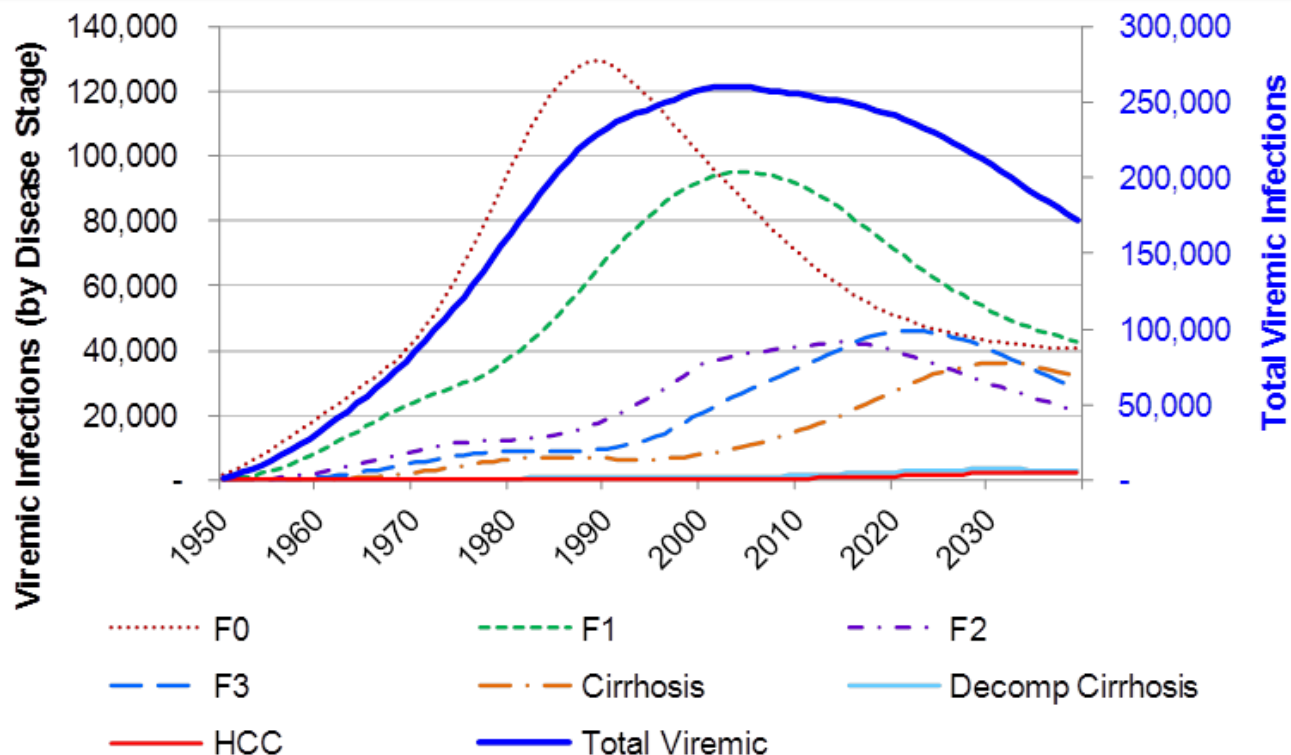


# Transformation of HCV Management: *The IFN-free Era*

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**September 8, 2014**

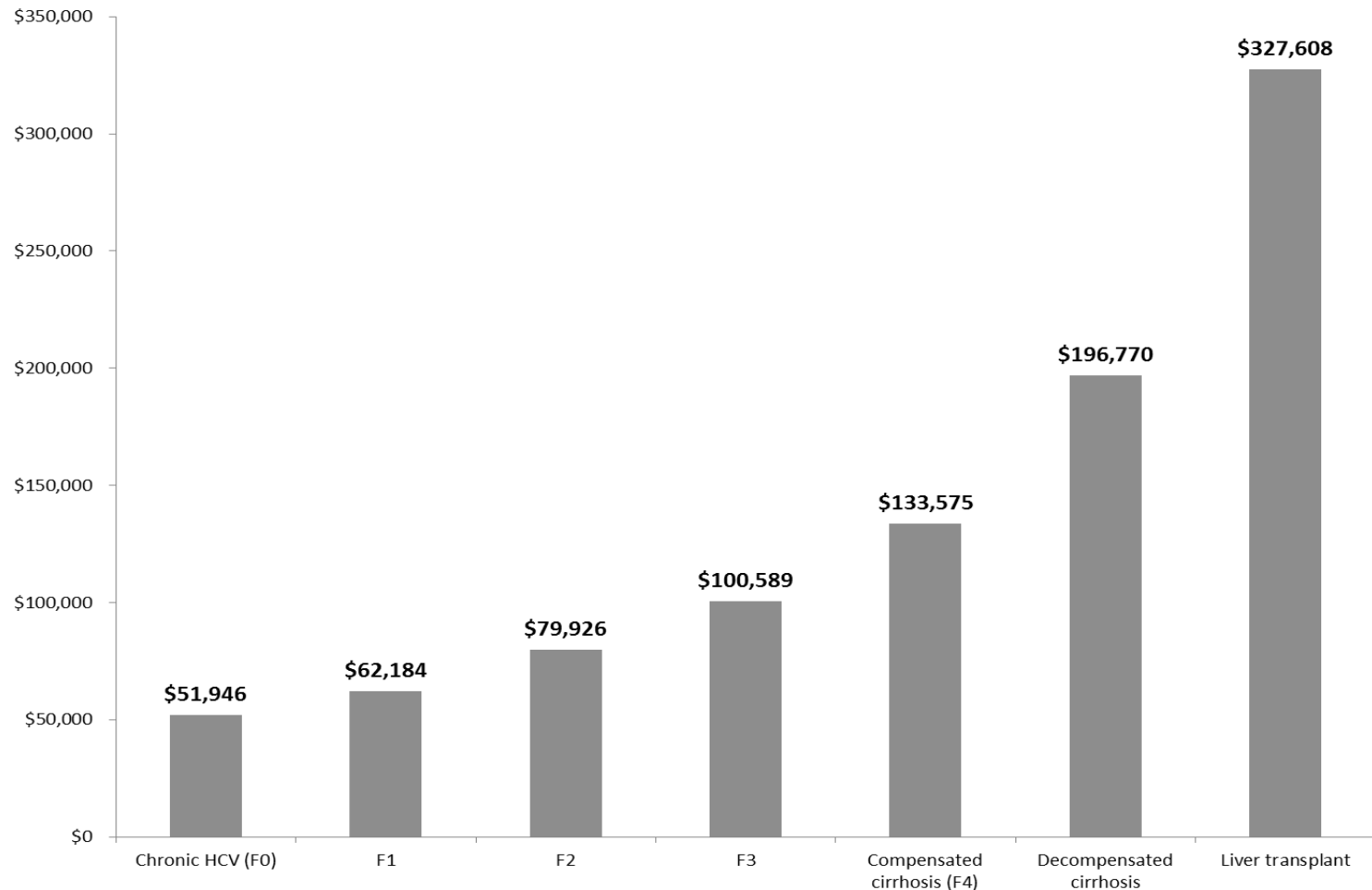


# HCV Burden of Disease in Canada: Significant Increase in Medical Burden Due to Continued Progression of Liver Deterioration



- **Cirrhosis (+89%)**
- **Decompensated Liver Disease (+80%)**
- **Hepatocellular carcinoma (+160%)**
- **Liver transplantation (+205%)**

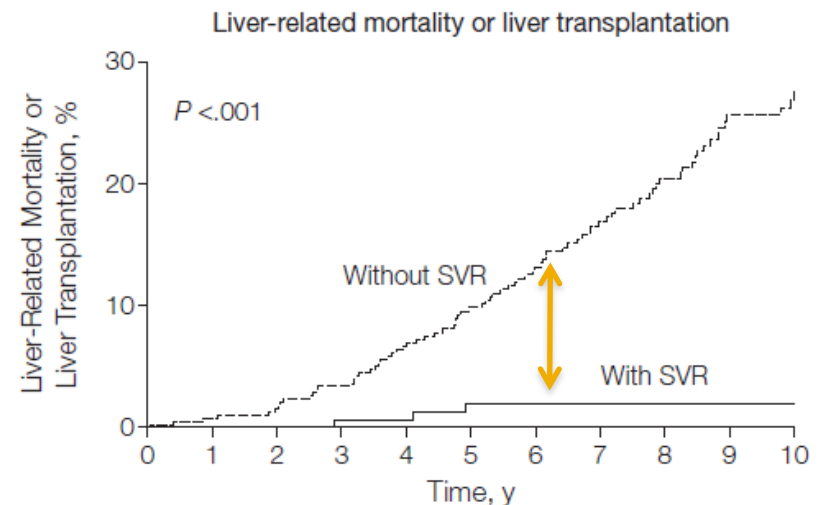
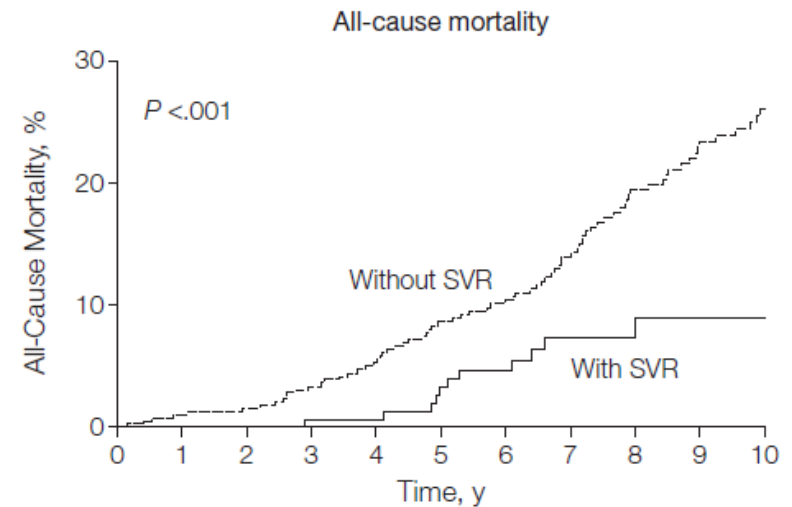
# Cost of Untreated HCV Rises Significantly with Advanced Disease



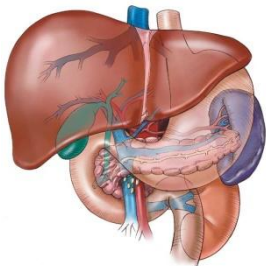
Source of graph data: Robert P. Myers, MD, et al. BURDEN OF DISEASE AND COST OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION IN CANADA. Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology May 2014.

# Achieving Sustained Virologic Response (SVR) Effectively Halts HCV-Disease Progression

- ▶ **For the patient**
  - Reduced disease sequelae
  - Improved quality of life
  - Prolonged life
- ▶ **For the healthcare system**
  - Reduced costs
- ▶ **For society**
  - Healthier population
  - More productive population



Source of graph data: Van der Meer AJ *et al.* Association Between Sustained Virological Response and All-Cause Mortality Among Patients With Chronic Hepatitis C and Advanced Hepatic Fibrosis. *JAMA* 2012;308(24):2584-93.

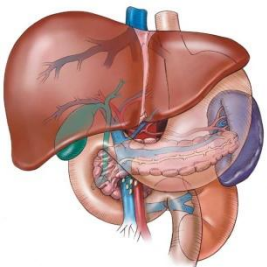


# What Does HCV Treatment Look Like *Currently*?

# Evolution of Hepatitis C Therapy to Date

	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen PI (BOC/TVR)	2 <sup>st</sup> Gen PI (SMV)	DAA (SOF)
Pill Burden	12 / 6 bid/tid	OD	OD
DDI	Many	Few	Nil
Multi-Genotype	G1 only	G1,(2,4,5,6)	G1,4,5,6,2,3
Resistance Mutations	Yes	Q80K (G1a)	Nil
Duration of Therapy / RGT	24-48 weeks /YES	24/48 weeks /YES	12 weeks / NO
AEs	Many	Few	Fewer
Capacity	Low	Med	High
Adherence	60-80%	24 weeks PEG	12 weeks PEG
Costs / AEs	+30%	Neutral	Trivial
Good for F4s	15-60%	58-65%	80%
SVR	70%	80%	90%

# Limitations of PI-Based Therapy



- Limited efficacy, particularly in poor IFN responders
  - Cirrhosis, IL28B non-CC, Black patients
  - Prior non-responders – particularly nulls
- Complicated regimens (RGT), high pill burden and long duration of IFN + RBV = poor adherence
- Toxicity issues, Adverse effects, Duration effects
- Inability to provide therapy in large volume
- Human Resource: Capacity due to AEs, etc.



# SOVALDI® (Sofosbuvir):

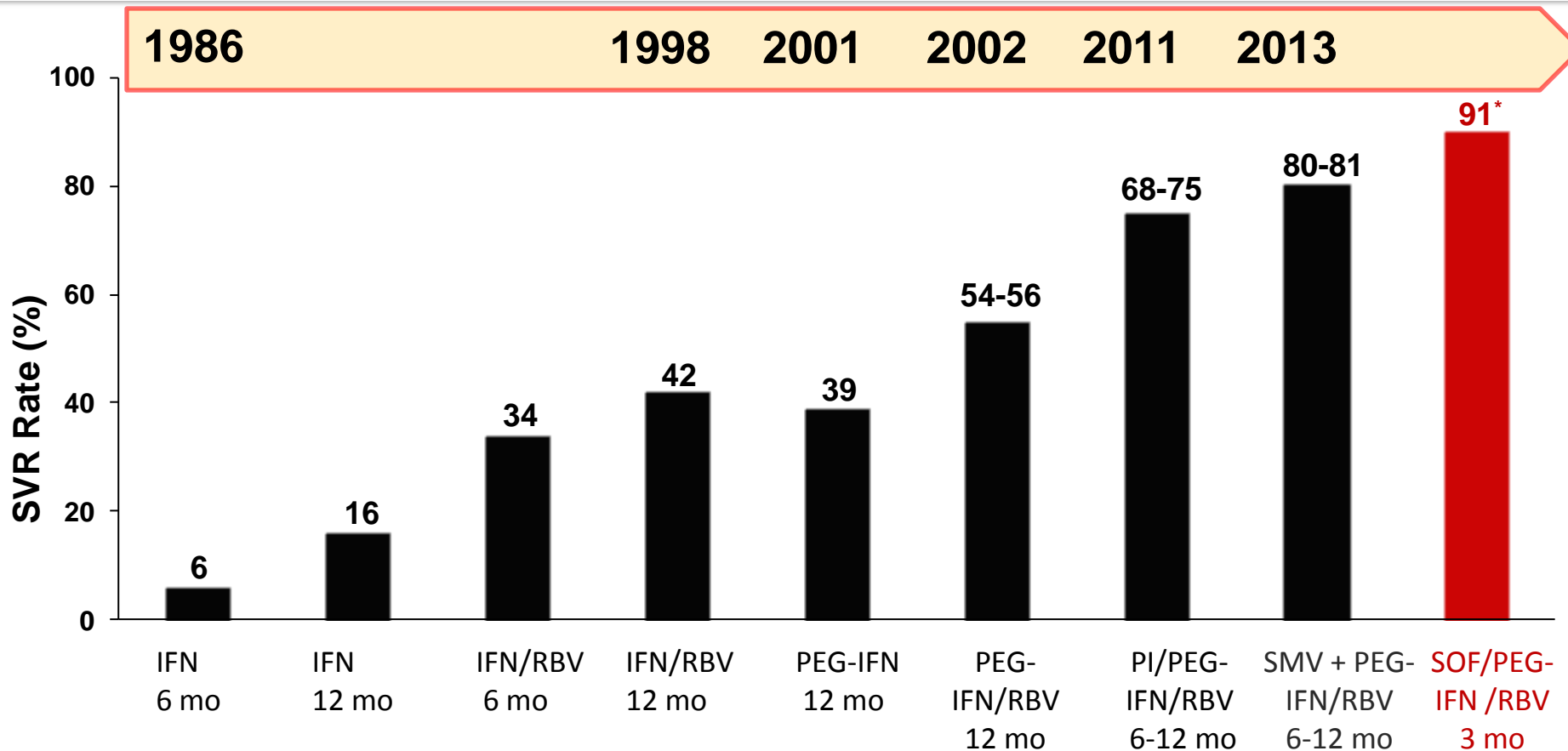
*Approved December 13, 2013*

- Sovaldi is a once-daily, direct-acting antiviral agent for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection in:
  - Genotypes 1 and 4 in combination with pegylated interferon and ribavirin (12 weeks total)
  - Genotypes 2 and 3 in combination with ribavirin alone (first all-oral treatment regimen)
- In clinical studies, Sovaldi has achieved a cure rate of greater than 90% after only 12 weeks of treatment
- Minimized side effects and well tolerated
- High barrier to resistance



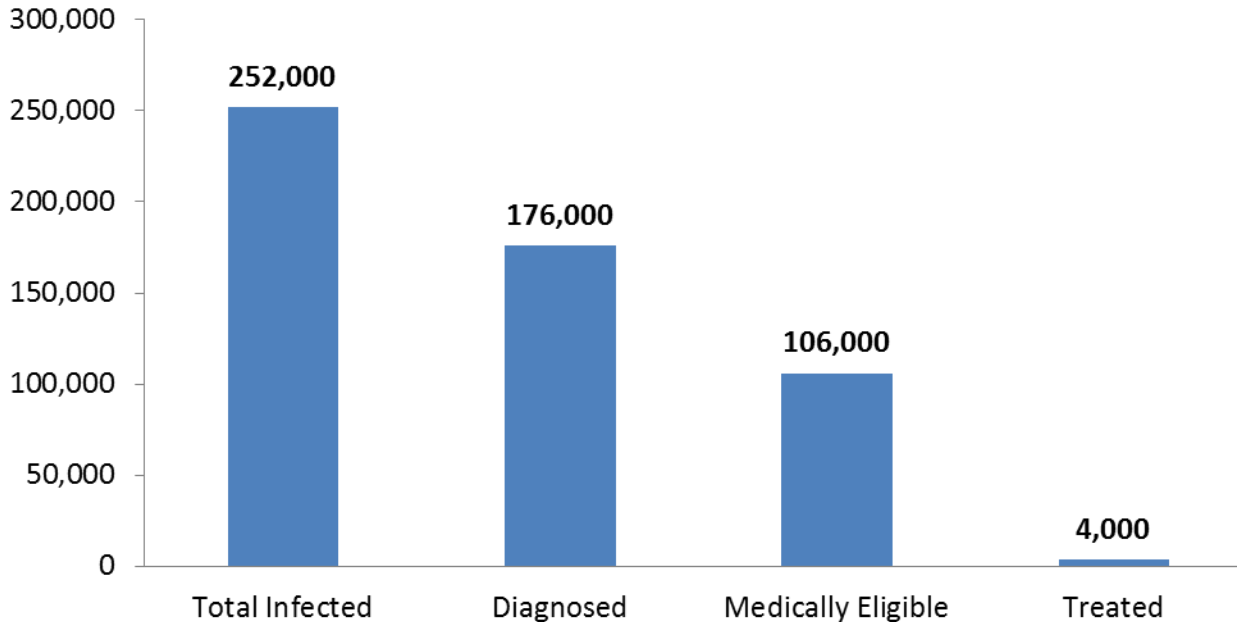


# Evolution of SVR Rates in HCV Genotype 1

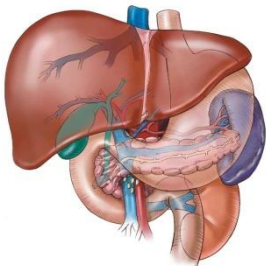


\*SVR12 rate of 90% among GT 1 patients in the Phase 3 NEUTRINO trial (12 weeks of SOF+PEG-IFN+RBV)

# 40-50% of CHC Patients are IFN-Ineligible or Intolerant. Despite Potential for Cure, Only 2% of Total Infected Population is Being Treated



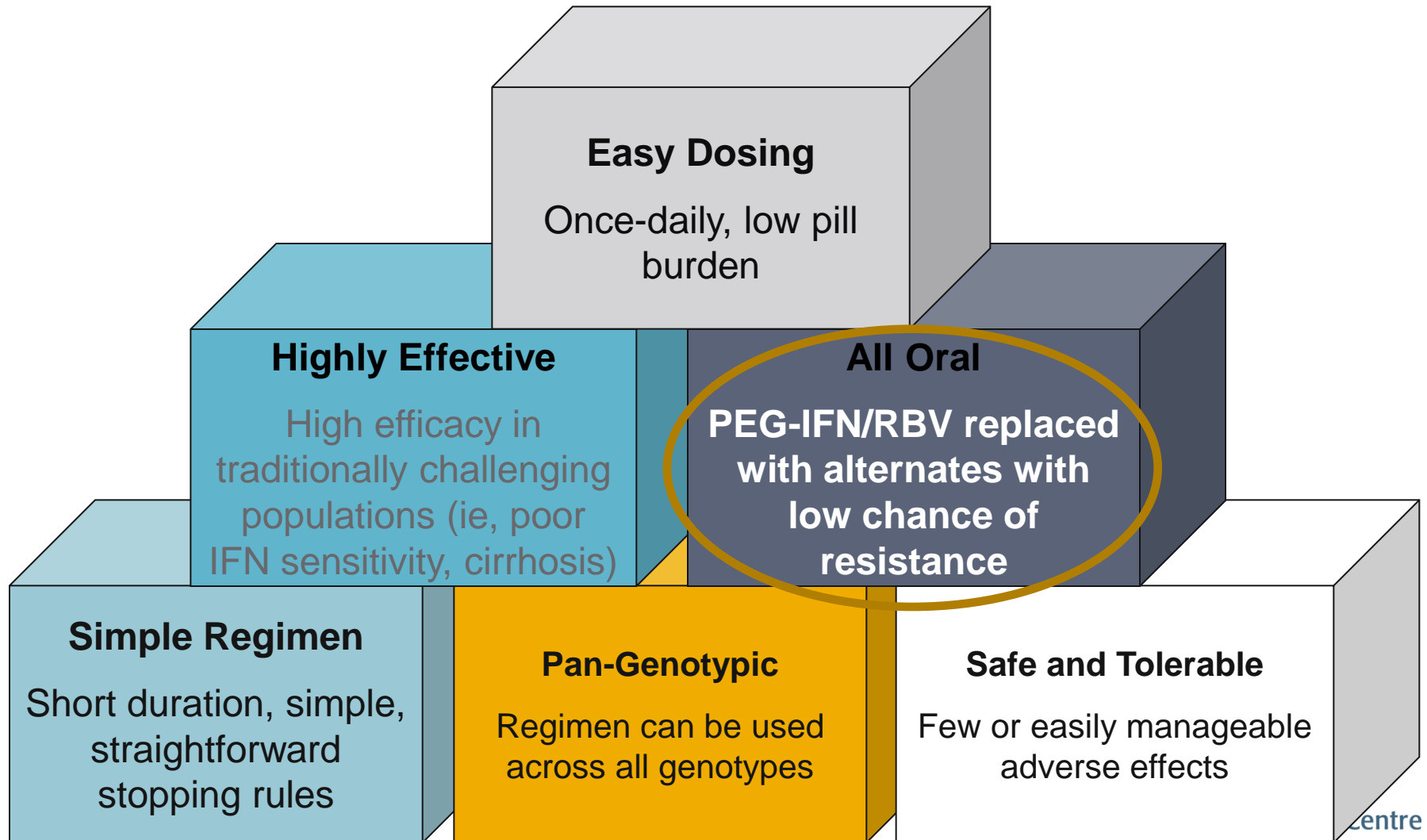
**Interferon- and RBV-free regimens will offer treatment option for GT1 patients who currently have no other options and expand potential for cure to broader CHC patient population**



# What Does HCV Treatment Look Like in the Near Future?



# Key Elements of an Ideal HCV Regimen



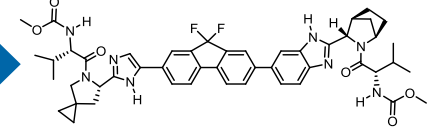
# Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir (LDV/SOF): A Single-Tablet Regimen (STR)



## ■ Ledipasvir

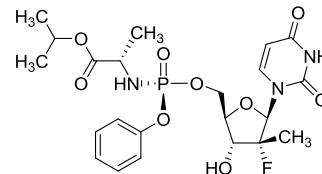
- Picomolar potency against HCV GT 1a and 1b<sup>1</sup>
- Effective against NS5B RAV S282T<sup>2</sup>
- Once-daily, oral, 90 mg

**LDV  
NS5A  
inhibitor**



## ■ Sofosbuvir

- Potent antiviral activity against HCV GT 1-6
- Effective against NS5A RAVs<sup>3</sup>
- High barrier to resistance
- Once-daily, oral, 400-mg tablet



**SOF - NS5B  
nucleotide  
polymerase  
inhibitor**

## ■ Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir STR

- Once-daily, oral fixed-dose (90/400 mg) combination tablet, RBV-free
- Minimal DDIs, no food effect
- >2000 patients treated

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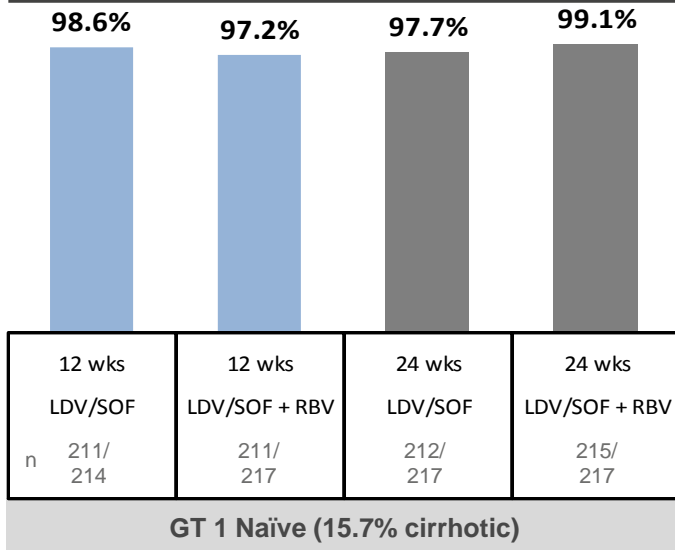


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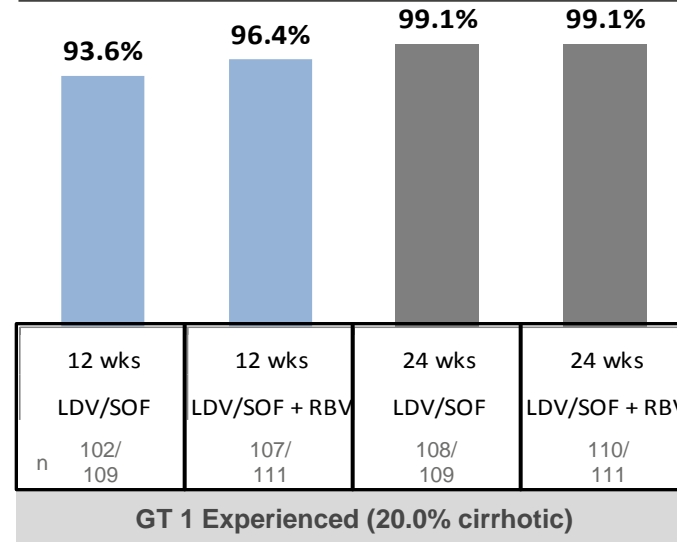
# STR of LDV/SOF Phase 3 Results



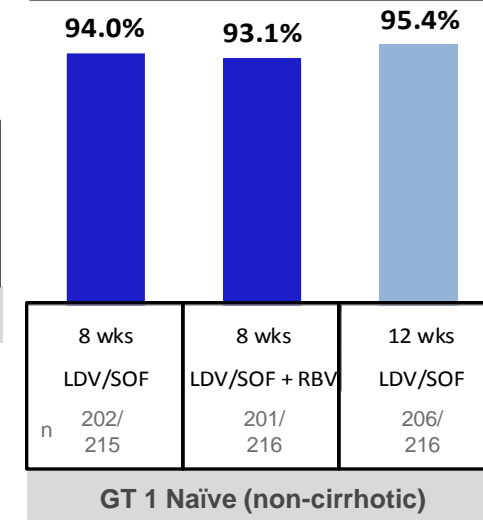
## ION-1



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## ION-3



**97% overall SVR 12 rate**

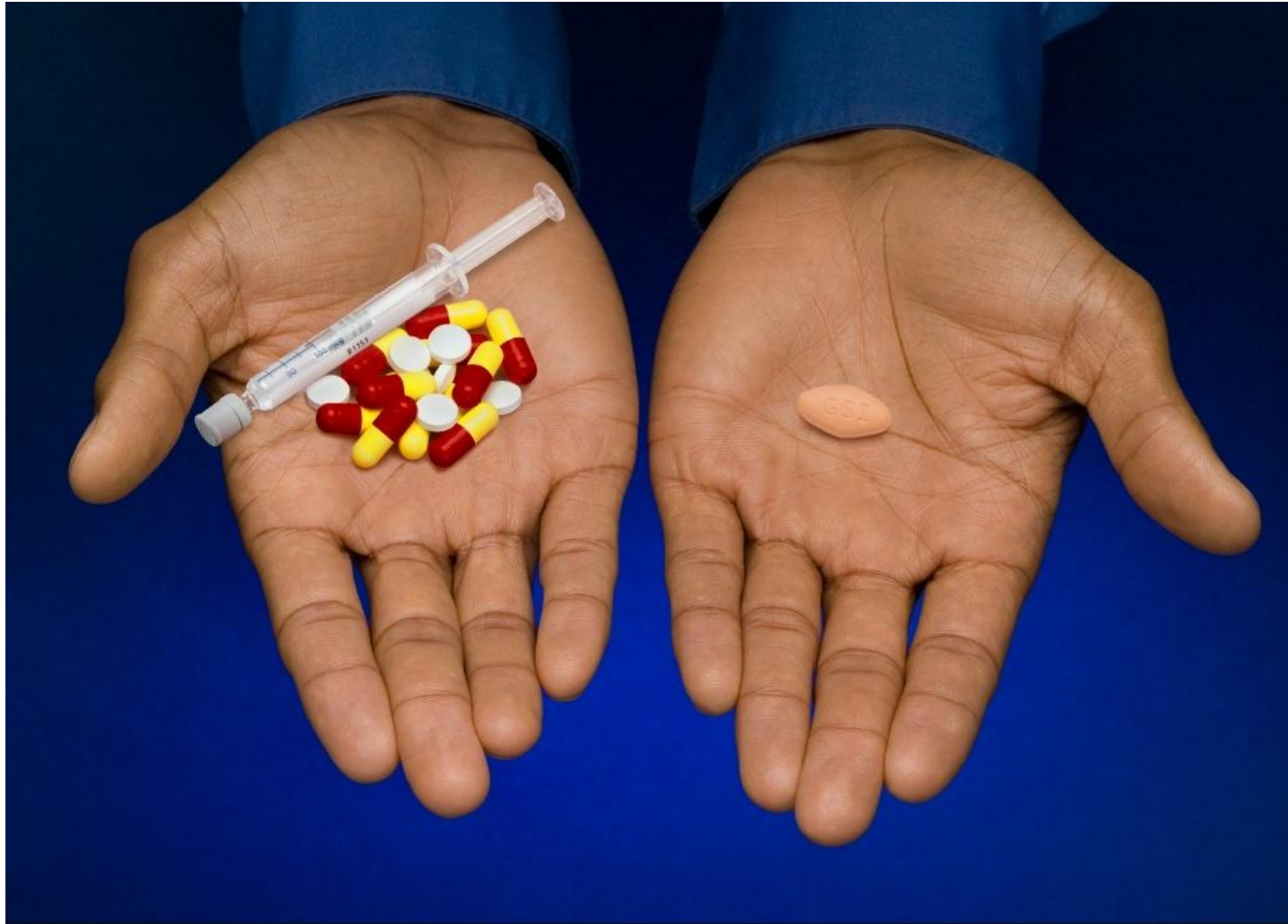
Percentages represent SVR12 rates.

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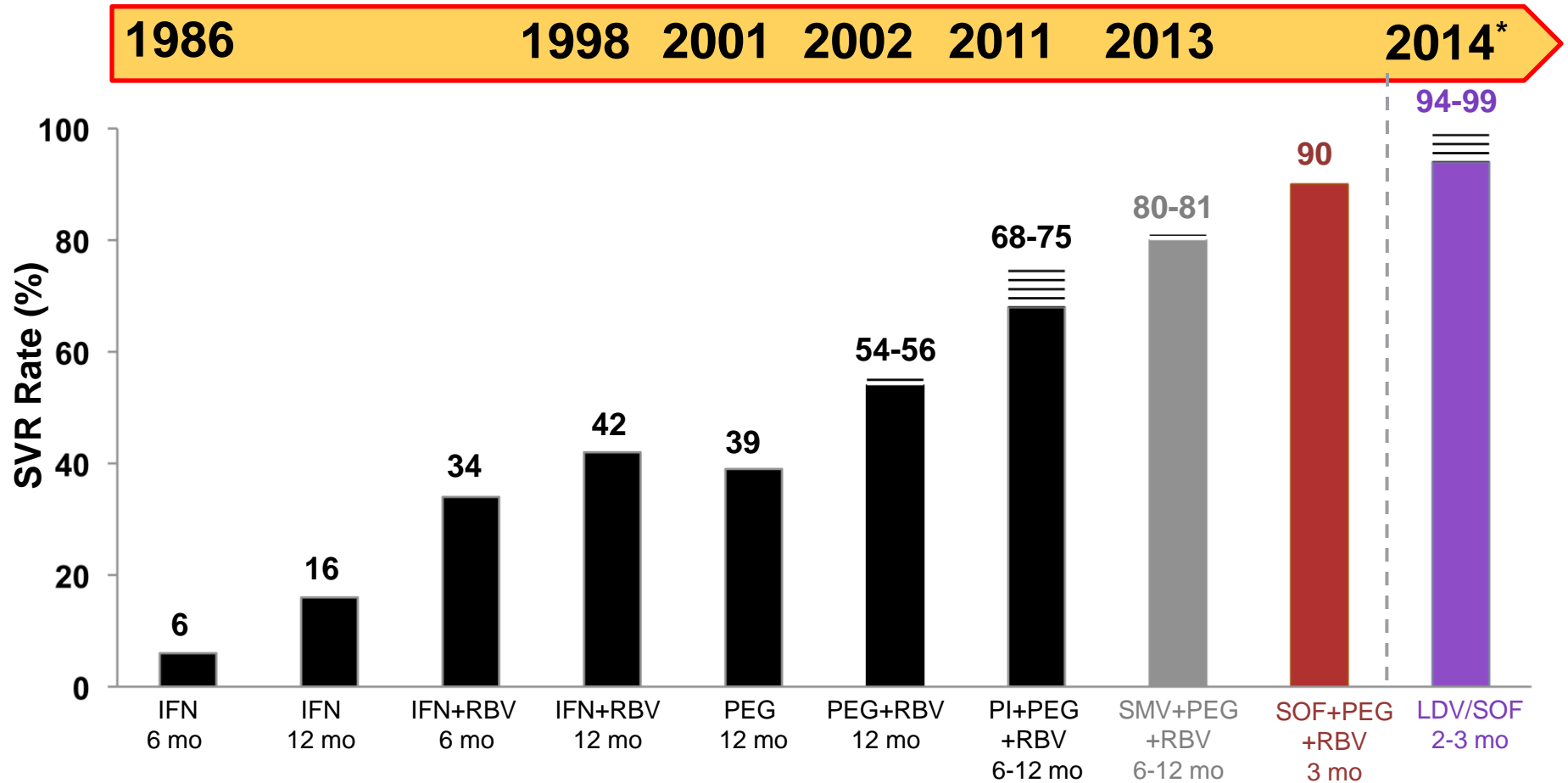


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# Sofosbuvir as the Backbone for a Simple Single-Tablet Regimen



# SVR Rates in HCV Genotype 1: Treatment-Naïve Patients



\*Year of data presentation at EASL 2014 and publication in *NEJM*

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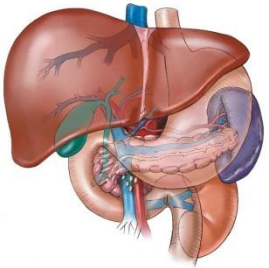
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# Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir - Summary



- LDV/SOF combines the novel NS5A inhibitor Ledipasvir with guideline-preferred NS5B inhibitor Sofosbuvir
  - To provide a simple, once-daily, oral, single-tablet regimen for genotype 1 CHC infection
- Delivers consistently high efficacy (SVR  $\geq 94\%$ ) in GT1 patients despite-
  - Presence of Cirrhosis
  - Prior poor response to IFN
  - Prior combination PI + IFN + RBV failures
- Favourable safety and tolerability profile
  - Absence of any clinically relevant safety signals with  $<1.0\%$  of patients discontinuing due to AEs
  - Reduces or eliminates adverse events and laboratory abnormalities typically associated with IFN and RBV (e.g. anemia, rash, depression, fatigue, flu-like symptoms and gastrointestinal symptoms)

