

HCV Progression of symptoms

- Infection ca. 1980 (acute Hepatitis in Guatemala)
- Diagnose HCV 1992. No symptoms.
- ca. 1997 start with first slight symptoms (fatigue), later recurrent pressure in right upper belly
- GOT > 50 / GPT > 70 between 1992 – 2000. 400'000 iU
- 2000 Treatment with Interferon / Ribavirin 3 months. Non-responder. After therapy GOT > 100 / GPT > 130. 25 Mio iU
- Pains in arms & legs during therapy, but they continue recurrently after the therapy

- Pressure/pains in right upper belly after eating, specially after oily or fat food. Starting diet.
- After ca. **2002**: pains in arms and legs start disturbing sleep, taking sleeping pills, first for a few nights/month, later multiple times a week (I was unsure if due to HCV)
- Treatment Legalon 3 x 140 mg during ca. 15 years to release pains in upper right belly (**costs ca. 45'000 SFr !**)
- Fatigue becomes chronic. Part time work due to Chronic Fatigue
- After ca. **2008**, increasing hyperacidity, pains in the oesophagos (I don't relate it to HCV)
- pains in right upper belly after every kind of food. Sometimes vomiting & nausea after certain food. Very strict diet (after ca. **2009**) . Social limitations.
- **2011** INH Hepatitis (GOT > 350, GPT > 600)

- **2012 – 2015**: GOT > 100, GPT > 130. Persistent symptoms, pains in arms & legs, pains in upper right belly, hyperacidity, chronique fatigue). The medical reports state „asymptomatisch“!
- **2014** Liverbiopsy shows F3
- Hospital proposes therapy with Sofosbuvir + Ribavirin 24 weeks (costs ca. 120'000 SFR), but internationally recommended treatment is 12 weeks of Ledipasvir + Sofosbuvir (GT 4). Swiss legislation does not permit, so I decide to „go on my own way“ and get Ledipasvir + Sofosbuvir for 12 weeks (at that time ca. 60'000 SFr).
- Treatment start on **April 21st 2015**
(out of Swiss regulations)

- **22.04.15**, 17:08:21: (original message to my partner) Me desperté muy entusiasta y todo el día ando exitado de la vida y sus maravillas. Y ahora estoy lleno de energía, pensando que voy a hacer hoy. Siento que la inflamación del hígado se fue. Aunque un médico me diría que no es posible (***I woke up very enthusiastic and the whole day I am exited about life and its wonders. I feel full of energy and am thinking about what to do today... I feel the inflammation of the liver is gone! A doctor would sure say that's not possible...***).
- Since the treatment 18 months ago **all the above mentioned symptoms are completely gone**: no more pains in the belly, no more pains in arms & legs (and insomnia as consequence), no more chronic Fatigue, no more hyperacidity and pains in the oesophagos (no more Legalon, sleeping pills, Rennies, etc.)

July 28th, 2015: Submission of the Petition
„Treatment for all HCV affected persons“



Blog stophepatitisC.blogspot.ch

- Links
- Press articles, videos
- Communications with BAG (FHO)
- Press releases
- Information and news

- June 2016: foundation of the patient organization Swiss Hepatitis C Association (SHCV: Schweizerische Hepatitis C Vereinigung)



Schweizerische Hepatitis C Vereinigung

www.hepc.ch

- Counselling for patients
- Supporting patients in legal cases (fighting for treatment)
- Supporting patients in getting drugs via

<http://fixhepc.com> :



- Treatment costs ca. 1600 USD

- During the short period since foundation mostly desperate (and symptomatic!) patients are addressing to us, because their treatment has been denied (already on medical level due to F0 or F1 status, or by the health care provider who reject treatment).
- It is a Myth that 80% of patients are non-symptomatic.
- at least 6 of them are now cured, all of them „out of Swiss regulations“.
- Also medical services started to address us, asking how they can advance regarding treatment of patients

This scandal in public health has to end immediately!

Stop the inhuman „Limitatio“

- Treatment of all HCV-affected persons that search medical aid
- Public funding of information campaigns (starting with information campaigns of healthcare specialists)
- Right of prescription of new DAA's by any doctor
- Public support & funding of the Swiss Hepatitis Strategy Project and collaboration with the Swiss Hepatitis Strategy!

Thank you for your attention and patience

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