

Infectious disease news briefs

Short summaries of recently published infectious disease articles

Management of chronic Hepatitis B infection: Current treatment guidelines, challenges, and new developments

Current international guidelines recommend first-line treatment of chronic Hepatitis B (HB) infection with pegylated interferon, entecavir or tenofovir, but the optimal treatment is contentious. Increasing evidence suggests that HB genotyping, as well as serial on-treatment measurements of HB surface antigen and HB DNA kinetics, should be used to predict and follow antiviral treatment response. A sustained virological response may be increased by extending treatment duration and using combination therapy.

Tang C, On Yau T, Yu J, World J Gastroenterol 2014 May 28; 20(20): 6262-6278

Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT) members mourn C. William (Bill) Jeanes

Dr, Bill Jeanes, CATMAT Emeritus Member, died on July 1, 2014. He was one of the founding members of CATMAT and attended CATMAT meetings for 24 years. His depth and breadth of experience and vision will be missed.

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