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Overview

Guideline Objective

To present evidence-based answers to a set on the definition, diagnosis, differential diagnosis and treatment of hepatic encephalopathy (HE)

Note: The document does not cover the pathophysiology of HE and does not cover all available treatment options.

Patient Population

Patients with suspected or confirmed HE

Recommendations

Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Use of pre-defined HE classification criteria
- Diagnostic and treatment considerations for patients with recurrent/persistent HE, overt/covert HE, cirrhosis, delirium, mild cognitive impairment, liver failure, hepatic myelopathy, cirrhosis-related Parkinsonism, and end-stage liver disease
- Guidance on use of prophylactic therapy
- Indications for liver transplantation referral and assessment
- Consideration of vitamin/micronutrient supplementation and diet modification

Note: Full recommendation statements have not been provided because this guideline does not meet EGT's systematic review of the evidence criteria. Refer to the original guideline for more information.

Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

Recommendation Rating Scheme

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Related Content

Supporting Documents

- Supplementary Data: Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form.
- Clinical Practice Guidelines of the European Association for the Study of the Liver – Advancing Methodology but Preserving Practicability; 2019 Jan 1.

Implementation Tools

No implementation tools available.

Patient Education

No patient education materials available.

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