

# Hepatitis C: treatment process



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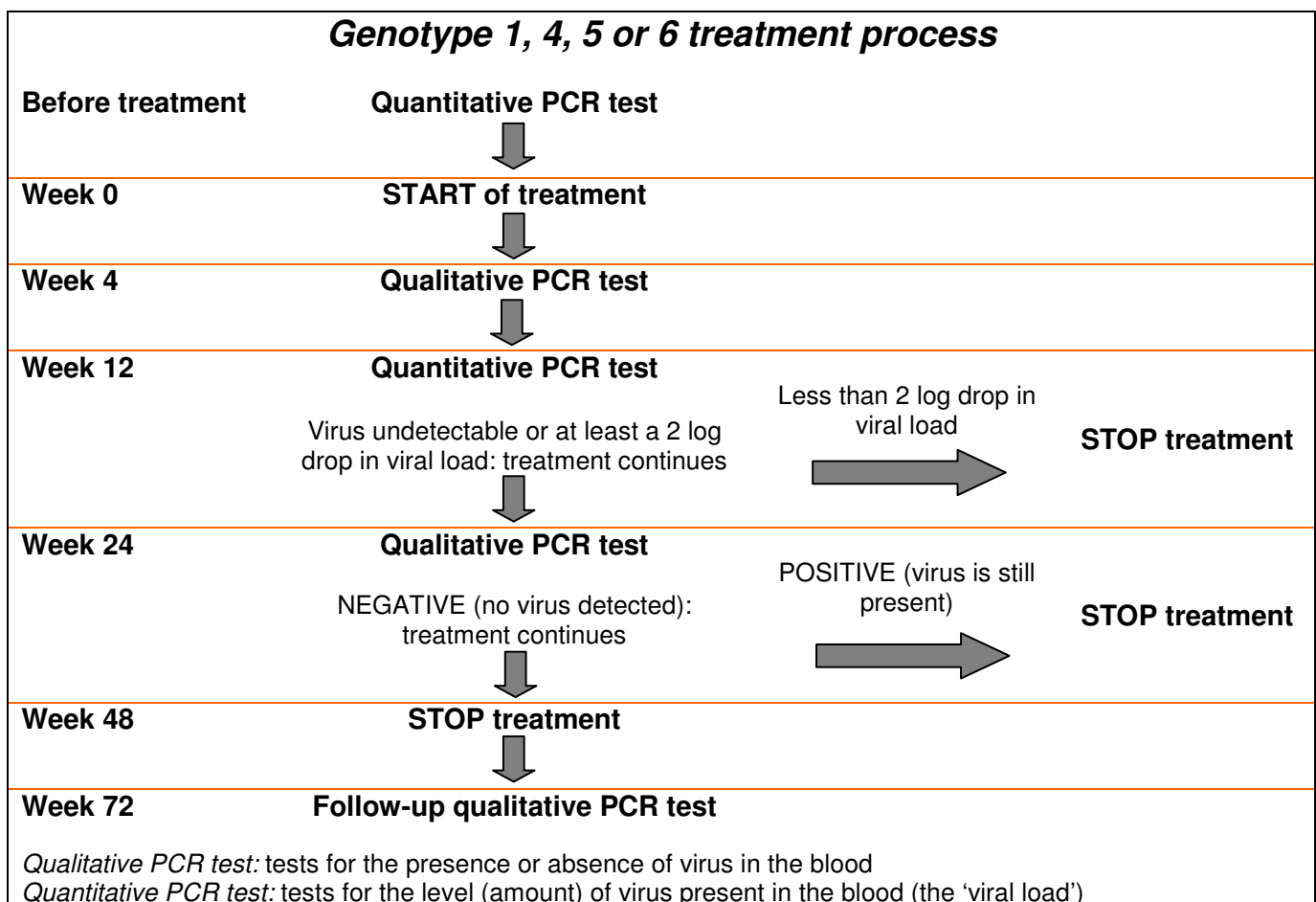
## Treatment process for combination therapy

People with genotype (or strain) 1, 4, 5 or 6 who are eligible for 48 weeks of treatment may only continue treatment after the first 12 weeks if the PCR test results show the virus has either:

- Become undetectable; or
- The viral load has decreased by at least a 2 log drop (a 2 log drop means two zeros have been reduced from the viral load measurement).

People with genotype 1, 4, 5 or 6 who are PCR positive at week 12 but have attained at least a 2 log drop in viral load may only continue treatment after 24 weeks if the virus is not detectable by PCR test at week 24.

Similarly, people with genotype 2 or 3 with cirrhosis or bridging fibrosis may only continue treatment after 24 weeks if the virus is not detectable by a PCR test at week 24. PCR quantitative tests at week 12 are unnecessary for people with genotype 2 and/or 3 due to their higher likelihood of early viral response.



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