

RURAL ENVIRONNEMENT : BREAKING DISTANCES TO CARE



Go Towards to Bring to

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Context



- Charleville Mézières, Main town concentrates all the health centers for only 20 % of the population of the district, 80 % live in the rural area
- Public transports offer very limited

Problem : Maintain equality of care access from screening to treatment

- **YOZ** is the local Drugs and harm reduction center ; from the beginning, it's a mobil team (motorhome). The based office has been created from 2015
- It's an internal rule : all members of the team should be trained for Rapid antibody tests and blood sampling blotter

Target

- Go with the motorhome toward people who are geographically or socially remote



Methodology

In the motorhome :

- Drugs users reception
- Education and provision of risk reduction material (for sniff, injection, inhalation...)
- Advice about drugs and consum
- **Easy to practice rapid antibody tests for HIV or HCV**
- Fibroscan available on demand
- Each week regular station in 4 little towns
- Tuesday Sedan 10-12 h / Wednesday : Rethel 14-16 h
- Tuesday Vouziers 14-16 h / Monday : Bogny 16-17 h



Conclusion

« Go Towards to Bring to » give a lot of added value

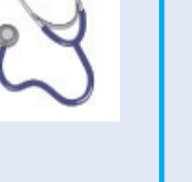
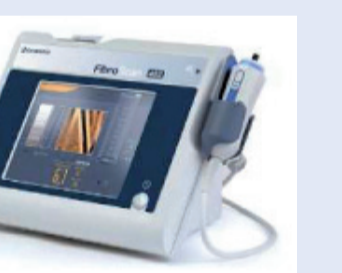
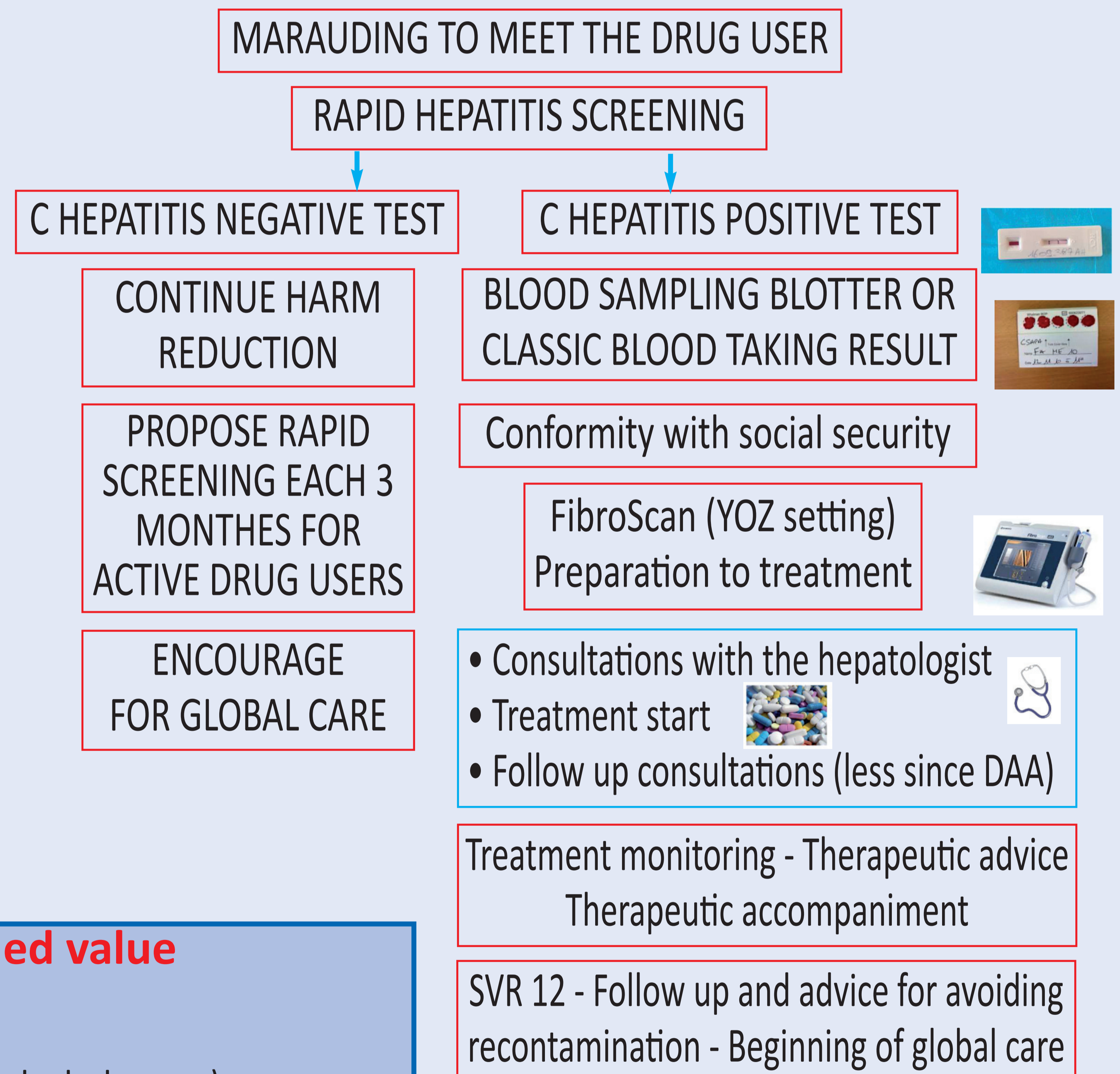
- For drug users :
 - Accompaniment to treatment
 - Better overall care (substitution treatment TSO – dental, gynecological, alcohol care...)
 - Cure for hepatitis C
- For the care teams
 - Assurance of a good compliance
 - Compliance with the consultation schedule and biological assessment
 - Professional contact for organization
- For public health
 - From the beginning of the year (6 monthes) : 150 rapid antibody tests, 9 blood sampling blotter (3 discoveries) 3 drugs users brought to treatment, 3 200 km, 3 healed people (general population of the district 270 000 people)
 - A healed person = less virus circulation
 - Encouraging people to be screened and treated
- Hepatitis screening is a real harm reduction tool

Results

- Harm reduction material can be reached everywhere there a drug user :
 - In the motorhome
 - At the reception space in Charleville
 - Home delivering in 2 days (apart from towns we stay)
 - In retail pharmacies partners
 - In free distributors (3 places)
- Hepatitis screening can be done everywhere (respect of confidentiality) :
 - Motorhome
 - Residence
 - Drugs centers...
- If the rapid Antibloody test is positive, it must be confirmed by RNA Test with a blood sampling blotter or at the hospital
- YOZ organizes the medical appointment and goes with the drug user at the appointment



Coordination of care by YOZ



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