

# *Depression and Its Impact in Hepatitis C Infection*

## **Depression Assessment Administration Protocol**

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### **Explain why: "Why should I fill this form out?"**

- Explain what the questionnaire is.
- Reinforce the importance of evaluating depression in hepatitis C care.
- Explain how the results will be used.

### **Explain what: "What am I supposed to do?"**

- Explain simply what the patient is to do.
- Discourage guessing what response the clinician wants.
- Explain time frame of questionnaire.
- Provide privacy by leaving the room or giving the patient a private space.
- Allow the patient to ask questions.