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News Release

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The Irish Haemophilia Society welcomes today's announcement by the Minister of Health, Mr Leo Varadkar, TD, and the HSE, to make available new therapies for the treatment of patients with advanced liver disease due to hepatitis C infection.

These therapies will initially be provided to those patients identified as having greatest clinical need based on advanced liver disease.

It is expected that more than one hundred patients will commence therapy before end of 2014.

Brian O'Mahony, Chief Executive of the Society stated: "We have been working toward the availability of these new and very effective therapies for patients with Hepatitis C.

"We welcome the fact that, while the longer term national treatment strategy is being prepared, the early access programme announced today will allow the sickest patients to avail of treatment. This programme will save lives."

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