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These are the first WHO guidelines on the screening, care and treatment of persons with HCV infection. They are intended to complement existing guidance on the primary prevention of HCV and other bloodborne viruses by improving blood and injection safety and health care for people who inject drugs (PWID) and other vulnerable groups, including those living with HIV (see section 2.4 for related WHO guidelines). These guidelines are primarily targeted at policy-makers in ministries of health working in low- and middle-income countries who formulate country-specific treatment guidelines and who plan infe