

Recommendations



I. AWARENESS

Raise awareness about HS to support quicker & more accurate diagnoses

1. Increase awareness for HCPs most likely to see a person living with HS
2. Educate those who frequently provide services to people living with HS
3. All education should be rooted in anti-stigma practices



II. DIAGNOSIS

Ensure patient access to diagnostic tools and collaborative care

4. Develop a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach for managing HS among various HCPs to provide optimal care
5. Expedite access to procedures



III. TREATMENTS

Support patient access to safe, effective and affordable treatments to manage HS symptoms

6. Expedite funding decisions for new treatments for HS which are safe and effective
7. Increase insurance coverage and financial assistance for proven treatments and procedures



IV. CARE

Include strategies to manage the impacts of HS on daily life in comprehensive care plans

8. Evaluate every patient with HS for depression and offer support, care and referral to a specialist, where appropriate
9. Integrate a pain management discussion into every interaction with patients with HS



V. SUPPORTING PATIENTS

Support the needs of people living with HS

10. Enhance availability and access to patient resources that provide information on treatment options and support groups for newly diagnosed patients
11. Continue to increase public awareness of HS