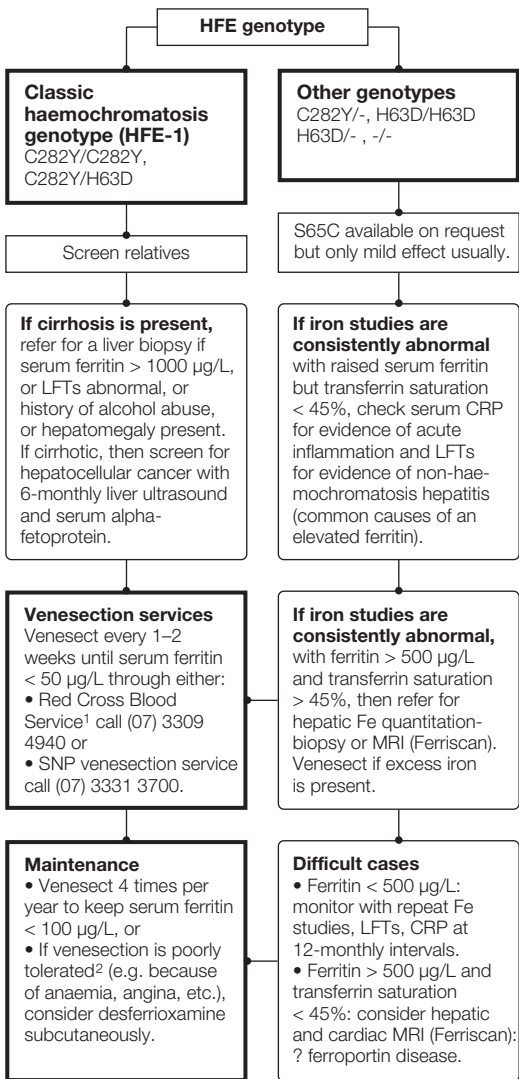


Venesection for haemochromatosis



1. The Red Cross Blood Service, (07) 3309 4940, provides a free venesection service for patients with haemochromatosis—provided that there are no contraindications for using the blood products. Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology's Venesection service, (07) 3331 3700, is not restricted by blood-donor criteria.

2. Patients who tolerate venesection poorly because of anaemia, cardiovascular instability, or poor vascular access can be managed with desferrioxamine—a chelating agent that is given subcutaneously by pump (not available through SNP).