

2017 HepCBC Facebook Posts

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all the great people who have LIKED HepCBC's page: Facebook is requiring HepCBC to move all content to this "HepCBC" PAGE and close down our PROFILE. So we're re-posting the last month's posts and events, and moving all our photos to the "HepCBC" PAGE. In the coming days, we'll also be inviting all 596 current Friends and 49 Followers to "LIKE" this PAGE. Thanks for your patience during this necessary but stressful transition! In the end, it will be an improvement, we're sure, just a little painful now...HepCBC (aka Hepcbc Hepatitis C Education-Prevention).
Apr 12, 2017, 9:28 AM

Note: we are transitioning from the Facebook PROFILE Hepcbc Hepatitis C Education to the Facebook PAGE HepCBC. Today we'll be re-posting the previous month's worth of Posts from the Profile to the Page, then starting to do all new Posts on our PAGE. Hope this goes smoothly and doesn't bother anyone!

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:13 PM

Inappropriate syringe reuse led to hep C transmission in Texas hospital, CDC says

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/16/inappropriate-syringe-reuse-led-hep-c-transmission-texas-hospital-cdc-says/>

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Fascinating Article on Organ Transplant Strategies and Problems <https://arstechnica.com/science/2017/03/live-death-math-and-efficiency-the-quest-to-solve-us-organ-transplants-woes/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:21 PM

This is old but very useful information!

<http://www.medicaldaily.com/probiotics-prevent-hepatic-encephalopathy-patients-cirrhosis-liver-287116>

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Yay, Quebec!

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/20/epclusa-treat-six-genotypes-chronic-hepatitis-c-infection-added-liste-des-medicaments-de-la-ramq-quebec/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:23 PM

Great information. Contains link to the article <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/20/new-hepatitis-c-drugs-might-eliminate-disease/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:24 PM

140,000 Israelis are unaware they have hepatitis C:

<http://www.jpost.com/Business-and-Innovation/Health-and-Science/More-Israelis-are-carriers-of-hepatitis-C-484643>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:26 PM

Canada needs Hepatitis C testing strategy, says N.W.T. MP <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/21/canada-needs-hepatitis-c-testing-strategy-says-n-w-t-mp/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:27 PM

Yay, Quebec, (AGAIN!)

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/21/zepatier-now-covered-quebec-treatment-chronic-hepatitis-c/>

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We have updated our Current Treatments page, listing the drugs now covered by PharmaCare in BC

<http://hepcbc.ca/current-treatments/>

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Hepatology & Gastro-enterology's video:

<https://www.facebook.com/135569129851225/videos/1333520610056065/?pnref=story>

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Updated Apr 14, 2017, 3:37 PM

British Columbia lists EPCLUSA™ on public drug plan to treat all six genotypes of chronic hepatitis C infection

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/21/british-columbia-lists-epclusa-public-drug-plan-treat-six-genotypes-chronic-hepatitis-c-infection/>

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Selkirk College Student Nurses Bring HEPBCB and ANKORS to Hepatitis C Info Event

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/24/selkirk-college-student-nurses-bring-hepcbc-ankors-hepatitis-c-info-event/>

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The 2017 Hepatitis C Community Summit – a key step on the road to elimination

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/28/2017-hepatitis-c-community-summit-key-step-road-elimination/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:06 PM

Patients at Calgary home dental clinic may have been exposed to HIV, hepatitis: AHS

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/28/patients-calgary-home-dental-clinic-may-exposed-hiv-hepatitis-ahs/>

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Saskatchewan expands coverage for 6 hepatitis C drugs <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/29/saskatchewan-expands-coverage-6-hepatitis-c-drugs/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:08 PM

TRAUMA-INFORMED health practices through an understanding of historic trauma (What's new is really old) - free WEBINAR sponsored by NORTHERN HEALTH and NATIONAL COLLABORATINGCENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH, April 21, 2017 at 10am PST. Pre-register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3708268272629142785>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:10 PM

Yikes! - New research suggests hepatitis B and C could increase the risk of Parkinson's disease

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/30/new-research-suggests-hepatitis-b-c-increase-risk-parkinsons-disease/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:11 PM

Impact of hepatitis C virus therapy on metabolism and public health

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/liv.13282/full>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:12 PM

Excellent visual PDF to go with article below about how HCV affects metabolism and contributes to risk of diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, etc. and how SVR (treatment and cure) can prevent these extra-hepatic manifestations:

http://www.aphc.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/1701_Impact_of_HCV_therapy_on_metabolism_and_PH.pdf

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:13 PM

France Reaches Agreement With Gilead To Drop Prices Of Hepatitis C Treatment

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/31/france-reaches-agreement-gilead-drop-prices-hepatitis-c-treatment/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:15 PM

Scale Up of Hepatitis C Treatment Possible as Brazil Rejects Patent on Key Drug

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/03/31/scale-hepatitis-c-treatment-possible-brazil-rejects-patent-key-drug/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:18 PM

Resources for LIVER CANCER patients and families on VANCOUVER ISLAND:

http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/survivorship-site/Documents/HealthSupportServices_LiverCancer%20VICC%202015.pdf

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:19 PM

March 29, Italian Health Minister officially approves personal importation (by individuals for their own use) of generic drugs when the version licensed in Italy is inaccessible to that individual due to price. Italian health service insurance covers hepatitis C medications for many; this directive affects those who either do not meet current treatment criteria, or who are experiencing delays due to lack of clinical treatment capacity, and do not want to wait for treatment - but cannot afford the patent version available in Italy. Note it does not offer to reimburse these individuals, just officially permits importation. English (unofficial) translation follows.

http://www.repubblica.it/salute/2017/03/29/news/epatite_c_via_libera_all_acquisto_dei_generici_all_estero-161724239/

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

Hepatitis C, green light to the purchase of generic drugs abroad

A circular from the Minister Lorenzin allows those that do not correspond to the criteria for obtaining the drug from the Italian health service, or those who do not want to wait to get their treatment, to go and buy the drugs abroad or to order it to be shipped.

Patients who do not meet the criteria set by AIFA to get the hepatitis C drugs, can purchase the generic medicine abroad, provided it is for personal use. This is the decision set in a circular issued by the Minister of Health Beatrice Lorenzin, which has revolutionized the care system for tens of thousands of people and, above all, marks a new direction in the field of care for this infectious disease.

It should be noted that the circular does not specifically talk about hepatitis C and this makes the decision applicable to other medicines if people experience similar situations. The story now is known: to get free medication patients must fit into certain clinical categories. Until now access to care was guaranteed only to the sickest patients, even though recently AIFA has expanded greatly earlier than the moment they will receive the call of their center of hepatology. They can do this by using the rules of the circular. Moreover, for some time now, many patients have been purchasing the drug abroad, going to buy it in India or, experiencing more difficulties especially from a legal point of view, ordering it via the internet. The circular of the MoH is addressed to these people. "As it is well known - it is written in the act - no medicinal product may be marketed in Italy without obtaining a license from AIFA or from the EU." The Ministry introduces two exceptions to the principle: "Medicines placed regularly for sale in foreign countries but not allowed on the market in Italy, shipped from abroad at the request of the doctor," or "medicines regularly registered in foreign countries, which are taken personally by the traveler at the time of 'entry into the national territory, provided that they are intended for personal use for a therapeutic treatment not exceeding 30 days." "The two cases are the ones that are taking place in this period. But if the latter has never been questioned in the sense that the law allows to return from other countries with medicines if there is a prescription in the suitcase, the former is disruptive, because it recognizes the opportunity to buy on the internet, drugs of certified origin. Even in this case a prescription is required and patients have to send a form filled by their doctor to the Ministry.

All this can be done, as explained later in this decision, when there is no a viable therapeutic alternative that is to say when in fact there is an authorized treatment in Italy based on the same active ingredient than what you buy abroad but this one is different in several respects (dosage, packaging, etc.). This expedient can be used especially "when access to drugs available in Italy is not possible for the patient, as s/he does not fit in the criteria set for the treatment by the NHS or because of its cost". It seems that the circular was written thinking of Sovaldi, the first drug marketed by Gilead and purchased by the Italian State only for certain categories of HCV patients. This is why so many patients have tried to be treated abroad and some have also seen a court upholding their right to have the drug shipped. Now that the access criteria have been expanded, thanks to the use of other similar drugs, and thanks to the deal that AIFA is negotiating, fewer people will be excluded by the government HCV program. But still there will be tens of thousands of patients that will not have immediate access. They can buy the drug in India or Egypt and maybe even ask the Italian local health authorities to obtain a reimbursement for the medicine.

The Minister of Health, Beatrice Lorenzin, said: "In recent weeks we have had many reports concerning drugs, regularly imported by Italian patients for personal use, that were stuck in customs, because, even though they were legally allowed in a foreign country, they were not authorized in Italy. The Dogana blocked these drugs on the basis of a restrictive interpretation of the regulations in force, believing, against the scientific evidence, that the two drugs were identical even if there were differences concerning dosage, excipients, and mode of administration. With my circular this was clarified. But above all it is clear that there cannot be a viable therapeutic alternative for the Italian patient when the drug licensed in Italy is not actually accessible to all, as too expensive, as is the case with drugs against hepatitis C and other innovative medicines. Therefore, we removed a hateful bureaucratic obstacle in the way towards freedom and effectiveness of care. "

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:24 PM

Yay!! No more interferon in Saskatchewan!

<http://thestarphoenix.com/health/family-child/new-hep-c-drug-coverage-means-more-options-for-patients-nurse-says>

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PCPs can play significant role in patients overcoming hepatitis C <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/02/pcps-can-play-significant-role-patients-overcoming-hepatitis-c/>

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Alberta expands drug coverage for hepatitis C patients <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/03/alberta-expands-drug-coverage-hepatitis-c-patients/>

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Wiping out hepatitis C: Alberta doctor explains access to game-changing drug for patients

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/06/wiping-hepatitis-c-alberta-doctor-explains-access-game-changing-drug-patients/>

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HepVOICE Magazine vol. 14 March, 2017 available now from World Hepatitis Alliance! Topics:

WHO Strategic & Technical Advisory Committee

HCV Interveners Meeting

World Hepatitis Summit: Your involvement needed

World Hepatitis Day campaign launch

Wall of Stories

WHA Regional Advisor appointed

Showcase your NOhep activities

WHA member activities

web version (requires FLASH) at: <https://www.joomag.com/magazine/hepvoice-vol14/0036144001491567473> OR PDF version at

http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/.../hepvoice_vol14.pdf

http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/.../hepvoice_vol14.pdf

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Watch this short video and launch you own personal NO HEP campaign! Share with your friends! It'stime. No excuses!

<http://www.nohep.org/noexcuse-why-pledge/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:36 PM

U.S.: FDA approves two hepatitis C drugs for pediatric patients <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/07/u-s-fda-approves-two-hepatitis-c-drugs-pediatric-patients/>

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/07/u-s-fda-approves-two-hepatitis-c-drugs-pediatric-patients/>

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WHO prequalifies first generic active ingredient for hepatitis C medicines

<http://hepcbc.ca/2017/04/10/prequalifies-first-generic-active-ingredient-hepatitis-c-medicines/>

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Interesting study showing why we need to develop a vaccine! <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2017-04-genetic-reveals-hepatitis-interacts-humans.html>

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Wow...

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2017/apr/11/ex-doctor-in-las-vegas-hepatitis-c-case-dies-in-pr/>

Updated Apr 14, 2017, 4:42 PM

Good assessment of the situation!

Updated Apr 15, 2017, 11:06 AM

Good story from New Zealand

Updated Apr 17, 2017, 3:03 PM



We were just notified by Feedspot that our blog (website) HepCBC has been selected as one of the Top 20 Hepatitis C Blogs on the web. We were ranked #11 in the World and are the top HepC blog in Canada! http://blog.feedspot.com/hepatitis_c_blogs/

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Apr 18, 2017, 11:27 AM

WHO's Global Viral #Hepatitis strategic report released today sets baseline for elimination of #HCV by 2030.
<http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/news/apr-2017/who-s-first-global-hepatitis-report-sets-baseline-measure-progress-towards-elimination>

Updated Apr 21, 2017, 7:53 PM

This is so wrong!!

Updated Apr 24, 2017, 10:13 AM

Very bad decision? Who are they covering up for?

Updated Apr 24, 2017, 11:49 AM

Cdn task force REJECTS calls for BABY-BOOMER TESTING, primarily due to COST of screen-treatprogram but also claim lack of evidence to support it...HepCBC supports Cdn Liver Foundation which continues to advocate for age-cohort testing. MAJOR SETBACK but we will continue this struggle.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/hepatitis-c-screening-1.4083032> Updated Apr 24, 2017,

12:18 PM

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MLA Katrine Conroy of Castlegar is tested publicly for hepatitis C in Victoria by CoolAid Society Nurse, in support of baby boomer testing

DO YOU AGREE it is "unethical to screen for a disease when treatment is unavailable or unaffordable"? See today's CMAJ article about rejecting age-cohort hep C screening in Canada by Geneviève Cadieux PhD MD and Herveen Sachdeva MD MHS of Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto:

<http://www.cmaj.ca/site/press/cmaj.170274.pdf>

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ACTION HEPATITIS CANADA reacts to Canada's REJECTION OF BABY-BOOMER HCV TESTING Guidelines. HepCBC 100% in support:

<http://mailchi.mp/66898f53e705/ahc-new-hcv-screening-guidelines-released-today?e=660cabf24e>

Updated Apr 24, 2017, 1:01 PM



Dr. Eric YOSHIDA's REPLY to the REFUSAL of Canadian government to add age-cohort (such as 'BABYBOOMER') HCV screening to our current risk-based only screening. EXCELLENT SUMMARY of reason this is not only unjust, but unscientific. Thank you, Dr. YOSHIDA.

http://www.cmaj.ca/content/189/16/E594/reply#cmaj_el_733099

Apr 25, 2017, 10:24 AM

Title below is a little misleading. Daclatasvir + asunaprevir is only used for genotype 1B. Daclatasvir + sofosbuvir is used for all the other genotypes. Both daclatasvir (Daklinza®) and asunaprevir (Sunvepra®) were recently added as medications covered by BC PharmaCare.

Updated Apr 28, 2017, 5:42 AM

Way to go Australia!

Updated May 2, 2017,

Excellent article on ridiculous situation. And yes the new guidelines serve to perpetuate stigma and undercuts community efforts to educate the general populace.

Updated May 4, 2017, 12:14 PM

Hepatitis C testing in Canada: Don't leave baby boomers behind

A reply from BC's HCV research community to the new "Recommendations on hepatitis C screening for adults"

http://www.cmaj.ca/content/189/16/E594/reply#cmaj_el_733111

by Lianping Ti, Research Scientist, Julio Montaner, Viviane Lima, Mark Hull, Mel Krajden, Richard Harrigan, Bohdan Nosyk, Jeffrey Joy, Thomas Kerr, Kate Shannon, Evan Wood, Jean Shoveller, Alnoor Ramji, Hin Hin Ko, Eric Yoshida, David Hall, and Rolando Barrios

Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of Hepatitis C Virus in British Columbia Team

The emergence of direct-acting antiviral (DAA) therapy to treat hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection has brought renewed optimism in controlling the HCV epidemic (1). Recent price reductions and the consequent expansion of access to these safer, shorter, highly effective regimens in Canada have made this a tangible goal (2). As a result, the scale-up and roll-out of HCV testing is now an important consideration. It is therefore of significant concern that the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care's recently published guideline in the Canadian Medical Association Journal failed to acknowledge that people born between 1945 and 1975, commonly referred to as "baby boomers", are a population with a higher prevalence of HCV infection that should be screened for HCV infection (3). The recommendation against screening for HCV in asymptomatic baby boomers is also inconsistent with guidelines from a number of international health organizations (4,5).

Baby boomers are a key population within the HCV epidemic in Canada. In British Columbia, recent

Contrary to a popular misconception that these individuals contracted HCV from past high-risk practices (e.g., needle sharing, high-risk sexual practices), there is an established body of research demonstrating that many baby boomers who contracted HCV prior to 1992 did so as a result of nosocomial or iatrogenic practices (e.g., re-use of needles) in healthcare settings and via donated blood and organs prior to screening (8). As baby boomers may often be unaware of past healthcare HCV transmission risks, this strongly advocates for screening to be based on both demographic and risk factors. As HCV is typically asymptomatic for many decades, unscreened baby boomers living with HCV may never have sought testing or treatment, and thus are vulnerable to significant liver-related complications, including cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma, and premature death. Indeed, baby boomers have the largest proportion of advanced liver disease with decompensation and liver cancer.

In February 2017, the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance negotiated significant DAA price reductions with pharmaceutical companies that allowed Canada to advance universal coverage for HCV medications (2). In response, many provinces have outlined a strategy to remove all restrictions on DAA therapy by 2018, including barriers to access based on comorbidities (e.g., HIV co-infection) and disease severity (i.e., Metavir fibrosis score of F2). While prior restrictions would have resulted in challenges treating the entire HCV-infected population, this will no longer be the case in the near future. The recommendation put forward by the task force to limit HCV testing for baby boomers is therefore outdated, as their rationale against screening this population due to treatment ineligibility and the potential for increased health inequity owing to affordability is not valid. If left untreated, the estimated lifetime cost for an individual living with HCV infection in 2013 is

\$64,694, and lifetime future costs range from \$51,946 for a chronic patient with fibrosis score of F0 to \$327,608 for a patient requiring liver transplantation (9).

The task force's recommendation also stands in contrast to a number of international guidelines that proposed one-time HCV screening for baby boomers. The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, Infectious Diseases

Society of America, US Centers for Disease Control, and the Canadian Liver Foundation have all strongly recommended one-time screening for this population(4,5). Among others, a key advantage to offering one-time HCV testing to baby boomers is that it neither requires healthcare providers to identify risk, nor for individuals to recall past exposures that may lead to underreporting. Routine offers of one-time screening also holds promise for decreasing stigma associated with HCV testing, and potentially opens new discourses in clinical and public settings to de-stigmatize HCV (8).

The task force's guidelines also fail to acknowledge consistent and high quality evidence that one-time screening for baby boomers, followed by appropriate HCV treatment, is cost-effective. While many of these studies were conducted in the US and analyses were based on local treatment costs and epidemiological conditions, we expect that the findings would also apply in Canada. Similarly, one Canadian study found that birth cohort screening followed by treatment resulted in an incremental cost-effectiveness ratio of up to \$44,034 per quality-adjusted life year gained compared to no screening.¹⁰ In fact, given recent Canadian policy changes associated with DAA costs, it is likely that there will be higher net benefits.

In their guidelines, the task force emphasized the potential for "unnecessary anxiety and/or false reassurances" due to false positive and false negative HCV test results. While potential for HCV antibody, and more rarely HCV RNA, false positives and negatives exists, the available HCV tests in Canada have been shown to be accurate and reproducible for HCV blood screening. These tests have also been globally effective for enrolling patients in therapeutic registration trials. Therefore, potential harms associated with HCV screening are arguably overstated, especially given the context that without screening, diagnosis of curable HCV infections, would be missed.

Corresponding with the increase in treatment availability, the opportunity to dramatically alter the way HCV testing and treatment services are offered to patients is now possible. Unfortunately, the

testing from baby boomers is inconsistent with current guidelines. As one of the few countries to have moved towards universal coverage to treat HCV infection, we have an ethical obligation to treat those burdened by this preventable and curable disease. As such, the guidelines put forward by the task force should be revised immediately to incorporate evidence-based HCV screening for asymptomatic baby boomers. As written, the proposed guidelines constitute an impediment to the control of HCV disease in Canada.

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Conflict of Interest: None declared
May 5, 2017, 12:02 AM

New issue Hep Voice magazine from the World Hepatitis Alliance! Great read:
<https://www.joomag.com/magazine/hepvoice-vol15/0518552001493979456>
Updated May 5, 2017, 7:48 AM

Read Pacific Hep C Network's 5 Point Plan to Eliminate Hep C in BC, tagline #BChepCFree

- 1) Refresh BC Hepatitis C Strategy: Work with stakeholders, including citizens impacted by hepatitis C, to refresh and fund a phased plan with defined timelines.
- 2) Update Testing Guidelines: To include older adult screening and/or normalized hepatitis C screening for the general population.
- 3) More Continuum of Care Resources: Increase capacity (system and individual health care provider) to test, diagnose, assess, monitor, treat and follow up all people living with hepatitis C in BC.
- 4) Expanded Awareness: Implement strategies to motivate at-risk populations (age cohort, immigrants, Indigenous people, injection drug users) to seek screening and care for hepatitis C
- 5) Decrease Stigma: Address stigma and discrimination towards those living with and at-risk for hepatitis C within the health care system (i.e. hepatitis C education; cultural competence training requirements).

Read more at <http://www.pacifichepc.org/>
May 5, 2017, 11:51 AM

Election in BC very soon! The Pacific Hepatitis C Network asked politicians to respond to their 5 Point Plan to Eliminate Hep C in BC. Read the Liberals' reply:
<http://www.pacifichepc.org/3197-2>
Updated May 5, 2017, 11:54 AM

Election in BC very soon! The Pacific Hepatitis C Network asked politicians to respond to their 5 Point Plan to Eliminate Hep C in BC. Read the NDP's reply: <http://www.pacifichepc.org/ndp-supports-phcn-5-point-plan-eliminate-hep-c>
Updated May 5, 2017, 11:55 AM

For those of you who don't remember:
Updated May 10, 2017, 12:02 PM

This is Good!
Updated May 26, 2017, 4:50 PM

Thought this would be interesting info
Updated May 27, 2017, 10:13 AM

Place: 10200 No. 5 Road, Richmond, BC V7A 4E5 (49.1386656, -123.0916294)
From May 31, 2017, 5:30 PM to May 31, 2017, 7:30 PM

Want to know more about hepatitis "B" or "C"? New cures? Info in Chinese & English. Visit our info booth at FOOD 4 LIFE dinner on May 31st!

A chance to share your knowledge about hepatitis B or C with others. Delicious, free dinner with very nice people! If you can speak Chinese, we especially encourage you to come as many guests will also speak Mandarin or Cantonese. If you can help with our info booth, come early (around 5:30). See you there!

Updated May 28, 2017, 2:22 PM

Come to Church on Five (Richmond, BC) Wednesday night May 31st for a great free Dinner, meetnew Friends, and share information about Hepatitis B and C.

Updated May 28, 2017, 6:41 PM

Urgent request: we are still seeking your input about this new AbbVie drug, to include in our patient group submission to the government (to determine if the drug should be made available in Canada -but we accept input from NON-CANADIANS, no problem.). You don't have to have personal experience with it, but should be someone who either has hep C, has been cured of hep C, or is a caregiver of someone with hep C. Thanks, really appreciated! This is totally confidential. We remove all information that could possibly identify you from our submissions. DEADLINE June 15.

Updated Jun 3, 2017, 3:01 PM

Place: Uptown Victoria (48.455078383235, -123.375559059) Address: 3440 Saanich Road, Victoria, BC, Canada V8Z 0B9 From Jun 10, 2017, 11:00 AM to Jun 10, 2017, 3:00 PM

A week from today at Victoria's UPTOWN MALL - come and say hello and talk about the latest in hepatitis C treatment and prevention!

Updated Jun 3, 2017, 8:13 PM

Place: Uptown Victoria (48.455078383235, -123.375559059) Address: 3440 Saanich Road, Victoria, BC, Canada V8Z 0B9 From Jun 10, 2017, 11:00 AM to Jun 10, 2017, 3:00 PM

Stop by our booth to get the latest information on hepatitis B or hepatitis C. How can you protect yourself? What about the new treatments? Is hepatitis a serious health issue? Info in many languages available. Hope to see you tomorrow at HepCBC's hepatitis C info booth, Uptown Mall in Victoria!

Updated Jun 9, 2017, 9:00 AM

Hepatitis B vaccination of infants a lifesaver, all over the world! <http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/news/jun-2017/why-do-we-continue-put-our-children-unnecessary-risk-liver-cancer>

Updated Jun 9, 2017, 1:47 PM

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Without adequate screening and treatment, this disease will continue to spread, more people will suffer and the long-term cost of care will continue to climb

Updated Jun 10, 2017, 9:15 AM

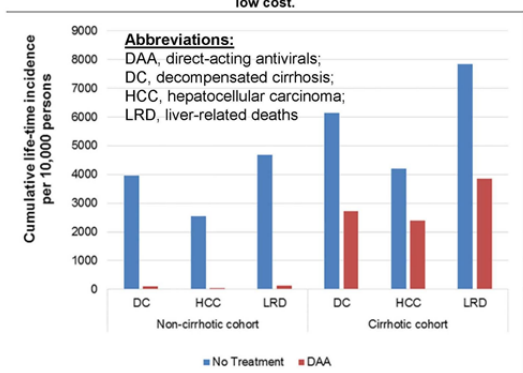
#HCV #hepatitis C Urgent -- You have until June 15th 2017 to tell us what you think.

Updated Jun 13, 2017, 11:51 AM

#HCV #hepatitisC Read this amazing story of courage and endurance. Way to go Brenda!

Updated Jun 15, 2017, 10:54 AM

Fig 2. Change in adverse clinical outcomes in patients with hepatitis C virus infection in India following treatment using regimens based on directly-acting antiviral drugs available there at low cost.



Aggarwal R, Chen Q, Goel A, Seguy N, Pendse R, et al. (2017) Cost-effectiveness of hepatitis C treatment using generic direct-acting antivirals available in India. PLOS ONE 12(5): e0176503. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0176503>
<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0176503>

Why we're fighting for treatment for all, as soon as possible, not after significant liver damage! The results of low-cost HCV treatment widely used in India show treatment BEFORE cirrhosis makes a MUCH BIGGER difference in preventing mortality and morbidity.

Thanks, PLOS ONE journal for this graph!

Jun 17, 2017, 11:22 AM

If you can, now is a really important time to give blood:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/critical-blood-shortage-1.4164669>

Updated Jun 18, 2017, 11:26 AM

New hepatitis B treatment granted "Notice of Compliance" in Canada: <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/gilead-receives-approval-in-canada-for-velivdy-tenofovir-alafenamide-for-the-treatment-of-chronic-hepatitis-b-virus-infection-629352103.html>

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Very good video!

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can also access and learn about how doctors make HCV treatment decisions. This excellent "virtualwaiting room" program is sponsored by ViralEd. Available in SPANISH & FRENCH as well:

http://www.viraled.com/modules/info/2017_hcv_virtual_patient.html

Updated Jun 19, 2017, 4:27 PM

Robin Tomlin has been there for the HepC community over many years. Now he needs some help. Please help if you can.

Excellent Article!

Updated Jun 20, 2017, 9:26 AM

Learn about the new HCV Peer Navigation program Help4Hep through Pacific Hep C Network. Signup for a FREE WEBINAR!

<http://pacificaidnetwork.org/2017/06/18/phcn-help4hep/>

Updated Jun 20, 2017, 11:38 AM

Place: South Arm United church (49.132904764594, -123.13737046842) Address: 11051 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC, Canada V7A 1X3

From Jun 24, 2017, 10:00 AM to Jun 24, 2017, 4:00 PM

The world can eliminate viral hepatitis! Hep C can now be cured completely, and Hep B has a vaccine and improved treatments. We know how to prevent both with harm reduction barriers and behaviour changes. Why does the US government recommend that all Baby Boomers get tested for Hep C at least once? Are veterans at greater risk? How can you protect yourself? What about the new treatments? Get information at our booth in Chinese, Punjabi, and other languages!

Hope to see you at the Cdn Assn for Retired People (CARP) Seniors Health Fair in RICHMOND this SATURDAY! Fun events for ALL AGES! HepCBC will have a great HEP C Info Booth. Come and say hello!

Updated Jun 20, 2017, 11:46 AM

Place: Grandview Park (49.27352, -123.07054)

Address: 1657 Charles Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5L 2T4

From Jun 24, 2017, 11:00 AM to Jun 24, 2017, 6:00 PM

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In Vancouver Saturday? COME OUT to EASTSIDE PRIDE at Grandview Park! HepCBC will have a Hep B and C Info Booth. Come say hello at BOOTH # 5!

Updated Jun 20, 2017, 11:48 AM

Mongolia has the highest rate of death from liver cancer - six times the global average - and the number of cases is constantly increasing. The culprit is a viral infection, either Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C. Spread by contamination with infected blood, and through sex (particularly in the case of Hepatitis B) more than a quarter of Mongolians are chronically infected with at least one of the strains.

Updated Jun 22, 2017, 9:28 AM

Morris Sherman of Cdn Liver Foundation on the long term public health effects of liver cancer caused by hepatitis B,

hepatitis C, and non-alcoholic fatty-liver disease (NAFLD). Lots of food for thought here!

[http://www.annalsofhepatology.com/revista/numeros/2017/HP174-01b-Editorial%20\(Hepatocellular\)%20\(F_090617V\)_PROTEGIDO.pdf](http://www.annalsofhepatology.com/revista/numeros/2017/HP174-01b-Editorial%20(Hepatocellular)%20(F_090617V)_PROTEGIDO.pdf)

Updated Jun 23, 2017, 1:09 PM

Patient Groups accepting funding from Pharmaceutical companies - who benefits? NOTE: HepCBC gets most of its funding from drug companies, mainly since the Canadian and BC provincial governments have consistently refused to fund us (except for a small Gaming grant last year), and the general public is not interested in funding such a stigmatized disease. In contrast, Canada's

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-39103389>

YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED!!!

Updated Jun 23, 2017, 4:02 PM

Very interesting read. Glad BC is taking the lead here, but so much more needs to be done!

Updated Jun 27, 2017, 5:46 PM

At least 1,000 Covenant Health patients in Alberta may have been exposed to hepatitis B and C

Updated Jun 28, 2017, 9:24 AM

Place: 611 Powell St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1H2, Canada

From Jul 8, 2017, 12:01 AM to Jul 21, 2017, 11:59 PM

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Don't forget this great ART CONTEST!! You can start and submit any time until July 21st!

Updated Jul 3, 2017, 11:13 AM

Place: Positive Living Fraser Valley Society 108A - 32883 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC V2S2A6

From Jul 28, 2017, 11:00 AM to Jul 28, 2017, 2:00 PM

Society of BC PH: 604-854-1101 Email: info@plfv.org

Delighted to help publicize this wonderful FREE event! Support Positive Living Fraser Valley on World Hepatitis Day by

SHARING and LIKING!

Updated Jul 4, 2017, 12:22 PM

Free 2017 updated slides about HIV/HCV co-infection from Clinical Care Options. You may need to register, but they are always free: https://www.clinicaloptions.com/HIV/Treatment%20Updates/2017%20Contemporary%20Management%20of%20HIV/CCO%20Slidesets/Hepatitis_Coinfection.aspx

Updated Jul 5, 2017, 12:03 PM

Debt can complicate life, and is particularly disastrous if we are ill or disabled. Helpful FREE resource from Victoria Disability Resource Centre: How to deal with serious debt. Four levels of relief with pros and cons of each.

<http://drcvictoria.com/2017/06/22/how-to-deal-with-serious-debt/> Updated Jul 5, 2017, 12:09 PM

Updated Jul 7, 2017, 9:48 AM

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"Deal With It: Untold Stories of Hepatitis C in Canada."

The documentary film "Deal with it" exposes the state of Canada's Hepatitis C epidemic, one of the most pressing but least discussed health concerns facing the country today. Watch the entire film here for free!

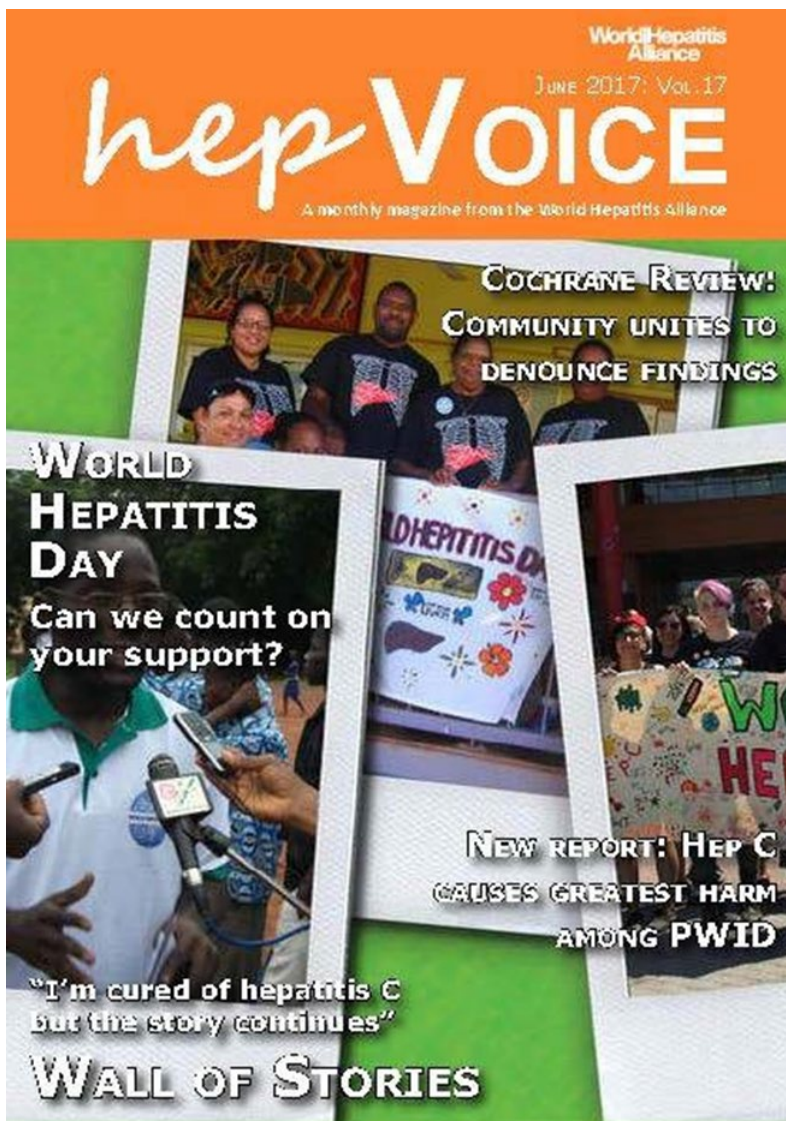
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9TZo3hFaYk&feature=youtu.be>

Updated Jul 10, 2017, 11:48 AM

"Viral hepatitis can & must be eliminated. #ShowYourFace on #WorldHepatitisDay to stop 1.34mil deaths per year #NOhep

<http://thndr.me/TCbeFx>"

Updated Jul 11, 2017, 3:05 PM



Read Volume 17 of Hep VOICE Magazine from World Hepatitis Alliance!

http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/sites/default/files/resources/documents/hepvoice_vol17.pdf or

<https://view.joomag.com/hepvoice-vol17/0555591001500022939>

Jul 14, 2017, 10:47 AM

View "We Are NOHep" Trailer video for World Hepatitis Day #hepatitis #HCV #HBV #hepC #hepB:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sbVUpdIm0

Updated Jul 18, 2017, 7:52 AM



Latest MSF (Doctors without Borders) report on hep C and HIV tests for screening, viral load, genotyping, point of care, costs #HCV: https://www.msfaaccess.org/sites/default/files/HIV_Report_PuttingHIVHCVtotheTest_ENG_2017.pdf
Jul 18, 2017, 7:36 PM

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Updated Jul 19, 2017, 11:54 AM

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From Jul 28, 2017, 11:00 AM to Jul 28, 2017, 2:00 PM

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EVERYTHING FREE! Hepatitis Info, Draws and Great PRIZES, Fibroscan liver tests (no pain, non-invasive, provided by Dr. Farleys office), Hep C testing, Burgers, Hotdogs, Fresh Fruit, Drinks!

Speak to Nurses and Hep C Educators! Sponsors: Positive Living Fraser Valley, Positive Living Society of BC PH: 604-854-1101 Email: info@plfv.org. Just a reminder a really wonderful FREE event will be happening in ABBOTSFORD July 28th! Food, entertainment, hepatitis C education & testing, PRIZES, speeches, friends, politicians! Thanks, Pos Living Fraser Valley!

Updated Jul 19, 2017, 11:58 AM

Victoria BC Canada marks WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017! Hosted by AIDS Vancouver Island, HepCBC, Vancouver Island PWA Society, SOLID. Cool Aid Clinic, and others! Starts July 28, 11 am at Spirit Square, walk to rally at Legislature. Other activities as well!

Updated Jul 19, 2017, 2:18 PM

Del Grimstad, HepCBC Vice Pres.: THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS for your honesty and courage in speaking about #HCV epidemic and how to fight it! <http://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/community/know-your-status-get-tested/>

Updated Jul 21, 2017, 7:36 PM

Place: 401 Main St, Vancouver, BC V6A 2T7, Canada (49.28105, -123.10013)

From Jul 27, 2017, 9:30 AM to Jul 27, 2017, 9:30 PM

All day World Hepatitis Day: Lunch, Dinner, and snacks; games, draws, and cool PRIZES throughout the day; info tables and learning about hepatitis B and C; testing and vaccinations; videos; patient and physician panels; overdose info; political speakers; music if possible...and more! It will be an amazing day!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:22 AM

ALL DAY THURSDAY July 27th!! World Hepatitis Day 2007 in Vancouver at Carnegie Centre. Tons of FREE activities, food, prizes, info and personal stories. Please share and it will be great to see you!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:22 AM

Place: Lookout Emergency Aid Society (49.19653, -122.84266) Address: 10677

Whalley Blvd, Surrey, BC, Canada V3T 4H8

From Jul 28, 2017, 12:00 PM to Jul 28, 2017, 3:00 PM

Come for BARBECUE! Stay for games, draws, and cool PRIZES throughout the afternoon; info tables and learning about hepatitis B and C; get harm reduction and overdose info; talk to politicians; music and art details and more stuff TBA soon! It will be an amazing day!

In Surrey Friday, July 28th? A FREE community event you shouldn't miss is WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017 at Lookout Society/Positive Haven! Great entertainment, BBQ, info, prizes, a cross-cultural celebration! Share this and hope to SEE YOU THERE!!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:32 AM

Place: Beautiful Downtown Victoria (48.427679009, -123.365575025) Address: Victoria, BC, Canada

From Jul 28, 2017, 12:00 PM to Jul 28, 2017, 5:00 PM

Full event listing at <http://bit.ly/HEPVIC>

In Victoria Friday afternoon, July 28th? A FREE community event you shouldn't miss is WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017 hosted by AVI, HepCBC, PWA, and others! Great opportunity to learn and make your views known! Share this and hope to SEE YOU THERE!!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:43 AM

Place: Downtown Vancouver these diseases can soon be completely eliminated from the world with new Hep C treatments and the Hep B vaccine. In commemoration of World Hepatitis Day, 2 Vancouver buildings will be lit up in red (for the blood which spreads these viruses) and yellow (for the liver which these diseases destroy) during the evening of July 28th: Science World and BC Place! Addresses: Science World, 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver V6A-3Z7 BC Place, 777 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver, V6B-4Y8

Don't miss the World Hepatitis Day 2017 Building Lightups in Vancouver!! Both SCIENCE WORLD and BC PLACE will be lit up in RED & YELLOW! Take photos, and share this wonderful event (and what it means), that would be great! Let's ELIMINATE VIRAL HEPATITIS from the world!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:50 AM

Place: British Columbia Parliament Buildings (48.4196, -123.37)Address: 501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC, Canada

From Jul 28, 2017, 8:45 PM to Jul 29, 2017, 1:00 AM

Hepatitis B and C epidemics destroy millions of lives throughout the world. With everyone's help, these diseases can soon be completely eliminated with new Hep C treatments and the Hep B vaccine. In commemoration of World Hepatitis Day, the BC Legislature Bldg will be lit up in red (for the blood which spreads these viruses) and yellow (for the liver which these diseases destroy) during the evening of July 28th:

Don't miss the World Hepatitis Day 2017 Building Lightup of the PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS in VICTORIA in RED & YELLOW! Take photos, and share this wonderful event (and what it means), that would be great! Let's ELIMINATE VIRAL HEPATITIS from the world!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 11:54 AM

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP, and it WON'T TAKE LONG! Patient and Caregiver input requested on drug to treat DAA TREATMENT FAILURES. Deadline AUGUST 15, THANKS!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 12:54 PM

#HCV #hepatitisC Check out the updated Contact Us page at HepCBC to see what your new options are!

Updated Jul 22, 2017, 3:39 PM

Excellent new video from Action Hepatitis Canada about urgent need for Canadian Hepatitis C Strategy. Made by Dr. Curtis Cooper, Ottawa Hospital Hep C Program. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUBWW-82hul>

Updated Jul 24, 2017, 3:42 PM

Good article

Updated Jul 25, 2017, 10:17 AM

Come if you can; it's worth the trip! World Hepatitis Day Friday July 28 in Surrey at Lookout Society. BBQ, Great Entertainment, Prizes, and really Friendly People! This year has an '80s' theme so come with your best 80s stuff!

Updated Jul 25, 2017, 10:20 PM

If you're in Victoria on Friday July 28, "Walk to the Legislature" on World Hepatitis Day; it's the place to be! Also on Thursday July 27 they'll be starting out with info booths at the Greater Victoria Public Library. The legislature will be lit up in red and yellow Friday night! Bingo, Prizes, and HCV Testing continues next week! Join AVI, HepCBC, and Vancouver Island PWA Society for these events.

Updated Jul 25, 2017, 10:27 PM

From Jul 29, 2017, 11:59 PM to Aug 12, 2017, 11:59 AM

Interested in hepatitis policy? Want to give back to the community? Looking to meet new people? Consider joining HepCBC! On Sept. 12 we will hold our Annual General Meeting (in person or through "Election Buddy" on Internet). To vote you must be a Member at least 30 days previous to the meeting so AUGUST 12 is the DEADLINE! Membership is FREE and you only have to join once. Become a member by filling out form: <http://hepcbc.ca/membership/>

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<http://hepcbc.ca/membership/> THANKS!

Updated Jul 25, 2017, 10:55 PM

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Old Spaghetti Factory
PHS Mobile Van
Positive Living BC
Red Road HIV Network
Richmond Food Bank
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Vancouver Fire Department
Vancouver Native Health Hep Program
Vancouver Infectious Diseases Clinic
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Extra Special Thanks

AIDS Vancouver, food, brochure printing, funding
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DTES HIV/IDU Consumers' Board, dinner, poster, volunteers
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Positive Living BC, refreshments, communications/media, funding
Red Road HIV Network, funding
Richmond Food Bank, cakes
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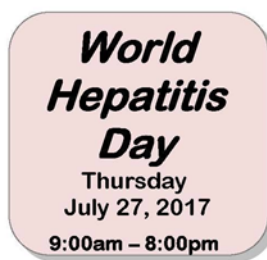


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**Lunch
12:00pm**

**Sandwiches
3:00pm**

**Dinner
5:30 PM**



**The Carnegie Community Centre
401 Main Street, Vancouver, BC**

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Come to the Carnegie Centre in Vancouver for World Hepatitis Day on Thursday July 27. 11 am - 8 pm. FREE Meals, Entertainment & Prizes all day, discuss and learn about important health issues, get tested!
Jul 25, 2017, 11:07 PM

Please sign!!

Updated Jul 27, 2017, 9:48 AM

And another great video about hep C in BC! This one by the BCCDC using the most current statistics. Excellent!

<http://bchtc.med.ubc.ca/>

Updated Jul 29, 2017, 10:14 AM

Thanks Daryl Luster of Pacific Hepatitis C Network for his incisive (one of many!) World HepatitisDay op-ed in the Vancouver Sun! #NOhep #WHD2017 <http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-renew-strategy-to-achieve-a-hepatitis-c-free-future>

Updated Jul 29, 2017, 10:29 AM

World Hepatitis Day 2017 BBQ, Music and Fashion Show, and speeches at Lookout Society in sunny SURREY, BC was wonderful once again! HepCBC's info table was next to the Vancouver Infectious Disease Centre, who were doing Point of Care (oral swab) testing and Fibroscan screening. Thanks everyone! #NOhep #WHD2017

Updated Jul 29, 2017, 10:40 AM

Another great op-ed in Vancouver Sun for World Hepatitis Day 2017 from Laurie Edmiston of CATIE, about how Canada can work to meet international goals for the elimination of hepatitis C #NOhep #WHD2017:

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-hepatitis-c-a-silent-killer-and-story-that-deserves-more-attention>

Updated Jul 29, 2017, 7:08 PM

Victoria, BC WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017 Photos! #NOhep #WHD2017 #LightsUp4Hep

Updated Jul 31, 2017, 8:29 AM

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2017 in SURREY, BC, Canada! Lookout Society celebrated its Positive Haven facility's 8th annual World Hepatitis Day today in Surrey with POINT of CARE (oral, no needle) Hep C testing, BBQ, Fashion Show, Contests, Prizes, and Musical Entertainment! #NOhep#WHD2017

Updated Jul 31, 2017, 9:18 AM

FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR ANYONE in ANY COUNTRY, NO PRE-REQUISITES:

Title: Management of Hepatitis C and the role of pharmacy

But first you must register for a free account: <https://www.guild.org.au/training/mycpd-registration-form>

Sponsor: Gilead Sciences

Updated Aug 4, 2017, 8:17 AM

NEW (free!) SLIDES: "HCV Treatment Options in 2017/2018" from Clinical Care OptionsFREE but you must register in order to download for your personal use

Download slides to view a state-of-the-art update on the most recent guideline recommendations for initial HCV therapy, and the data that underpin those strategies, as well as insights into investigational regimens anticipated to be available for HCV treatment in the very near future.

Download these unlocked PowerPoint slides for personal review or to use in your own presentations to colleagues and patients from: <https://www.clinicaloptions.com/Hepatitis/Annual%20Updates/2017%20Annual%20Update/Downloadable%20Slidesets/HEP%20Plenary%201.aspx>

Authors: Ira M. Jacobson, MD and Norah Terrault, MD, MPH

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Updated Aug 4, 2017, 8:39 AM

"Wholesale Acquisition Cost" (WAC) of various HCV Treatments compared by Marketwatch:

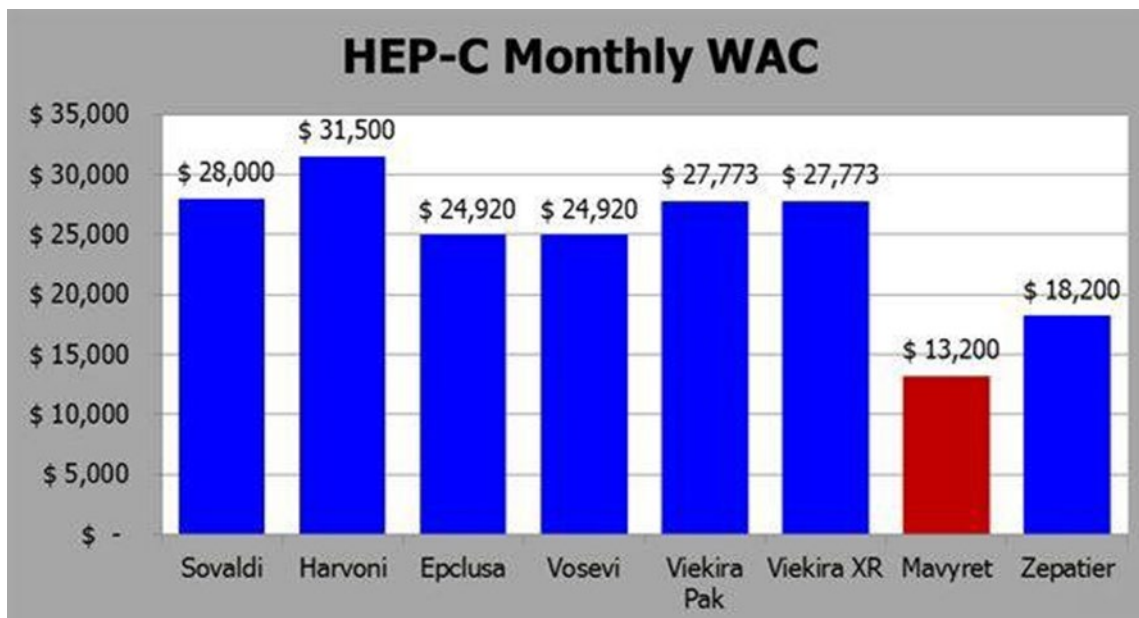
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/abbvies-new-cheaper-hepatitis-c-drug-could-launch-the-drug-worlds-own-hunger-games-2017-08-04>

GRAPH "HEP-C Monthly WAC"

Credit: EvercoreISI analyst Umer Raffat

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PRIDE Vancouver 2017! HepCBC and the Vancouver Infectious Disease Centre were happy to participate with an info booth at Sunset Beach.

Updated Aug 7, 2017, 6:14 PM

International Prisoners Justice Dayfacebook.com August 10th is Prisoner's Justice Day.

"Prisoner's Justice Day is an annual day to remember prisoners who have died or been killed in prison. It started 42 years ago after the death of Eddy Nalon in administrative segregation – solitary confinement. Inside, prisoners refuse to eat or work. Outside, former prisoners, and their allies work to raise awareness about prisoner's issues, fight for better conditions on the inside and to limit and an end the use of prisons to address wrongdoing. "

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalPrisonersJustice/>

Updated Aug 9, 2017, 11:10 AM

Did you know that 62-74% of people who inject drugs in Victoria are Hepatitis C-positive?

Aug 16, 2017, 5:59 PM

This video starts with the same photos and music as "Deal With It", but the rest of the video is very different. An excellent portrayal of the hepatitis B and C epidemics worldwide, and a way forward to elimination. Thank you World Hepatitis Alliance!!
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 10:49 AM

HepVOICE Magazine for July 2017 is now out: <https://view.joomag.com/hepvoice-vol18/0645265001502982278>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 10:52 AM

Read PDFs of the entire Nov. 9, 2016 International HEPATITIS B CURE conference in Toronto! Now available (FREE) at: <http://www.infectiousdiseasesonline.com/hivhepcure-2016-presentations/>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 11:19 AM

Research shows that indigenous peoples in Canada have rates of viral hepatitis (B & C) at least 3X greater than the general population. Of these, Cdn indigenous hep B is 5X higher than gen. pop; in Alaskan indigenous populations it is 10X higher than gen. pop.! See Bridie Taylor's presentation at recent international conference in Alaska: <http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/news/aug-2017/new-research-shows-indigenous-peoples-are-much-more-likely-be-infected-hepatitis-b>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 11:32 AM

Read Sandy-Leo Laframboise's story - a Canadian Métis 2-spirited transgender woman with lived experience of hepatitis C, a story told at the recent international indigenous conference in Alaska about viral hepatitis: <http://www.nohep.org/portfolio-item/indigenous-insights-sandy-leos-story/>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 11:39 AM

Read Somu's story - a hemophiliac with hepatitis C from the Jenu Kurba tribe in the state of Karnataka in INDIA - told at the indigenous viral hepatitis conference in Alaska: <http://www.nohep.org/portfolio-item/indigenous-insights/>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 11:50 AM

Here is the introductory video about the recently-held international indigenous viral hepatitis conference in Alaska: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/GwSpFeku83>
U Updated Aug 17, 2017, 11:56 AM

<https://www.wipcvh2017.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Program-FINAL-080417.pdf>
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 12:06 PM

@[697160578:2048:Daryl Luster] answers the perennial question "How Did I Get Hepatitis C?"
Updated Aug 17, 2017, 2:11 PM

Place: Middle Eastern Friendship Centre, 13483 108th Ave., Surrey, BC V3T 2K2
From Aug 25, 2017, 6:00 PM to Aug 25, 2017, 8:00 PM
HepCBC volunteers Cheryl & Blair (a nurse in transplant centre) will be attending this event and giving a presentation about hepatitis C, focusing on HCV treatment program in Egypt. The organizers say: We want you all to join us for our monthly potluck. We've changed it to Fridays to make it easier for more people to attend. If you're able to bring a dish - that would be great!! Don't be afraid to bring a store bought dish if you don't have time to cook!! We want lots of English speakers as well because that gives our Middle Eastern friends an opportunity to practice their new found English skills. Please come and join us for an evening of food and fun! REFERENCES: <http://www.mefriendshipcentre.com/our-events.html> <https://www.facebook.com/Middle-Eastern-Friendship-Centre-520051404830971/>

In Surrey, BC August 25th? HepCBC volunteers Cheryl and Blair (a transplant centre nurse) will be attending this wonderful potluck dinner to present about hepatitis C, focusing on HCV treatment program in Egypt. The organizers want you all to join us for our monthly potluck. If you're able to bring a dish - that would be great!! Don't be afraid to bring a store bought dish if you don't have time to cook!! They want lots of English speakers as well because that gives our Middle Eastern friends an opportunity to practice their new found English skills. Please come

and join us for an evening of food and fun! Updated Aug 17, 2017, 3:51 PM

Place: Belmont St. and Sixth St., New Westminster, BC (49.2124, -122.91945)

From Sep 9, 2017, 12:00 PM to Sep 9, 2017, 5:00 PM

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REFERENCES: <https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryDay/> <http://www.recoverydaybc.ca/>

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Updated Aug 17, 2017, 6:22 PM

Place: Victoria High School (48.42921, -123.34699) Address: Victoria, BC, Canada V8T 1C2

From Sep 10, 2017, 12:00 PM to Sep 10, 2017, 6:00 PM

In Victoria on Sunday, Sept. 10th? HepCBC will have a hepatitis info booth at the (FREE!) Vining Street Party on the Plaza (VS-POP), an annual day long celebration of community. It includes food, music and entertainment, family activities, a charitable silent auction and a community market for local artisans and businesses. Everyone is welcome to enjoy FACE PAINTING, HOOLA HOOPING, CRAFTS, DANCE & MARTIAL ART DEMOS! LIVE MUSIC and a giant SILENT AUCTION run from 12:30 to 6 while CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINERS wander through the crowd.

Updated Aug 18, 2017, 10:15 AM

Place: Malkin Bowl, Stanley Park, Vancouver B.C.

From Sep 16, 2017, 11:00 AM to Sep 16, 2017, 4:30 PM

HepCBC will have an info booth at Vancouver tHrIve this year! Charity walk and concert raises funds for the Positive Living Society of British Columbia, which supports people living with HIV/AIDS. Includes music by Humans, Mu, I M U R, Skylar Love, Desiree Dawson, Shanel, Ilona, South East, Rose Butch, Maiden China, and Cleopatra Compton! SCHEDULE 11 am - noon: Registration for Walk Noon: Walk begins at the THRIVE Music & Wellness Festival (Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park) Noon to 1 pm: Walk 2k around Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park, and end up back at Malkin Bowl 1 pm to 4:30 pm: Music & Wellness Festival References: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1944140165864445/>

Updated Aug 18, 2017, 11:29 PM

PLEASE SHARE TO SAVE FRIENDS' LIVES...New York Study Finds Almost Half of HIV-Positive Gay Men Co-Infected With Hepatitis C Have Detectable Levels of Hepatitis C Virus in Their Rectal Fluid By: Zak Knowles

From: Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) August 11, 2017

<http://www.thebodypro.com/content/80305/new-york-study-finds-almost-half-of-hiv-positive-g.html>

Original source: Sexual transmission of hepatitis C virus among gay and bisexual men: a systematic review

By: Fengyi Jin A B , Gail V. Matthews A and Andrew E. Grulich A <http://www.publish.csiro.au/sh/Fulltext/SH16141>

Updated Aug 19, 2017, 9:58 AM

Treating HCV in Incarcerated Populations Key to Disease Elimination (NOTE: in US but quite similar to Canadian situation)

By: Pippa Wysong, MedPage Today contributor Aug. 17, 2017

"Hepatitis C virus (HCV) rates in America's prisons and jails are high, largely because this is where many people with high-risk behaviors such as injection drug use end up. But in order to help reach the World Health Organization goal of elimination of HCV, this population needs more screening and treatment -- not only to help people with the infection, but also to reduce the risk of transmission.

It's not a straightforward issue. Many of these patients have addiction problems that need to be addressed...

Both national and international studies show that treating incarcerated populations is feasible and results in promising outcomes. The key is to provide programs for treating substance use disorders as well. Researchers in Victoria, Australia, developed a model for treating HCV in prison settings with direct-acting agents (DAAs), which includes nurse-led assessment and management, using telehealth options for supervising specialist physician involvement, having treatments delivered locally, and creating a strong and consultative relationship with local prison primary and secondary healthcare providers..." READ MORE: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/reading-room/aga/lower-gi/67336>

Updated Aug 19, 2017, 10:13 AM

FREE AASLD webinar on REGRESSION of LIVER FIBROSIS post-treatment! Sept. 11, 2017 from 9am - 10 am PST. It is free but you must go through AASLD's registration process through the CONFIRM page, starting here: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/webinars/fibrosis-regression-mechanisms-and-clinical-consequences>

For non medical professionals, there is an OTHER category. DETAILS:

For most of the modern era in medicine, cirrhosis has been regarded as an irreversible condition. Contrary to this perception, cirrhosis in animal models of liver injury has long been known to be reversible and case reports from decades ago documenting "reversal" of cirrhosis indicated that fibrosis regression was also possible in human liver disease. The availability of effective therapies

fibrosis regression, evaluate the evidence for fibrosis regression in patients who have undergone successful antiviral treatment and examine the impact of fibrosis regression on clinical outcomes. Presenter(s) Prakash Ramachandran, MBChB, PhD, MRCP, BSc Andres Duarte-Rojo. MD, MSc, DSc Moderator(s) Kyle Brown, MS, MD

Updated Aug 20, 2017, 9:12 AM

#HCV #hepatitisC Check Out Our Updated Current Treatment Page

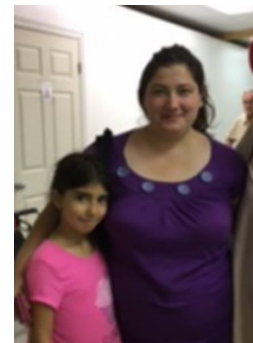
Updated Aug 21, 2017, 2:31 PM



HepCBC volunteers presented after this potluck dinner



Some of the evening's participants (Rosemary on far left, Cheryl next to her).-



A pharmacist and her daughter told us they and other immigrants had been tested at the camps for hepatitis A and B, but not C



This gentleman from Egypt was familiar with the hepatitis situation in his country and thanked us very much for bringing it out into the open for people in the community to discuss. (his wife, centre, with Cheryl on right)



This gentleman (along with several others of course!) helped with organizing this great event.-








Misc. photos from Middle East viral hepatitis informative event

Last night HepCBC volunteers Rosemary and Cheryl gave the "after-dinner speech" which covered two related topics: why immigrants to Canada from the Middle East are encouraged to get tested for hepatitis C, and the internationally-praised HCV treatment program in Egypt. Unlike in Canada, most immigrants from Egypt did not contract HCV through recreational drug use; rather, they got it through medical practices such as a "schistosomiasis" vaccination program which often used shared needles or syringes; or through cultural practices such as using shared razors at the barber. An interpreter translated into Arabic as over half the people there were new speakers of English and benefited from this help with 'medical' English. Approx. 50 adults and many children attended the potluck dinner always held on the last Friday of the month at the Middle Eastern Friendship Centre in Surrey, BC (next to the Gateway Station). People from all countries of the Middle East, professing Muslim, Christian, and other faiths, and speaking a variety of mother tongues were united in sharing their Arabic language, which even those with other mother tongues had learned as children from playmates, or in school. Many were refugees whose families had moved to and lived in a variety of countries before eventually landing in Canada. One of the best speakers was a young mother who had only started learning English 18 months ago! People born in Canada, USA, and Germany added to the rich ethnic mix. The food reflected our diverse heritages. It was a wonderful night to remember!

Aug 26, 2017, 1:28 PM

Shining a Light on Hepatitis in Canada

<p>Lighting up Big Buildings in BC!</p> <p>This was the first year to get major buildings to light up in red and yellow for World Hepatitis Day. The amazing Vancouver WHD Committee got both SCIENCE WORLD and BC PLACE lit up! Our organization convinced the BC LEGISLATURE to light up! A crowd of people with candles made it a solemn occasion to remember and to hope...</p> 	<p>Public Testing and Bus Ads Fight Hepatitis Stigma</p> <p>Our organization has challenged politicians of all levels of government and all parties to show their support for wider hepatitis C testing by getting publicly tested. So far 2 MPs, 13 MLAs, 2 MAYORS, and 6 CITY COUNCILORS "voted up for HepC"! We also ran a month-long bus ad campaign in 7 cities which urged people to get tested, and to find out more.</p> 	
	<p>hepcbc</p> <p>Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society Confronting hepatitis C in Canada since 1996</p> <p>Offices: Vancouver and Victoria, BC, CANADA info@hepcbc.ca http://www.hepcbc.ca +1 (250) 595-3892</p>	

A poster HepCBC brought to the First World Hepatitis Summit (sponsored by World Hepatitis Alliance and the World Health Organization) in Glasgow, Scotland (2015). Cheryl Reitz was HepCBC's rep. This fall (2017) will be the second World Hepatitis Summit, this time in Brazil! HepCBC Secretary Alan Huang will represent HepCBC at this

event. All the best to Alan!
Aug 30, 2017, 3:27 PM

Could Portugal's drug policy work in Canada?

<https://www.straight.com/life/956896/portugal-drug-czar-dr-joao-goulao-offers-advice-fentanyl-crisis-ahead-his-first-visit>
Updated Aug 31, 2017, 9:27 PM

HAV Warning: BC. Make sure you have been vaccinated against HAV, especially if you have HCV!
Updated Sep 2, 2017, 9:50 AM

In New West on Sat. Sept. 9th? Join HepCBC at RECOVERY DAY FESTIVAL. Free, family-friendly, and inspiring! Come visit our booth!

Place: Belmont St. and Sixth St., New Westminster, BC (49.2124, -122.91945)

From Sep 9, 2017, 12:00 PM to Sep 9, 2017, 5:00 PM

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REFERENCES: <https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryDay/> <http://www.recoverydaybc.ca/>

Updated Sep 2, 2017, 12:21 PM

Wow!

Updated Sep 2, 2017, 3:50 PM

Absolutely fascinating story:

Updated Sep 3, 2017, 11:15 AM

This is for the USA

Updated Sep 4, 2017, 11:02 AM

Very good overview of the situation with hepatitis B

Updated Sep 4, 2017, 5:07 PM

Just so you know:

Updated Sep 5, 2017, 10:08 AM

URGENT SURVEY: Your chance to contribute to WHO's Hepatitis C Treatment Guidelines! (How about we "TREAT ALL"?!?)

WHO (World Health Organization) is currently updating its hepatitis C treatment guidelines to include a possible 'treat all' recommendation. As part of their systematic review, they are seeking the views of people living with hepatitis C to understand the challenges and feasibility of implementing a potential 'treat all' recommendation. This is an important opportunity to feed into possibly life-changing policy. If you are or know someone living with hepatitis C, please share or complete a short (5-10 minutes) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXQNMRP>

Updated Sep 5, 2017, 3:55 PM

Be sure to check out the latest issue of hepVoice

Updated Sep 7, 2017, 12:28 PM

Place: Belmont St. and Sixth St., New Westminster, BC (49.2124, -122.91945) From Sep 9, 2017, 12:00 PM to Sep 9, 2017, 5:00 PM

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REFERENCES: <https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryDay/> <http://www.recoverydaybc.ca/>

Hope to see you tomorrow Saturday in New West at RECOVERY DAY Festival! NOTE TIME CHANGE: Now starts at NOON, finish by 5 pm! HepCBC is in info booth #69, and would love to see you there.

Updated Sep 8, 2017, 5:42 PM

Tomorrow, Saturday, is RECOVERY DAY Festival in VICTORIA! Hope to see you there! Noon at Centennial Square.

Place: Centennial Square (48.4286, -123.366) Address: Victoria, BC, Canada

From Sep 9, 2017, 12:00 PM to Sep 9, 2017, 3:00 PM

HepCBC will have a booth at this great event to Celebrate Sobriety and Recovery from Addictions! During the month of September, Canadians in recovery from addiction join with friends and family to build awareness, challenge societal stigma, and celebrate the role that recovery plays in improving the lives of individuals, families, workplaces and communities. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/Recovery-Day-Victoria-2017-143169502947339/>

Updated Sep 8, 2017, 5:43 PM

Place: Health Unit, 1947 Cook St, Victoria, BC V8T 3P7, Canada (48.43135, -123.3522) From Sep 12, 2017, 6:00 PM to Sep 12, 2017, 8:00 PM

Want a voice in hepatitis policies from a patient/caregiver point of view? HepCBC Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society holds our AGM every September in the Victoria area. It is also held via the Internet with "Election Buddy." Only members of 30 days or more can vote, though the public is welcome to attend. Membership is free. To be eligible to vote, become a member before August 12, 2017 through www.hepcbc.ca/membership/. At the AGM we will have an interesting guest speaker and healthy snacks.

HepCBC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) in Victoria Tuesday, Sept. 12th (6:00 -8:00 PM PST) open to the Public! In person or via SKYPE. In person: 1947 Cook Street, Victoria, BC (Main Meeting Room; door is outside building to right and around the corner from the main entrance), Via SKYPE: Send your email address and Skype info to info@hepcbc.ca so we can email you a meeting package and test out your Skype connection. We look forward to meeting you! FREE Refreshments and short video in addition to the usual not-so-exciting stuff...

Updated Sep 11, 2017, 7:18 PM

On Sept. 13, 2017 HepCBC was privileged to join 19 other charitable organizations recruiting young people to volunteer in our organizations. SMUS opened up their beautiful concourse and provided us with tables, chairs, snacks, and an opportunity to interact in an excellent way with their students. We picked up 5 new volunteers who will be helping us with translation of our materials, developing new pamphlets for a younger generation of British Columbians, possibly doing some research into precautions used by local dentists and tattooists, etc. to prevent transmission of blood-borne viruses, and educating their peers about risk factors. They were invited to pin ribbons to our info business cards, if they need something useful to do while watching TV - but these students probably don't take very much TV time, we guess!

Updated Sep 14, 2017, 6:08 PM

Place: E Hastings St & Columbia St, Vancouver, BC (49.2812399, -123.07036) From Sep 19, 2017, 11:00 AM to Sep 19, 2017, 3:00 PM

HepCBC will have a hepatitis info booth this year at the (FREE!) Annual Alley Health Fair, a street festival that brings together organizations and service providers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to promote health and wellness, and educate participants about local services available to them.

The event includes music, lunch, hair-cuts, massage, health testing, bicycle and wheelchair repair, among many other features. This is a City of Vancouver "Homeless Connect" event, and one of several events throughout the year.

TOMORROW, TUESDAY Sept. 19th! Don't miss it if you're in VANCOUVER's Downtown Eastside (DTES)! HepCBC will have a viral hepatitis Info Table. Come say hello to our volunteers!

Updated Sep 18, 2017, 1:03 PM

This is great!!

Updated Sep 19, 2017, 12:22 PM

Canadian Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (CSGNA) Conference in Victoria BC:



CD Mazoff, PhD, and Susan Malloch, RN at the conference.



Susan Malloch, RN, and Rosemary Plummer, RN, at the conference.



Jessie and Sue



CD and Rosemary Paige Plummer]

Pictures from the Canadian Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (CSGNA) Conference in Victoria BC. We had great feedback and the medical community really appreciated our presence.

Sep 22, 2017, 5:25 PM

I wish them luck. What a crazy country!

Updated Sep 27, 2017, 10:44 AM

Everybody, WATCH THIS VIDEO! It's great. Several people who have been cured of hepatitis C, the barriers they had to overcome in order to access treatment, most were PWID, what's happening to them now...very hopeful, intelligent, and positive film. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=154&v=_0x_32KX1ZY

Updated Sep 27, 2017, 12:18 PM

#HCV #hepatitisC This is great news!

Updated Sep 30, 2017, 4:02 PM

How does BC compare with other provinces in its spending on pharmaceuticals? New short film claims:

-- BC public expenditure on medication is the lowest in Canada

-- BC Pharmacare's public drug formulary includes fewer drugs than all other provinces

<https://videopress.com/v/kptew49u>

Updated Oct 4, 2017, 7:13 PM

Missed registration for the FREE Hepatitis C in Primary Care and Drug and Alcohol Settings Workshop Nov. 4th in

Vancouver (by Australia-based INHSU)? There is now a Nov. 5th option in Surrey! Register at:

<http://inhsueducation.org/canada/workshops/>

Everyone should also complete the pre-workshop learning module (takes less than 2 hrs) available at:

<http://52.56.113.23/canada/online-learning-modules/>

Updated Oct 13, 2017, 10:16 AM



Home-Based Dialysis in Canada: free webinar Thurs Nov 9, 11am-12:30pm PST. Many people with hepatitis B or C also have kidney disease. This webinar explores in-home treatment. Register:

<https://cadthevents.ca/dialysisnov9201/registration>

Updated Oct 24, 2017, 11:53 AM

Home-Based Dialysis in Canada: free webinar Thurs Nov 9, 11am-12:30pm PST. Many people with hepatitis B or C also have kidney disease. This CADTH public webinar explores in-home treatment. Register:

<https://cadthevents.ca/dialysisnov9201/registration>

Updated Oct 24, 2017, 11:55 AM

If interested in HOME-BASED DIALYSIS for CKD, our volunteer CD just found more info on dialysis modalities, which included home-based. Very interesting! Suggest reading before attending CADTH's Nov. 9 workshop (advertised in previous post): https://www.cadth.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/OP0526_Dialysis_Modalities_Recs_Report.pdf

Updated Oct 24, 2017, 3:41 PM

Diagnostics? Generics? What is their place in eliminating HCV?

READ THIS! A new report: FORGING A PATH TO HCV ELIMINATION: SIMPLER TESTS AND

AFFORDABLE GENERICS by the World Community Advisory Board on HCV Generics and Diagnostics (18-20 July 2017, Bangkok, Thailand) http://www.hepcoalition.org/IMG/pdf/hcv_world_cab_report_2017.pdf

Updated Oct 29, 2017, 11:10 AM

#NOhep group in the Americas! Group photo of No. & So. American reps at the World Hepatitis Alliance meeting now taking place in Sao Paulo! HepCBC's representative is Alan Huang (back row, 4th from right, with the big smile). Can't wait to hear all the news from this great conference!

Updated Oct 31, 2017, 5:02 PM

Patient-researcher Douglas Laird explores how aging with HCV (or its after-effects) can affect quality of life, productivity, mental health, and food/housing security. Article in new "Island Health Research Newsletter" (scroll down to view Douglas' article!) <http://mailchi.mp/5580f5e189da/good-news-fall-2017-island-healths-research-newsletter?e=903f1b629c#mctoc2>

Updated Oct 31, 2017, 8:13 PM

Free online 2.5 - 3 hour course: HCV epidemiology and prevention, HCV testing and diagnosis, HCV treatment, ongoing monitoring through <http://52.56.113.23/canada/online-learning-modules/>. If you're attending the INHSU seminars either in Vancouver Sat. or in Surrey on Sun., you must complete this course in advance. But it's available and free for anyone to take, so give it a try! If you know tons already, you might be able to do it in an hour. Whoooooo knows?

Updated Oct 31, 2017, 8:43 PM

Have HEP C or recently treated with DAAs? Be part of Per-SVR RESEARCH - Contribute to Science & get a Generous Honourarium!

Requirements:

- 19 years or older
- On HCV treatment, or recently cleared HCV using the new treatments (DAAs). You are not eligible if your treatment ended more than 3 months ago.
- Reside in greater Vancouver (includes metro Vancouver plus places like Surrey, Richmond, etc.)
- Communicate in English

WHAT is Per-SVR? The Per-SVR (pronounced "Persevere!") Study is recruiting participants in a multi-year study to learn more about the experiences of people who have been treated with the new "DAA" hep C treatments. The information they learn will lead to better policies and services for those living with or at risk of contracting hep C.

WHAT would I have to do? Participants will be asked to attend approximately 11 visits (4 in the first

How do I apply? Phone 604-416-1567 or Email persvr@cfenet.ubc.ca (Program is run out of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS office but it is about hepatitis C, not HIV).

More Information: http://www.cfenet.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/hepatitis-c-research-program/Per-SVRbrochure_20170502-3-2.pdf

Updated Oct 31, 2017, 9:11 PM

DON'T FORGET!! We really need YOUR VOICE!!! Deadline midnight Nov 8th! Short survey will make all the difference to us, and help get the new (less expensive and treats ALL genotypes!) AbbVie HCV treatment covered by BC PharmaCare. <http://hepcbc.ca/2017/10/27/patient-caregiver-input-requested-bc-pharmacare-abbvies-combo-glecaprevir-pibrentasvir-gp-genotypes-1-6/>

Updated Oct 31, 2017, 9:24 PM

Nov 1, 2017, 11:20 AM

LIVER CANCER around the world...View updated interactive "Global Cancer Map." Be sure to click on the "Liver" tab, then hover your cursor over a country to find out details of its liver cancer rate, per-capita GDP, healthcare system and budget, life expectancy, etc. Excellent resource! <http://globalcancermapping.com/>

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 3:02 PM

6 governments now lead the international movement for viral hepatitis elimination: Brazil, Bangladesh, Egypt, Georgia, Mongolia and The Gambia! Representatives of these 6 countries speaking at the World Hepatitis Summit in Sao Paulo "committed to spearhead the #NOhep Visionaries Programme in their respective regions, signalling their commitment to fulfil WHO's Global Hepatitis Strategy and eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030." Take note, CANADA's govt. has committed to this vision. Let's make sure we all remember, and do what we can to fulfill it!

<http://www.nohep.org/visionaries/governments/>

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 3:17 PM

#1 of 3 INCREDIBLE RESOURCES for PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS in CANADA interested in helping their patients struggling with hepatitis C: http://inhsueducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Decision-Making-in-HCV_Canada.pdf

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 4:23 PM

#2 of 3 INCREDIBLE RESOURCES for PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS in CANADA interested in helping their patients struggling with hepatitis C:

VIRAL HEPATITIS and ADVANCED LIVER DISEASE in Canada for PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS:

Step-by-Step Guide to Making Decisions about Viral Hepatitis-related Advanced Liver Disease...Many thanks to AHSM, INHSU, CATIE, CanHepC, and University Health Network!http://inhsueducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/DecisionMaking_in-Viral-Hep-related-advanced-Liver-disease_Canada.pdf

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 4:24 PM

#3 of 3 INCREDIBLE RESOURCES for PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS in CANADA interested in helping their patients struggling with hepatitis C:

HEPATITIS C TREATMENT in Canada for PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS: Quick Reference Tool about Hepatitis C Treatment (IMPORTANT: this resource will have to be updated soon with at least two new "pan-genotypic" treatments now available in Canada which will soon be covered by public health plans: "glecaprevir+pibrentasvir" and "sofosbuvir+velpatasvir+voxilaprevir")...Many thanks to AHSM, INHSU, CATIE, CanHepC, and University Health Network!

http://inhsueducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/HCVTreatment_QuickRefTool_Canada.pdf

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 4:25 PM

Who are the 9 countries now on track to eliminate hepatitis C by 2030? Hint: Canada is not one. Let's make it to the World Hepatitis Alliance's #NOHep list next year! (Congratulations to...*Australia, *Brazil, *Egypt, *Georgia, *Germany, *Iceland, *Japan, *the Netherlands, and *Qatar!)

<http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/news/nov-2017/nine-countries-now-track-eliminate-hepatitis-c>

Updated Nov 1, 2017, 6:15 PM

This is a very good article on Liver Cancer! Thank you Alan Franciscus:

http://hcvadvocate.org/news/NewsUpdates_pdf/Advocate_2017/advocate1117.pdf#page=4 Updated Nov 2, 2017, 11:27 AM

Info booth at Camosun CollegeLansdowne Campus VolunteerRecruitment Fair.
Alicia at the Aboriginal Health andWellness Fair in Victoria BC



Info booth at Camosun College Lansdowne Campus Volunteer Recruitment Fair.



Alicia at the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Fair in Victoria BC



Alicia at the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Fair in Victoria BC

Here are some photos of Alicia, HepCBC's Volunteer Coordinator, on the front lines at the CamosunCollege Volunteer Recruitment Fair, and the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Fair - both events in Victoria.

Nov 2, 2017, 8:01 PM

WHAT IS THE PER-SVR STUDY?



BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS asked HepCBC to put their recruitment video up on our You Tube channel, so we did! It's recruiting people (from Vancouver/Lower Mainland area) who recently were cured with one of the new DAAs to participate in a long-term study (includes honoraria). Here's the info:

https://youtu.be/_ecpTqgs1_c

Nov 2, 2017, 9:17 PM

Great article!

Updated Nov 3, 2017, 1:21 PM

This is so troubling!!

Updated Nov 6, 2017, 10:25 AM

This is really interesting!

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Nov 8, 2017, 10:24 AM

HCV treatment is now simple enough in most cases that it can be treated by a collaborating team of a hepatologist plus several primary-care physicians (PCPs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) - working via telehealth when face-to-face is inconvenient. Following diagnosis, assessment, and prescription, most treatment can actually be managed by NPs - working even in remote communities with optional telehealth access to a PCP &/or hepatologist. An NP describes this exciting development:

<http://www.clinicaladvisor.com/the-waiting-room/np-treatment-of-hepatitis-c/article/707354/>

Updated Nov 16, 2017, 12:08 PM

MUSIC VIDEO about HEPATITIS! NO HEP and You Tube bring us a (maybe the first??) catchy song about viral hepatitis B & C. Listen, enjoy, share! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zTSOvUd17Y>

Updated Nov 17, 2017, 9:27 AM

Let's hope this accomplishes something!

Updated Nov 17, 2017, 6:48 PM

Transplant using HCV+ organs, then give patient HCV cure?

Opioid deaths produce hope for people on transplant list:

<http://www.wbr.com/story/36887982/thousands-of-organs-discarded-yearly-due-to-hepatitis-c>

Updated Nov 21, 2017, 11:23 AM

Great News for Missourians

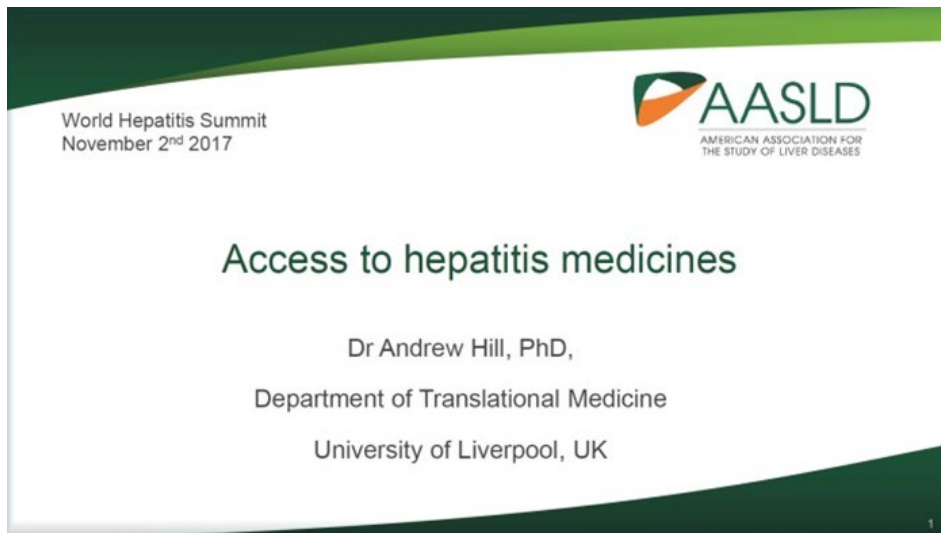
Updated Nov 21, 2017, 1:55 PM

Very interesting. Causes a type of liver cancer

Updated Nov 21, 2017, 6:03 PM

Here's hoping!

Updated Nov 26, 2017, 10:06 AM



Excellent presentation on how much drugs actually cost to make, how much they currently cost patients and where the greatest need is:

http://hepcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/access-to-hepatitis-medicines-andrew-hill_WHA-Summit-2017-small.pdf

Updated Nov 26, 2017, 3:12 PM

Great News for Missourians

Updated Nov 27, 2017, 12:03 PM

Good article!

Updated Nov 30, 2017, 3:14 PM

#HCV #hepatitisC Excellent Story

Updated Dec 3, 2017, 2:39 PM

This has just been approved in the USA. It enables visual monitoring of liver scarring.

Updated Dec 4, 2017, 12:47 PM

Yay Colorado!

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same time. <https://hepatitisc.net/living/buddy-or-bozo/>

Updated Dec 5, 2017, 11:19 AM

#HCV #hepatitisC What a great story!!

Updated Dec 6, 2017, 11:22 AM

Very interesting read about I-MAK and the patent dispute process:

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/2017/11/patent-fighters-taking-on-big-pharma/>

Updated Dec 10, 2017, 11:41 AM

Part of Professor Cooke's research will develop a device that can diagnose hepatitis C within minutes, in contrast to current tests which can take several days.

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Australia has a similar population to Canada, similar numbers of people infected with hepatitis C, and similar at-risk populations. But they are tackling the problem much faster and with far greater success, and are on track to actually ELIMINATE this disease! What is the secret to a "Hep-FreeCountry"? Can Canada learn from them? Brand-new 7-minute film... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVU5FLbnEpQ>

Updated Dec 11, 2017, 8:40 PM



Alicia at the HepCBC Info Booth at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre in Colwood, BC, December, 2017



Alicia (r.) at the Indigenous Youth Conference in Duncan in December, 2017 with Heather Mackenzie (l.) from AVI.

HepCBC on the Front lines with Alicia

Dec 12, 2017, 6:58 PM

This is a very interesting article: <https://www.curetoday.com/publications/cure/2017/2017-bonus-issue/the-infection-connection>

Updated Dec 16, 2017, 5:04 PM

Resources for Primary Care Physicians who wish to screen and treat hepatitis C (free PDFdownloads)

"HCV Screening and Testing"

and "HCV Treatments at a Glance"

Available at (may require registration, but it's secure and free):

<https://www.clinicaloptions.com/Hepatitis/Treatment%20Updates/HCV%20Primary/PDF%20Resources/PDF%201.aspx>

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Good on her!

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