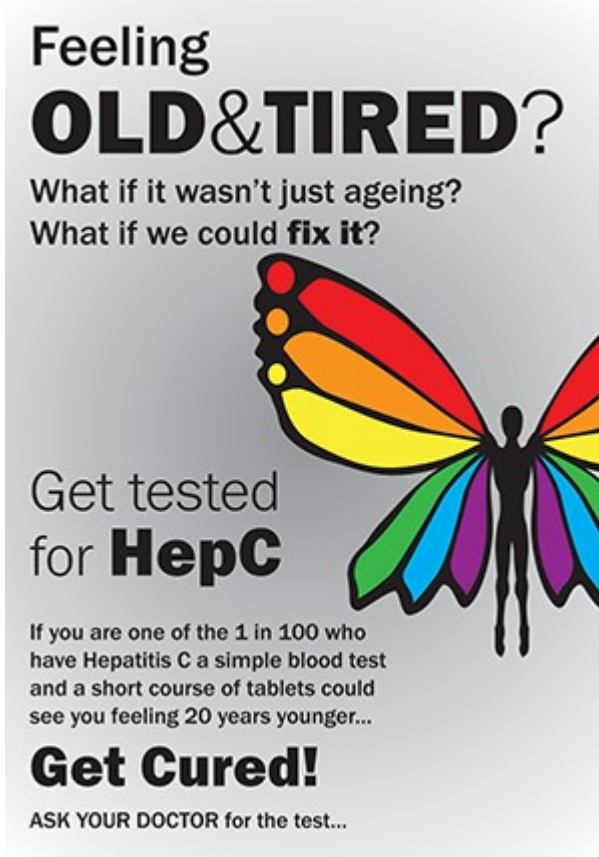


2019 HepCBC Facebook Posts

Ain't Amerika Grand!!!

Updated Jan 2, 2019, 11:40 AM



**Feeling
OLD & TIRED?**

What if it wasn't just ageing?
What if we could **fix it?**

Get tested
for **HepC**

If you are one of the 1 in 100 who
have Hepatitis C a simple blood test
and a short course of tablets could
see you feeling 20 years younger...

Get Cured!

ASK YOUR DOCTOR for the test...

Feeling old and tired? What if it weren't just aging? What if it were curable? Get tested for hepatitis C! Thanks to Hep C Action of New Zealand, Wow, Great Visual anyone is free to use, thanks! Download at <http://www.hepc-action.nz/resources/#the-butterfly>

Jan 22, 2019, 11:29 AM

Thanks to you all, HepCBC's page ("HepCBCFace") now has reached over 500 LIKES; you all are so much appreciated. We are just now mourning the recent deaths of two of our great volunteers, Phil Wilkin (Victoria) and Anita York (Vancouver), so this heartwarming news has come at a very welcome time. More information about Anita to follow shortly...

Feb 16, 2019, 1:11 PM

Finally, Maviret, AbbVie's hepatitis C drug, has made it through Canada's approval process and has been listed for coverage by Ontario's PharmaCare. We hope BC PharmaCare will also list it soon: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/abbvie-reaches-an-agreement-with-the-pan-canadian-pharmaceutical-alliance-pcpa-for-its-hepatitis-c-treatment-maviret-tm--822598355.html>

Updated Feb 22, 2019, 11:21 AM

This fund gives up to \$2500 to individual women with HCV - check it out and share!

Updated Feb 23, 2019, 11:36 AM

Read and SHARE this issue! The first article explains why. We propose broadening post-SVR monitoring for liver cancer to SAVE LIVES. 20% of those with HCC do not have cirrhosis, and are often diagnosed far too late. This includes HepCBC's webmaster, who is now battling HCC. This issue also includes Rest in Peace to our wonderful Coordinator of Volunteers, @[100008374306480:2048:Anita York], an invitation to women living with HCV to apply for \$25,000 in funding (!!), and an announcement a new pan-genotypic HCV drug, Maviret™, has been approved for coverage in Ontario.

Updated Feb 23, 2019, 7:30 PM

Congratulations, hepatitis C patients in BC, BC PharmaCare, and AbbVie Pharmaceuticals! One more treatment option is now available to BC HCV patients of all genotypes, New patients without cirrhosis need only 8 weeks treatment. Maviret™ is also safe and effective for the many HCV+ people with chronic kidney disease (CKD). <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/british-columbia-pharmacare-lists-abbvie-s-hepatitis-c-treatment-maviret-tm-on-its-formulary-821046766.html>

Updated Mar 22, 2019, 9:50 AM

Great news today for chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients in British Columbia with hepatitis C (HCV)! A new HCV treatment especially tested and approved for them, Maviret(TM) is now listed by BC PharmaCare. As American Kidney Fund says: "There is a connection between hepatitis C and kidney disease. Hepatitis C can cause kidney disease, and sometimes kidney patients can get hepatitis C from hemodialysis, a treatment for kidney failure, if a medical facility does not carefully follow guidelines for infection control." <http://www.kidneyfund.org/kidney-disease/hepatitis-c/>

Updated Mar 22, 2019, 6:34 PM

"Patient input helps improve patient outcomes, bridge gaps in care, and bridges gaps in data. Their engagement is important to bonify and complement the scientific evaluation process.

... Most importantly, they remind us who we do this for." - Panel Discussions at the CADTH Symposium 2019

Updated Apr 16, 2019, 8:19 AM

Are you a hepatitis C positive person in BC looking for a paid leadership position? Consider the following excellent opportunity (deadline May 2, 4 pm): <https://pacificaidnetwork.org/2019/04/19/job-posting-hepatitis-c-leadership-project-coordinator/>

Updated Apr 23, 2019, 9:29 AM

FREE 1/2 day Online Symposium on hepatitis B and C. Sat. April 27 between 8:15 am and 12:30pm. By Clinical Care Options. Excellent agenda and presenters!

You must pre-register: <https://cco.digitellinc.com/cco/live/117/page/513>

Updated Apr 24, 2019, 12:33 PM

INVITATION TO BC Centre for Disease Control's World Hepatitis Day Webinar Wed., July 24 (8:45 -12:30 pm Pacific time). This comprehensive presentation is for medical professionals (accreditation available) and interested members of the public as well. Free Registration link: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_007IKAxXMEpRKM5

Jul 10, 2019, 4:58 PM



2019 World Hep Day Special Event: BCCDC Public Health Grand Rounds* **Moving Towards HepC-Free BC**

A free Grand Rounds event (in-person or online) for General Practitioners, nurses, community groups, public health, and others who are interested in engaging people in hepatitis C (HCV) care.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for on-site or online attendance.

Wednesday July 24, 2019

8:45am – 12:30pm PDT

Attend online

Chrome Web
Browser required

Paetzold Health Education Centre (Room JPPS 1891 LT) | Jim Pattison Pavilion |
Vancouver General Hospital | 899 West 12th Ave | Vancouver, BC

or on-site

Today's HCV treatment cure rates are >95%. However, with the rapid change in the treatment landscape, challenges remain to linking people with HCV testing, care and treatment. This webinar will explore methods, challenges, and successes of engaging people from different populations into HCV care. **Topics will include:**

Session 1 (8:45 am to 10:30 am, including patient voice#1, Q&A and refreshments)

- **Update on HCV epidemiology and care cascade in British Columbia**
– Dr. Naveed Janjua (BCCDC/UBC, Vancouver)
- **Screening and treatment of hepatitis C in correctional facilities**
– Adam Beaumont (PHSA/Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre, Victoria)
- **Cool Aid Care model—HCV screening and treatment of marginalized populations**
– Anne Drost (Victoria Cool Aid Society, Victoria)
- **Linkage with care and HCV treatment at an Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) clinic**
– Dr. Edward Tam (LAIR Centre, Vancouver)

Session 2 (10:45 am to 12:30 pm, including patient voice #2, Q&A and refreshments)

- **HCV screening and linkage with care among the South Asian population**
– Mohammad Hayat (Progressive Intercultural Community Services, Vancouver)
- **HCV screening and linkage with care among women**
– Dr. Neora Pick (BC Women's Hospital/Oak Tree Clinic, Vancouver)
- **Linking people who are not currently engaged in HCV care**
– Dr. Alnoor Ramji (UBC/Providence Health Care, Vancouver)

*BCCDC Public Health Grand Rounds is a self-approved group learning activity as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. **Registered participants (MDs only) can earn MoC credits.**



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority



Place: Centennial Sq, Victoria, BC V8W, Canada (48.4283, -123.36445)

From Aug 31, 2019, 12:30 PM to Aug 31, 2019, 4:30 PM

This annual event will be held again in Centennial Square. HepCBC volunteers hope you will come to our information booth. We have some great new educational materials! Event sponsored by AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI), CISUR, Peers Victoria, and Moms Stop The Harm. AVI provided the below details: Together we will hold space to remember those loved and lost, while advocating for decriminalization, dignified healthcare and a #safesupply Join us for join us for Victoria's Largest annual public Narcan Training, Community BBQ, Resource Tables, Live Music and Memorial Heart Activity with Moms Stop the Harm. The Vancouver Island Drug Checking Project will be offering a free and confidential drug checking service. This event has been organized by the South Island Community Overdose Response Network (SICORN) with funding from the Community Action Initiative (CAI) and support from the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) Event takes place on the traditional territories of the Lkwungen speaking peoples, of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. Join us in the evening for a candlelight vigil of remembrance. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/events/371601193503055/>

Updated Aug 31, 2019, 11:01 AM

Place: Columbia Street, 400 block, between Hastings & Pender (49.2819, -123.1204)

From Sep 24, 2019, 11:00 AM to Sep 24, 2019, 3:00 PM

The Alley Health Fair is an annual street festival that brings together organizations and service providers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to promote health, wellness, and to educate participants about local services available to them. The event includes music, food vendors, hair-cuts, massage, health testing, bicycle and wheelchair repair, among many other features.

Updated Aug 31, 2019, 5:27 PM

BC's Nurse Practitioners Can Now Prescribe Treatment for Hepatitis C

PharmaCare now accepts Special Authority requests from NPs for Hepatitis C treatments!

Best HCV treatment and elimination news we've heard in ages...this should help many more people get into BC's HCV treatment pipeline and make Elimination of Hepatitis C in BC by our goal of 2030 much more likely! As of October 30, 2019, Nurse Practitioners in BC have been permitted to fill out "Special Authority" Requests for Hepatitis C treatment. These are the prescriptions needed by BCPharmacare in order to approve a person's treatment. News below is from the BC College of Nursing Professionals website:

"Effective immediately, PharmaCare will accept Special Authority (SA) requests for hepatitis C (HCV) treatments submitted by nurse practitioners sufficiently experienced in treating hepatitis C. The relevant SA forms and criteria pages will be updated as soon as possible to reflect this change.

Test results supporting any SA request for HCV treatment must be submitted with the SA request. For additional information and requirements from Pharmacare, please see the information sheet on Adults with Chronic Hepatitis C.

BCCNP requirements : NPs prescribing to treat HCV must ensure they meet the relevant BCCNP Standards of Practice including:

Standards for Ordering Diagnostic Tests and Managing Test Results

Standards for Prescribing Drugs

Standards for Consultation and Referral "

For full article, see

<https://www.bccnp.ca/bccnp/Announcements/Pages/Announcement.aspx?AnnouncementID=99>

Updated Nov 13, 2019, 3:56 PM

Dried Blood Spot Testing (DBST) becomes a reality in remote communities in BC! Starting with hepatitis C tests in Carrier Sekani communities, the hope is the tests will enable easier and more confidential testing across BC's rural and remote communities for HIV and other STIs as well.

Hopefully the BCCDC will gear up soon to handle increased quantities of these great new tests. They are one more tool to enable the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis by 2030, starting in BC! <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/simple-hep-c-test-will-help-remote-b-c-indigenous-communities-1.5361692>

Updated Nov 19, 2019, 8:13 PM

Place: Online Webinar and Phone formats

From Dec 15, 2019, 12:00 PM to Dec 15, 2019, 12:30 PM

This event is open to the public, though only people who have been registered Members of HepCBC for 30 days or more can vote. To get a link to attend the meeting, request it from info@hepcbc.ca with your name and email address.

HepCBC welcomes anyone to attend our upcoming online (or optional phone) 2019 Annual General Meeting, though only people who have been Members at least 30 days can vote. To receive a link to the meeting, email a request to

info@hepcbc.ca. Download Meeting Package from http://hepcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/20191215_HepCBC_AGM_MeetingPackage.pdf

Updated Dec 7, 2019, 8:13 PM