

HEPATITIS C IN PRIMARY CARE AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL SETTINGS

Join us for this free online training to support your role in eliminating hepatitis C!

People who inject drugs (PWID) represent approximately 90% of newly acquired hepatitis C (HCV) infections. Clinicians working with PWID play an important role in reducing HCV-related morbidity and mortality through early diagnosis and treatment. With the advent of well-tolerated, short-course direct acting antiviral (DAA) HCV regimens with cure rates >95%, there is an opportunity to vastly improve the health outcomes of people living with HCV.

This course is designed for medical practitioners, nurses, addiction medicine specialists and other clinical staff working with people who inject drugs. Through self-directed online learning and an interactive online workshop, delivered by local experts, participants will gain the skills to confidently manage hepatitis C in their setting.

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the risk factors for HCV infection enabling effective screening and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence conducting and interpreting tests to diagnose HCV
- Recognise risk factors, clinical signs, symptoms and complications of liver disease
- Demonstrate understanding of Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) therapy for the treatment of HCV and competence in selecting appropriate therapy
- Describe recommended on-treatment monitoring and post-treatment follow up protocols

Certification

This Group Learning program has been reviewed by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is awaiting final certification by the College's National Chapter.

With acknowledgement of our endorsing partners:

Date: Thursday, 17 June 2021

Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm (PDT)

Location: Online via ZOOM

Cost: The course is free. Places are limited - registration is essential.

Facilitators:

Dr. Ed Tam
Clinical Hepatologist, Pacific Gastroenterology Associates, Vancouver, BC

Dr. Susie Nouch
Family Physician, Pender Clinic

Lesley Gallagher
Hepatitis C Nurse Clinician, Vancouver Coastal Health

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3mEDInj>

Register before: Friday, 4 June 2021

More information: For further details please contact bianca.leber@ashm.org.au