

Who Should Attend

This program is directed to primary care physicians, specialists (ID, Gastro, Hepatology), nurses, public health, Drug and Alcohol counselors, care coordinators, advocates and other allied health care workers involved in the healthcare of patients who have risk factors for Hepatitis C particularly people who inject drugs.

Program Overview

The goal of this course module is to help clinicians and other service providers understand the local and regional picture of viral hepatitis, understand HCV screening recommendations, current treatment options, and specific issues with vulnerable populations especially people who inject drugs.

Learning Objectives

At course completion, attendees should be able to:

Performance

Increase HCV testing (national average is 48%, goal is 66%) in the PA Southwest Community Health District (PA SWCHD)

Competency

Successful linkage to HCV care will increase. (National average 11%, goal is 33% in the PA SWCHD).

Increase Knowledge

Increase knowledge of the new HCV treatments and empower PCP's to screen, counsel, and consider treating patients with HCV.



Hepatitis C: The “Silent Epidemic”

Featuring Senior Scientists and Regional Experts on Hepatitis C Prevention and Treatment, and HIV/HCV Antibody Testing Certification

Course Director:

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Pennsylvania Department of Health

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Doubletree Downtown Reading

Sponsored by the:

- Community Liver Alliance
- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences.
- Pennsylvania Department of Health



Community Liver Alliance

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Program Agenda

8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast

8:15-9:00

HIV Antibody Screening Training_Orasure

9:00-9:15

Welcome

Jason Snyder *Opening Speaker*

9:15-9:50

State of HCV in Pennsylvania and review of increasing incidence in the less than 35 age group

Charlie Howsare MD MPH, *Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Pennsylvania*

9:50-10:00 Break/Networking

10:00-10:50

Hepatitis C Prevention Opportunities among People Who Inject Drugs

Alexandra Shirreffs, MPH

*Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator (VHPC)
Philadelphia Department of Public Health*

10:50-11:00 Break/Networking

11:00-11:50

Linkage to Hepatitis C Medical Care

Carla Coleman, MBA, MSW *Lead Patient Navigator/Linkage Coordinator, Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine*

11:50-12:10 Lunch Break/Networking (please feel free to eat during the Keynote address)

12:10-12:50 Keynote Speaker

Rachel Levine, MD

Physician General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine

12:50-1:00 Break/Networking

1:00-4:00

Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA)

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

- Prescribing Considerations, Monitoring, Pipeline

Dr. Karen Krok, *Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center*

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

-Hepatitis/ HIV Co-Infection

To be determined

3:00 p.m. – 3:50p.m.

- Patient Counseling in Context of Treatment Ineligibility,

Dr. Karen Krok, *Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center*

Counselors/Therapists/Care Managers

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

- Addressing Hepatitis (and HIV) Disparities and Stigma

Dr. Felipe Arias, *Farias Medical Clinic, Reading Hospital*

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

- Overcoming Psychiatric Barriers to Effective Hepatitis C Treatment

Kevin Moore, PsyD, *Director of Integrative Medicine at AIDS Care Group*

3:00 p.m. – 3:50p.m.

- Effective Public Health Program Strategies (PPP as Model)

Jose Benitez, *Executive Director of Prevention Point Philadelphia*

Nurses (RN,LPN,MA, Public Health)

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

- Addressing Hepatitis (and HIV) Disparities and Stigma

Melinda Zipp, *Director of Outreach Lancaster Harm Reduction Project, Inc.*

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

-Nursing role in counseling those with HVC infection and accessing treatment

Catelyn Coyle MPH, Med, *Public Health Project Manager
National Nursing Centers Consortium*

3:00 p.m. – 3:50p.m.

-HCV Rapid Antibody Testing course and certification

Orasure Reps

4:00 p.m. Resource Fair Booths

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Registration

\$25.00

Breakfast and Lunch CME/CEU Program

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December 1, 2015**

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