

# Hepatitis C in Primary Care & Drug and Alcohol Settings

## *Treating hepatitis C in people who inject drugs*

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 new, 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 program is designed for addiction medicine specialists, OST prescribers, family physicians and other medical staff working with people who inject drugs. Through online learning and a face-to-face workshop, delivered by local experts, participants will gain the skills to confidently manage hepatitis C in their setting.

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the risk factors for HCV infection, enabling effective practice screening processes and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence interpreting clinical information to effectively diagnose HCV
- Demonstrate competence in liver disease assessment
- Demonstrate understanding of DAA therapy for the treatment of HCV and competence in selecting and prescribing appropriate therapy
- Monitor patients on treatment and post-treatment appropriately

This workshop will be held adjacent to the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference.

### Date:

Sunday, 27th October 2019

### Time:

8:30am - 4:00pm

### Venue:

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel  
1919 Upper Water Street  
Halifax, Canada, B3J 3J5

### Cost:

The course is free of charge and fully catered. Places are limited - registration is essential.

### Registration link:

<https://ashm.eventsair.com/halifax-27-oct-2019/registration/Site/Register>

### Register before:

Thursday, 17 October 2019

### More information:

For further details contact [education@ashm.org.au](mailto:education@ashm.org.au)

### Certification

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

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### About INHSU

This Symposium is convened by the International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU), an international organisation dedicated to scientific knowledge exchange, knowledge translation, and advocacy focused on hepatitis C prevention and care among people who use drugs.



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