

# 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) infection. 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 a chance to vastly improve the health outcomes of people living with HCV.

This course will strengthen the capacity of clinical staff to manage HCV in their setting. Through online learning and a face-face workshop, delivered by local experts, participants will gain the skills to confidently manage HCV. This workshop is designed for Addiction Specialists, General Practitioners, Nurse Prescribers, Pharmacist Prescribers and other clinical staff working with people who inject drugs.

At the conclusion 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 or referral to specialist care as appropriate
- Monitor patients on treatment and post-treatment appropriately

A limited number of travel scholarships are available - contact INHSU for more information.

#### Accreditation:

Accreditation application pending for the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Nurses.

#### Date:

Friday 8 June 2018

#### Time:

8:30am - 4:30pm

#### Venue:

Venue TBC, Camden, London

#### Cost:

The course is free of charge; catering is provided. Places are limited - registration is essential.

#### Speakers:

Prof. Graham Foster - Blizard Institute  
Dr Ashley Brown - Imperial College London  
Dr Douglas Macdonald - Royal Free London

#### Registration link:

<http://bit.ly/2DKSP6S>

#### Register before:

1 June 2018

Travel scholarships are available.

For information contact [info@inhsu.org](mailto:info@inhsu.org)

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

#### Endorsed by:

