

Connecting with Care Competition: A global competition to identify and showcase innovative models of HCV care for people who use drugs

Contact:

International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users

Email: info@inhsu.org

Phone: +61 2 8204 0769



Contents

What is the Connecting with Care project?	3
<i>What is a model of care?</i>	<i>3</i>
The Connecting with Care Competition.....	4
<i>Prize details</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Connecting with Care Competition Timeframes</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Application review process.....</i>	<i>4</i>
How to apply for a Connecting with Care Competition	5
<i>What to think about when submitting your application?.....</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>What happens when my model of care wins?</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Who should I contact if I have any questions?.....</i>	<i>5</i>



What is the Connecting with Care project?

Connecting with Care is a global project that aims to profile innovative models of care delivered in a variety of settings and countries.

The project objectives are to:

- Share knowledge of effective hepatitis C prevention, treatment and care approaches for people who use drugs
- Inspire people working in the field to implement effective models of care in their service
- Compile an evidence base to share with practitioners, people who use drugs, researchers, policy makers, and political decision makers to enable effective model of care implementation

The project has several components:

1. Identification and profiling of successful models of care through infographic factsheets
2. Development of video case studies that highlight successful models of care
3. Development of an interactive online Model of Care Toolkit

What is a model of care?

A model of care broadly describes the way that health services are delivered. It includes “where” services are offered, “what” services are offered, “who” delivers the services, and “how” these services are delivered.

Where

For HCV care among PWID, this includes the setting where services are offered, which can include tertiary-care hospital-based specialist clinics, drug treatment services, community health centers, general practice or primary care practices, prisons, needle and syringe programs, supervised consumption rooms, pharmacies, homelessness services, mental health services, and other settings that provide services for PWID (Bruggmann & Litwin, 2013).

What

The range of services offered within a specific model of care can include testing for HCV and other infections (either on-site or offering testing with off-site referral), liver disease assessment, HCV assessment by a practitioner, and DAA treatment.

A model of care might offer only specific components of the care cascade (with partnering and referral to other services) or will provide all services as a “one-stop-shop”.

Who

Who delivers services can vary, depending on the services offered and local context.

How

How these services are then delivered defines the model of care.

The Connecting with Care Competition

INHSU is holding a global competition to identify innovative models of care to be developed into infographic factsheets and disseminated to our members and sector partners.

We invite you to submit your model of care as an opportunity to showcase to the world how your model effectively provides access to hepatitis C treatment and care for people who use drugs.

Infographics will be designed to highlight emerging ways of working and to inspire others working in the sector.

Infographics will be a key resource in INHSU's online Model of Care Toolkit; a platform that provides practitioners, people who use drugs, researchers, policy makers, and political decision makers with easy to use tools and resources to develop tailored, evidence-based models of care.

Prize details

- Successful models of care developed into an infographic and profiled through INHSU, including via the annual conference, relevant education events and on the online Model of Care Toolkit
- One complimentary registration to the 2021 INHSU conference (does not include travel to the conference)
- 1-year INHSU Membership for 5 members of your team

Connecting with Care Competition Timeframes

Competition Open	Thursday 6 th August 2020
Competition Close	Thursday 17 th September 2020

Application review process

Submissions will be marked by an Expert Steering Committee against a marking framework. The winners of the Connecting with Care Competition will be announced by INHSU via a direct email to all INHSU members.

How to apply for a Connecting with Care Competition

To enter the competition, complete the Connecting with Care Competition application form.

The deadline for entering is Thursday 17th September 2020 by 11:59pm CET.

Access the form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/connectingwithcare>

What to think about when submitting your application?

- Evidence base that supports your model of care; practice principles and guidelines
- Your specific context; geographical and program settings
- Key activities and core components of the models of care
- Data you can provide that supports the effectiveness of your model of care
- Key successes and achievements
- Key challenges and learnings
- Reflections on key considerations for others looking to implement a similar model of care

What happens when my model of care wins?

INHSU will work with you to develop your model of care into an infographic. Much of the content will be derived from your application. You will need to provide more detail on your model of care if required.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Please email info@inhsu.org if you need any further information about the competition or support in preparing your application.