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 course is designed for medical practitioners, nurses, addiction medicine specialists and other clinical staff working with people who inject drugs. Through online learning and a face-face 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 practice screening processes and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence interpreting clinical information to effectively diagnose
- 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 posttreatment appropriately

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 AB

Friday, 1st November 2019

Time:

8:30am - 4:00pm

Venue:

The Delta Hotel 10222 102 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4C5, Canada

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

Registration link:

https://ashm.eventsair.com/edmonton-01november-2019-hep-c/registration/Site/Register

Register before:

Tuesday, 29th October 2019

More information:

For further details contact education@ashm.org.au

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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