

HEPATITIS C IN PRIMARY CARE AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL SETTINGS

Join us for this free online training to support your role in eliminating hepatitis C!

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 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.

The program is designed for addiction doctors, physicians, general practitioners, nurses and other clinical staff working in drug and alcohol settings or with people who use drugs, including public hospital/community health settings, NGOs, correction services and needle syringe services.

Through self-directed online learning and an interactive online workshop, delivered by local experts, participants will gain the skills to confidently manage hepatitis C in their setting.

Format:

- 1** Pre - Learning Modules
Duration 1.5 hours
- 2** Online Workshop
Duration: 3 hours
- 3** Toolkit

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the risk factors for HCV infection enabling effective screening and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence conducting and interpreting tests to diagnose HCV
- Recognise risk factors, clinical signs, symptoms and complications of liver disease
- Demonstrate understanding of DAA therapy for the treatment of HCV and competence in selecting appropriate therapy
- Describe recommended on-treatment monitoring and post-treatment follow up protocols

Online Workshops:

- **Wednesday, 6 March 2024**, 09H00 - 12H00 (SAST)
(Register before 28 February 2024)
- **Thursday 14 March 2024**, 13H00 - 16H00 (SAST)
(Register before 11 March 2024)

CPD-accredited: 3 Clinical Points

Cost: Free

Program Registration link:

Register here: bit.ly/42IaNnm

The virtual workshop registration link will follow on completion of the pre-learning modules

More information:

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