

Hepatitis Awareness Month 2018 Webinar Series



Ensuring Access to High-Quality Care

Across the country, health centers are supporting varying degrees of Hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening, testing, linkage to care and treatment programming. Throughout this three part webinar series, presenters will discuss HCV policy and programming supported at health centers nationally and the critical importance of this work in light of the opioid epidemic.

Discussion will also include national trends and changes in HCV infection rates and their relationship to the opioid epidemic. Best practices in HCV programming at health centers, including how primary care and behavioral health providers are partnering to address HCV infection in active injection drug users, will be highlighted.

Audience

Health centers, primary care associations, and academic institutions

FREE Continuing Education Credits

Participants in Hepatitis Awareness Month May webinar series will have the opportunity to earn 1 unit of continuing education credit per session of the 3-part series, for a total of up to 3 units. Accreditation is offered for Continuing Medical Education (CME), Continuing Nursing Education (CNE), and Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) contact hours.

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Part 1: Implications of National Trends in Opioid Use and HCV Infection

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 12 - 1 pm EST

Summary: Learn national trends and changes in HCV infection rates and their relationship to the opioid epidemic. Participants will examine data as it relates to HCV rates, testing, and treatment in the era of the opioid epidemic, including gaps in what UDS data and CDC guidelines say about HCV, with the expertise of the Director of Preventive Services from the Iowa Primary Care Association. A representative from the PHMC Care Clinic in Philadelphia will discuss successes and challenges in optimizing HCV programming at health centers.

Featured Panelist: Chris Taylor, Senior Director, Hepatitis, NASTAD

[Click here to register for Part 1: Implications of National Trends in Opioid Use and HCV Infection](#)

Part 2: Best Practices for HCV Programming at Health Centers

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 12 - 1 pm EST

Summary: Hear from national, state-level, and local experts about the key role health centers play in testing and treating HCV. Discussion will include an analysis of policy changes to HCV treatment standards in Pennsylvania as a response to the opioid epidemic, and participants will learn best practices for onboarding universal screening practices in their health center from Whittier Street Health Center in Boston, MA.

Featured Panelist: Judith Steinberg, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA

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Part 3: Sustaining HCV Programming at Your Health Center

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 12 - 1 pm EST

Summary: Panelists will discuss the response by health centers to the opioid epidemic, as well as the challenges that limited resources for HCV programming present to health centers. This will include a cost-benefit analysis of HCV programming at health centers in Philadelphia, and strategies for integrating behavioral health practice into HCV programming for those affected by opioid use.

Featured Panelist: Corinna Dan, RN, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor, HHS Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy

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