

# THE ELIMINATE HEPATITIS C PARTNERSHIP



EC Partnership

## EC UPDATE - JULY 2020

### INTRODUCTION

Recognising that this year most activities have been scaled back or moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus of this quarter's EC Partnership newsletter is to provide updates on the events, campaigns and publications centred around World Hepatitis Day.

We hope everyone is keeping well and staying safe during this time.

### BURNET INSTITUTE'S WORLD HEPATITIS DAY ONLINE WEBINAR

*Monday 27 July 12:30pm - 2:00pm*

The theme for the Burnet Institute's 2020 webinar is **"Hepatitis elimination in the time of COVID-19"**.

The webinar will feature speakers from a range of community, clinical and research backgrounds who will speak on three topics:

- Outreach models for engaging people living with hepatitis
- Integrated Care Models for harm reduction
- Impact of COVID-19 on viral hepatitis care and services

[More info and registrations here.](#)



### OTHER EVENTS

**#HepFree Future in the Asia Pacific: Hepatitis elimination in the time of COVID-19.** Hosted by the Burnet Institute and CEVHAP. 24 July 4pm AEST.

[More info and registrations here.](#)

Gastroenterological Society of Australia's World Hepatitis Day online seminar (co-hosted by the Burnet Institute). 28 July 5pm AEST.

[More info and registrations here.](#)

**Dual pandemics – what will COVID-19 mean for hepatitis C elimination?** Hosted by AIVL, Hepatitis Australia, APSAD, NDARC and the Kirby Institute. 28 July 12:30pm AEST

[More info and registrations here.](#)

UNSW Centre for Social Research In Health webinar on **Stigma among people who inject drugs and people living with hepatitis C.** 27 July 2pm AEST.

[More info and registrations here.](#)

The VHBA's Spotlight on Chronic Hepatitis B - series of four webinars over three weeks. Starting from 16 July 12pm.

[More info and registrations here.](#)

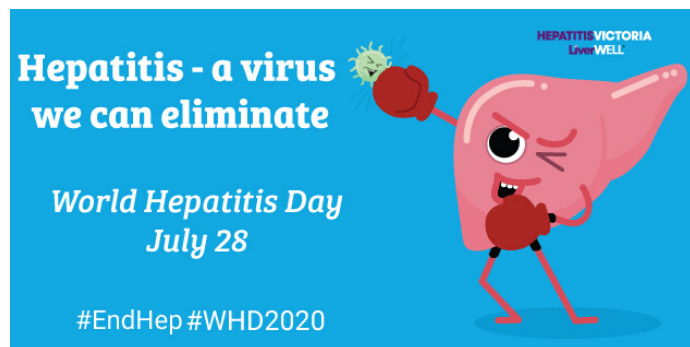
## UPDATES FROM PARTNERS

### HEPATITIS VICTORIA/LIVERWELL®

This year things will look a little different due to social distancing and COVID-19 requirements. We have created a collateral for you to use.

Our theme is:  
**“Hepatitis – a virus we can eliminate”**

See the collateral [here](#). You can print these out or share them digitally with the hashtag #EndHep. How about posting a selfie with the campaign backdrop? You can even insert your name!



Resources and more information about World Hepatitis Day 2020 are also available [here](#).

For more information, please contact Martin, [martin@hepvic.org.au](mailto:martin@hepvic.org.au)

### MOBILE IMMUNISATION AND HARM REDUCTION SERVICE (MIHS)

Access Health, in partnership with St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and the Burnet Institute, have recently commenced a pilot evaluation of an outreach service for at-risk homeless populations across metro Melbourne.

The mobile clinic is providing hepatitis A, hepatitis B and flu immunisations, COVID-19 screening referrals and linkage to other health services via a mobile van staffed by a registered vaccination nurse and a social worker. The program will run for three months.

For more information, please contact Bec, [Rebecca.Thatcher@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:Rebecca.Thatcher@salvationarmy.org.au)



### EC NURSING PROGRAMS

The EC clinical nursing team has now temporarily placed clinical works on hold in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be providing regular updates to all of our partners.

For more information regarding EC nursing services, contact Chloe Layton, [chloe.layton@burnet.edu.au](mailto:chloe.layton@burnet.edu.au)

## NEW RESEARCH & OTHER UPDATES

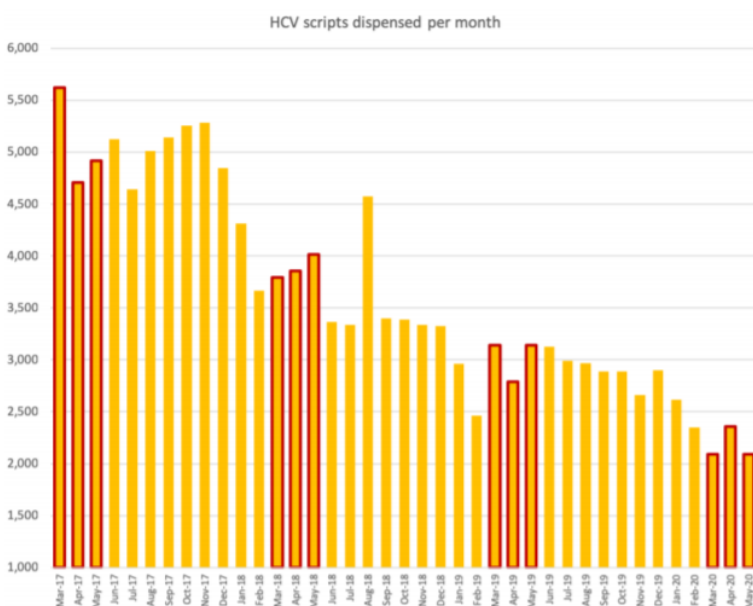
### SECTOR UPDATES

- From 1 April 2020, authorised Nurse Practitioners can prescribe hepatitis B and hepatitis C treatment under the PBS Highly Specialised Drugs (s100) Program. [A statement from the Department of Health can be found here.](#)

- The TGA has approved CEPHID's GeneXpert HCV Viral Load Fingerstick test for rapid point-of-care hepatitis C testing. [A summary from the Therapeutic Goods Administration can be found here.](#)

- In early June the Victorian Government announced plans to establish a new supervised injecting room in the CBD of Melbourne. [A statement from the Victorian government can be found here.](#)

- Researchers from the Doherty Institute have prepared a summary showing a drop in HCV antibody tests, PCR tests and HCV scripts in March, April and May compared to the same months in previous years. Contact [jennifer.maclachlan@vidrl.org.au](mailto:jennifer.maclachlan@vidrl.org.au) for more information



### LATEST PUBLICATIONS

- [A global investment framework for the elimination of hepatitis C](#), which outlines national and international activities that will enable reductions in hepatitis C incidence and mortality, available online first 27 July for World Hepatitis Day.

- [A model of the economic benefits of global hepatitis C elimination: an investment case](#), available online first 27 July for World Hepatitis Day.

- [A cost-effectiveness model](#) showing that community-based management and treatment of hepatitis C reduces costs, increases quality of life and increases access to DAAs.

- [Viral Hepatitis Mapping Project: National Report 2018-19](#). Published in 2020, the latest version of the report contains updated estimates of hepatitis B and hepatitis C prevalence, management and treatment across Australia.

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