



Workshop 34 Doubling up: influencing innovation in hepatitis C care and treatment

Tuesday 24 November, 10.00 am – 3.30 pm Star Room, Level 6, IMAX Theatre Complex, Cockle Bay Wharf

To celebrate the Consortium's achievements for the year we will be having an end of year function after the workshop from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Introduction to the workshop

There are a number of significant changes currently being implemented in the area of hepatitis C treatment and care. Aligned with national goals, NSW Health is committed to the target of doubling the numbers of people undertaking hepatitis C treatment by 2012. To meet this goal, additional resources have been identified in the hepatitis C care and treatment sector both for mainstream services and to support initiatives in care for Aboriginal people. New treatment and care models are being developed and delivered in a range of settings (including drug treatment services and general practice) many of which provide new challenges and opportunities for healthcare workers. With targeted promotion of hepatitis C treatment, the profile of people accessing treatment may begin to change, as people with more complex social and health needs begin to access testing, treatment and care services.

This workshop will provide an overview of recent epidemiological and clinical developments in hepatitis C testing, care and treatment, explore recent social research in the area and highlight current innovative models for the delivery of care and treatment to people with hepatitis C.

Aims of the workshop

- ▶ To review recent and future developments in epidemiology, clinical practice and policy in relation to the care and treatment of people with hepatitis C
- ▶ To explore implications of current social research on the experience of people considering, undergoing and completing treatment
- ▶ To provide examples of innovative practice and to explore a range of new models of service delivery that aim for better care, testing and treatment for greater numbers of people
- ▶ To challenge delegates to examine how they may contribute to changed clinical practice and enhanced outcomes for people with hepatitis C.

Delegate profile: who should attend

Those who provide services to, or are seeking to improve access to testing, treatment and care for people living with hepatitis C are encouraged to attend this workshop. Other people who will gain from participating in the workshop include:

- ▶ Frontline clinicians (doctors, nurses) and researchers
- ▶ Those working with priority populations such as people who inject drugs, people from Aboriginal or CALD backgrounds, people with mental health and other needs
- ▶ Educators, health promoters, counsellors, sexual health workers, community service providers and other allied health staff who are currently or potentially partners in a holistic approach to hepatitis C testing, treatment and care.

Confirmed guest speakers

Professor Greg Dore is Professor and Head, Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research, The University of New South Wales, Sydney and Infectious Diseases Physician, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney.

Dr Max Hopwood has worked with NCHSR since June 1997. His recent work has explored people's experiences of hepatitis C treatments, including the period following completion of treatment.

Stuart Loveday is currently Vice-President, a founder executive member and former President of Hepatitis Australia, and has been the Executive Officer of the Hepatitis C Council of NSW since 1994. Stuart has a strong interest in improved community access to hepatitis C treatment in Australia.

Dr Monica Robotin is the Chief Investigator for the B Positive project, aiming to detect and optimise the treatment of chronic hepatitis B infection in the community. Monica is the Medical Director at the Cancer Council NSW and Senior Lecturer at the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney.

Lisa Ryan is the Manager, Harm Minimisation, AIDS/Infectious Diseases Branch, NSW Department of Health.

Associate Professor Carla Treloar is Head of the Hepatitis C Program at the National Centre in HIV Social Research. She is also Deputy Director of NCHSR and Manager of the Consortium.

Facilitator

Norman Booker is an independent consultant working in the fields of planning and evaluation, change management, facilitation and professional learning. Until recently he managed the statewide NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP) in Hepatitis, HIV and Sexual Health.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop. Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at www.wdp.nsw.gov.au

Registration

To register, please email Ann Whitelaw at a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

Registrations are now open and close on Monday 16 November 2009.

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