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Viral Hepatitis Newsletter

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Spotlight



Economic-related Inequities and Health

Poverty, a situation where a person or group of people lack financial resources that are needed to maintain a minimum standard of living, is strongly correlated with poor health outcomes and an increased risk of premature death. Poverty is one of many social determinants of health — nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes and shape the conditions of daily life. Social determinates of health have been shown to have a greater influence on one's health than genetic factors.

This Poverty Awareness Month, learn more about social determinates of health by [CLICKING THIS LINK](#).

NASTAD's Board Chair Challenge

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization representing public health officials who administer HIV and hepatitis programming around the United States. NASTAD's mission is to help those living with HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, and the intersecting epidemics by strengthening governmental public health and leveraging partnerships.

Each year the NASTAD board chair issues a challenge to NASTAD members to help us reach the goal of ending HIV and hepatitis epidemics. For 2024, Board Chairman David Kern challenges members to focus additional efforts on four key populations: persons of trans experience, persons who use drugs, persons aging with HIV, and gay, bisexual, and other same gender loving men. Learn more: [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

Educational Resources

Hepatitis B Trainings

The Hep B Foundation has launched the [B Informed Training Hub](#) in collaboration with [HepBcommunity.org](#) and the Westmead Institute for Medical Research.

The B Informed Training Hub is a free training platform that provides educational resources on hepatitis B, hepatitis D and liver cancer.

To learn more about the B Informed Training Hub and participate in trainings [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

Only **25%**

of people infected with hepatitis B are diagnosed

[Hepatitis B Foundation](#)

Hepatitis C ECHO Trainings

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcome (ECHO) is a collaborative program that uses technology to provide case-based learning to improve access to high-quality treatment for hepatitis B and C. On the web-based platform, participants share knowledge with others, connect to specialists, and participate in discussions, and medical experts provide recommendations to enhance the mastery of topics.

The Hepatitis C ECHO meets online on the first and third Thursdays of month from 12:30-2 p.m.

To register for the Hepatitis C ECHO: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

IN-HAMP

The Indiana Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program (IN-HAMP) is a medical education training program for clinicians who are new to treating hepatitis C. The IN-HAMP program includes two 1.5-hour long hepatitis C ECHO sessions, Cycle 1 training and preparation for clinicians to treat individuals living with hepatitis C, and Cycle 2 that covers advanced topics in hepatitis C care.

If you are a clinician and interested in learning more about IN-HAMP, email inhamp@iu.edu or enroll in Cycle 1 and Cycle 2. The next Cycle 1 training will occur on Thursday, March 21. To register, [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

If you attended IN-HAMP Cycle 1 training and are interested in joining Cycle 2 training, please email jennwatk@iu.edu.

At the conclusion of the training, clinicians will have the tools and education to begin treating hepatitis C immediately.

Viral Hepatitis Newsletter Survey

The Viral Hepatitis Newsletter is a free email newsletter published by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and the Division of HIV, STI and Viral Hepatitis. The purpose of this newsletter is for IDOH to provide relevant and up-to-date information around the topic of viral hepatitis, please complete the survey to help IDOH make sure we are accomplishing this goal.

Please share your feedback on the Viral Hepatitis Newsletter:

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