NASTAD’s Viral Hepatitis Program & Policy Initiatives

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• NASTAD is a leading non-partisan non-profit association that represents public health officials who administer HIV and hepatitis programs in the U.S. and around the world. Our singular mission is to end the intersecting epidemics of HIV, viral hepatitis, and related conditions. We do this work by strengthening domestic and global governmental public health through advocacy, capacity building, and social justice.
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NASTAD’s Viral Hepatitis Priorities & Programs
NASTAD’s Viral Hepatitis Programmatic & Legislative Priorities

• Improve overall hepatitis infrastructure at the national, state, local, territorial, and tribal levels, including comprehensive prevention, active surveillance, testing, and linkage to care

• Grow the viral hepatitis and harm reduction workforce and reduce turnover

• Improve the health of people who use drugs through expansion of harm reduction services and syringe service programs

• Incorporate a health equity lens into approaches to elimination and overall response

• Increase funding for viral hepatitis programs

• Support federal legislation that enhances policies to combat the spread of viral hepatitis
NASTAD’s Viral Hepatitis Programs

• Hepatitis Technical Assistance Center (CDC CSTLTS/DVH)
• Hepatitis Testing Partnership and Learning Collaborative (CDC/DVH)
• Curing Hepatitis C among People of Color Living with HIV (HRSA/HAB)
• Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership
Developed by NASTAD’s Hepatitis team to better understand hepatitis programs and services and identify areas of support to help health departments convene and/or participate in jurisdiction-wide elimination and strategic planning efforts

Delivered in February 2019 and collected in March 2019

Collected to guide the implementation of a national technical assistance center to support viral hepatitis prevention and surveillance personnel in state, territorial, and major city/county health departments
Hepatitis Testing Partnership & Learning Collaborative

*Increase the number of people who are diagnosed with hepatitis B and C and linked to care.*

• Five-year cooperative agreement with CDC

• Hepatitis Testing Partnership
  • A diverse coalition of stakeholders including health departments, community based organizations, federally qualified health centers, etc.
  • Convenes through a listserv and quarterly webinars to share ideas, lessons learned, resources, and best practices

• Learning Collaborative
  • Group of eight states (AZ, FL, ID, KY, NM, NY, TN and TX) that convenes monthly to facilitate peer learning and technical assistance
Jurisdictional Approach to Curing Hepatitis C Among HIV/HCV Co-infected People of Color

• Three-year Special Project of National Significance (SPNS) - (September 30, 2016 - September 29, 2019)
  • HRSA  • NASTAD  • Louisiana  • North Carolina

• Goals
  • Cure HCV among co-infected PLWH, focusing on people of color
  • Establish a sustainable HCV care cascade

• Objectives
  • Increase jurisdiction-level capacity to provide comprehensive HCV screening, care, and treatment
  • Increase providers’/clients’ HCV knowledge
  • Decrease structural/system-level barriers to screening, care, and treatment
Hepatitis Appropriations Partnership

• Washington, DC-based national coalition
  • Community-based organizations
  • Public health and provider associations
  • National hepatitis and HIV organizations
  • Diagnostic, pharmaceutical and bio-technology companies

• Focus on increasing federal support for viral hepatitis prevention, testing, education, research, and treatment

• Advocate before policymakers and public health officials
  • Congressional meetings
  • Meetings with federal agencies
  • Draft correspondence for increases in federal funding, federal legislation
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MAKE HEPATITIS
a PRIORITY
#ELIMINATEHEPATITIS
QUESTIONS?
The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable aims to support a comprehensive and integrated response to viral hepatitis in the United States by building coalitions to address communities disproportionately impacted, actively involving persons with lived experience in elimination planning, and advocating for equitable access to prevention and care.
NVHR has a new home at **HEP**, the Hepatitis Education Project, A 501c3 nonprofit based in Seattle
What do we do?

National advocacy

• Fighting for increased viral hepatitis appropriations (A, B, C)
• Engaging new partners to address viral hepatitis (e.g. American Cancer Society, National Rural Health Association, Planned Parenthood, Vaccine Advocates)
• Fighting to lift ban on federal funds for syringes
• Educating lawmakers, federal officials, & professional associations
• Supporting federal viral hepatitis partners in any way possible
What do we do?

State-level advocacy

• Supporting state elimination activities
• Engaging community members in viral hepatitis advocacy
• Fighting for removal of illegal prior authorization barriers to HCV treatment
• Connecting clinicians & patients with state officials
• Advocating for comprehensive harm reduction legislation
• Advocating for removal of HBV & HCV criminalization laws
• Advocating for testing and treatment among incarcerated
• Supporting state hepatitis partners in any way possible!
State of Hep C

SEE HOW YOUR STATE MATCHES UP

Aiming for straight A’s in 2020

How can your state expand treatment access?

www.Stateofhepc.org

Coming in 2020
State of Hep C
Corrections edition!

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HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

NVHR
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
NVHR is working to grow communities of people with lived experience to participate in programming and advocacy.

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HCV Patient Summit 2019
HCV Patient Advocates in 2019

AASLD Liver meeting

Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Congressional Hill Briefing

NJ Elimination Summit
What barriers do you face in addressing viral hepatitis?

We love hearing from you.
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