

Hepatitis C Virus Recommendation Checklist

Public Health Agency-Level 1



The current state of the issue

The number of acute HCV cases has been steadily increasing in the United States between 2012-2019, with an estimated 133% increase in acute cases reported in 2019 compared to 2012. While the cure cascade for HCV is well-defined, disparities in testing and treatment prevent many patients from accessing treatment. The greatest gap occurs between diagnosis and treatment. In Washington, only an estimated 12% of patients with diagnosed HCV infections start direct-acting antiviral treatment. Together, we can support the screening and treatment of individuals with HCV to reach our goal of eliminating Hepatitis C in Washington State by 2030.

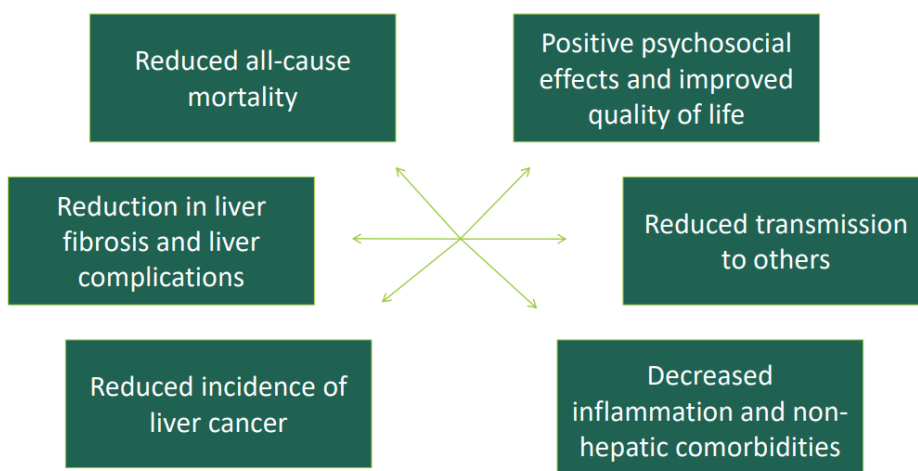
Raising Awareness

- Develop a region-specific provider outreach campaign with plans, providers, and local public health agencies to describe the epidemiology of HCV and current treatment guidelines.
- Provide easy-to-understand educational material about the urgency of eliminating HCV in Washington state and best practices for testing and treating HCV

Strengthen the capacity to screen, treat and cure individuals.

- Partner with communities to develop targeted outreach to priority populations

Benefits of Cure of HCV



Resources

- The Bree Report on HCV is meant to supplement these resources.
- Full Bree Report on HCV: <https://www.qualityhealth.org/bree/topic-areas/hep-c/>
- Hep C Free Washington (DOH): <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/hepatitis-information/hepatitis-c/eliminating-hepatitis-c>
- Hep C Free Washington (HCA): <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/clinical-collaboration-and-initiatives/eliminating-hepatitis-c>
- CDC Hepatitis C Virus: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>
- HCV as a Notifiable Condition: <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/notifiable-conditions/hepatitis-c#:~:text=Any%20individual%20or%20entity%20that,at%20least%20annually%20to%20ODOH.>
- Hepatitis Education Project: <https://hep.org/educational-resources/>

Read the full Bree Report on HCV online by scanning the QR code:



Connect with the Bree Collaborative at bree@qualityhealth.org

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