

Hepatitis C Virus Recommendation Checklist

Public Health Agency-Level 3



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.

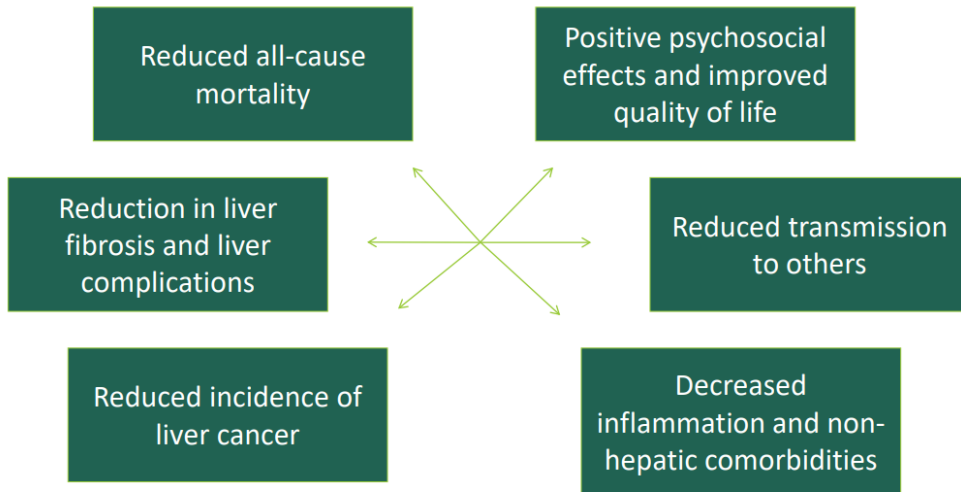
Strengthen the capacity to screen, treat and cure individuals.

- Create HCV screening campaigns in partnership with retail pharmacies to expand access to antibody screening.
- Partner with community-based organizations to expand HCV services to community sites, including syringe service programs, opioid use disorder/substance use disorder treatment centers, and community centers in underserved areas.
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- Identify barriers to implementing safe storage programs for HCV medications to remove barriers to care for people living with HCV who are unable to keep DAAs on their person.

Measure outcomes

- Incorporate two HCV metrics into value-based contracts with state-purchased health plans
- One metric on HCV screening for adults aged 18 to 79
- One metric for connecting people living with HCV to treatment, specifically the prescription of direct-acting antivirals (DAAs)

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:



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