

# Hepatitis C Virus Recommendation Checklist

Delivery Sites & Health Systems-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.

### Increase screening opportunities

- ☐ Ensure screening is offered to all patients aged 18 to 79 and pregnant people during each pregnancy.
- ☐ Confirm that if an HCV antibody screening test is reactive in a laboratory, the lab automatically reflexes to a PCR test to confirm the diagnosis.
- ☐ Report HCV+ tests to the local public health jurisdiction within two business days.

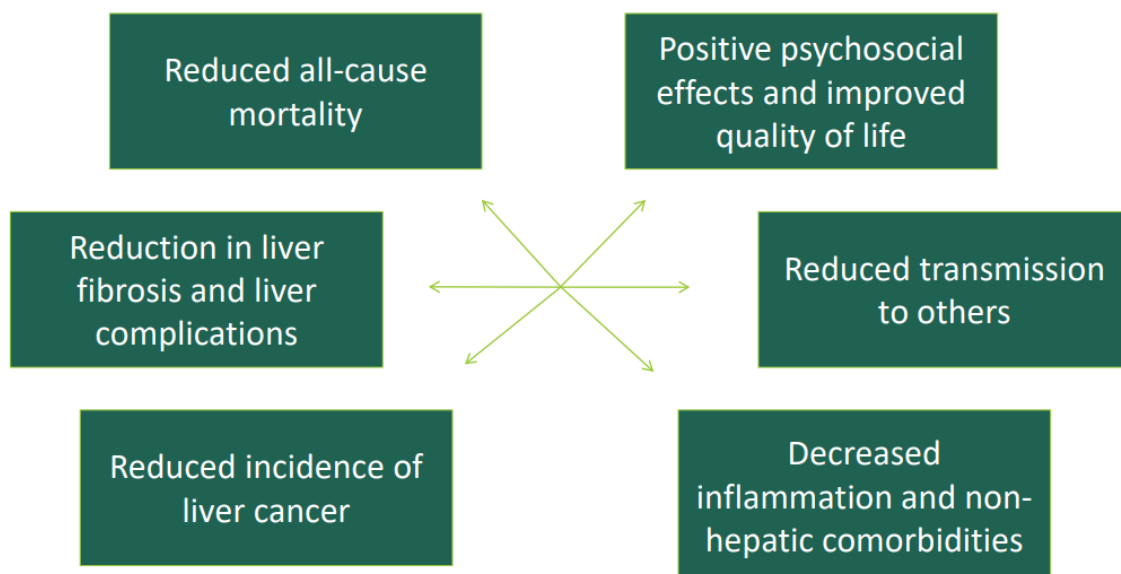
### Strengthen the capacity to treat and cure individuals

- ☐ Understand the background and urgency of the public health threat of HCV and efforts to eliminate this threat in WA state.
- ☐ Ensure adequate training and support for all providers with prescribing authority to treat hepatitis C, including primary care providers.
- ☐ Offer and encourage vaccination for Hep A and Hep B.

### Support the coordination of care

- ☐ Review current resources on HCV case management and care coordination.

## Benefits of Eliminating 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/>
- AASLD/IDSA: <https://www.hcvguidelines.org/>
- 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>
- Project ECHO Viral Hepatitis: for UW, contact Pam Landinez at landinez@uw.edu
- UW HCV Training: <https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/>
- CDC Hepatitis C Virus: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm>
- Hepatitis C Medical Case Management Toolkit: Creating and Expanding Services: [https://hepeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/HEP\\_MCM\\_Toolkit.pdf](https://hepeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/HEP_MCM_Toolkit.pdf)

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



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