

# Hepatitis C in Primary Care & Drug and Alcohol Settings

## *Treating hepatitis C in people who inject drugs*

People who inject drugs (PWID) represent approximately 90% of newly acquired hepatitis C (HCV) infections. Clinicians working with PWID play an important role in reducing HCV-related morbidity and mortality through early diagnosis and treatment.

With the advent of new, well-tolerated, short-course direct acting antiviral (DAA) HCV regimens with cure rates >95%, there is an opportunity to vastly improve the health outcomes of people living with HCV.

This course is designed for medical practitioners, nurses, addiction medicine specialists and other clinical staff working with people who inject drugs. Through online learning and a face-to-face workshop, delivered by local experts, participants will gain the skills to confidently manage hepatitis C in their setting.

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the risk factors for HCV infection, enabling effective practice screening processes and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence interpreting clinical information to effectively diagnose HCV
- Demonstrate competence in liver disease assessment
- Demonstrate understanding of DAA therapy for the treatment of HCV and competence in selecting and prescribing appropriate therapy
- Monitor patients on treatment and post-treatment appropriately

### Certification:

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and accredited by the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver. Participants can claim up to a maximum of 6.0 study credits.

This Group Learning program has been reviewed by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is awaiting final certification by the College's BC Chapter.

### Date:

Sunday, 6 May 2018

### Time:

9:00am- 4:00pm (registration from 8:30am)

### Venue:

Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort  
1310 Water St, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9P3

### Speakers:

Dr. Kris Stewart and Lesley Gallagher

### Cost:

The course is free of charge; refreshments, morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided.

### Registration link:

<https://ashm.eventsair.com/inhsu/hcvworkshopkelowna>

### Register before:

Sunday, 29 April 2018

### For further details contact

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This Symposium is convened by the International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU), an international organisation dedicated to scientific knowledge exchange, knowledge translation, and advocacy focused on hepatitis C prevention and care among people who use drugs.

This workshop will be conducted adjacent to the Western Canada Addiction Forum (<https://wcaforum.ca>).

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