



# Status Report: Implementation of the Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

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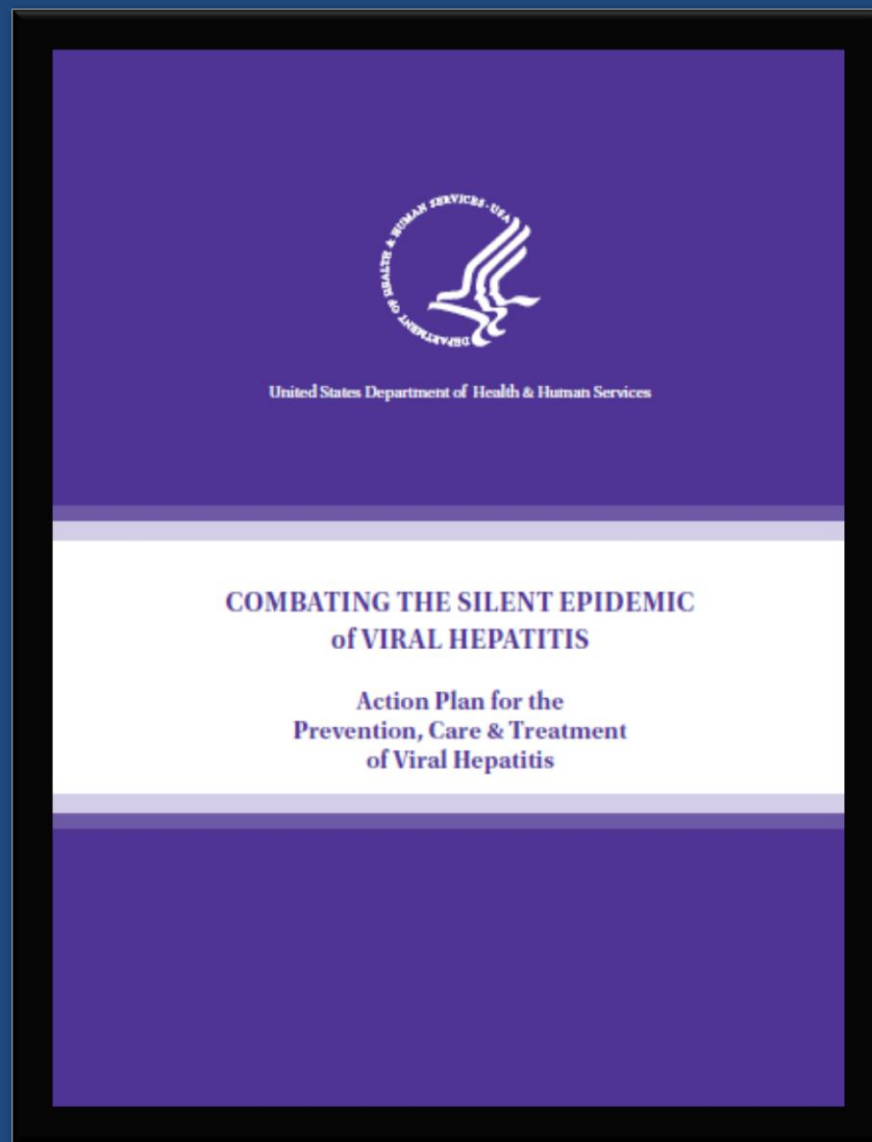
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# HHS: Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis

“HHS is committed to ensuring that new cases of viral hepatitis are prevented and that persons who are already infected are tested; informed about their infection; and provided with counseling, care and treatment.”



# Educate Providers & Communities

- Build a US health care workforce prepared to prevent and diagnose viral hepatitis and provide care and treatment
- Decrease health disparities by educating communities



# Educate Providers & Communities

## Actions:

- CDC developing, through cooperative agreement, a medical school curriculum
- BOP training Regional Hepatitis Pharmacists on new direct acting antivirals (DAA)
- VA developing national treatment guidelines and criteria for use of DAA
- “Know More Hepatitis” campaign in development at CDC
- IHS developing youth-centered health education programs with viral hepatitis messages



# Improve Testing, Care and Treatment

- Early identification of infected persons
- Active linkage to care
- Improve access to and quality of care
- Advance research



# Improve Testing, Care and Treatment Actions:

- Update 2004 USPSTF recommendation on HCV screening underway
- HRSA/HAB funding 29 demos to integrate HCV care into HIV primary care
- AHRQ: review of Comparative Effectiveness HCV Rx in Adults
- NIH intramural research on therapy for HBV, HCV, and HDV



# Strengthen Surveillance

- Build state and local surveillance capacity
- Monitor viral hepatitis health disparities
- Monitor provision of care and impact
- Develop new technologies



# Strengthen Surveillance Actions:

- CDC funded 5 HDs to begin integration of electronic lab reporting as a component of viral hepatitis case surveillance
- HRSA/BPHC are reporting on HBV/HCV testing and prevalence in CHCs
- VA's Clinical Case Registry software used to assess state of care locally and nationally for Veterans with HCV





# Eliminate Vaccine-Preventable Hepatitis

- Eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HBV
- Achieve universal HAV and HBV vaccination for vulnerable adults
- Design and test new/improved viral hepatitis vaccines



# Eliminate Vaccine-Preventable Hepatitis

## Actions:

- CDC perinatal coordinators facilitate referral of HBV-infected pregnant women into care
- BOP will incorporate HBV prevention, testing and immunization information into its drug education program
- VA promoting HAV and HBV vaccination in Substance Use Disorder Clinics
- NIH supports portfolio of HCV vaccine research



# Reduce Viral Hepatitis Associated With Drug Use

- Ensure access to prevention and care services for IDUs
- Mobilize community resources
- Access to substance use treatment
- Expand services in correctional settings
- Advance research



# Reduce Viral Hepatitis Associated With Drug Use Actions:

- SAMHSA updating OTP (Opioid Rx Program) accreditation guidelines to include a hepatitis testing standard
- SAMHSA developing curriculum on integrating drug rx and hepatitis dx and care
- OMH will integrate viral hepatitis prevention services into HIV programs for high-risk adolescents
- OWH will include viral hepatitis education for incarcerated women re-entering communities



# Prevent Health Care Associated Viral Hepatitis

- Reduce viral hepatitis transmission from medical device misuse
- Reduce transmission associated with blood, organs and tissues
- Reduce occupational transmission
- Research to inform prevention strategies



# Prevent Health Care Associated Viral Hepatitis Actions:

- CDC-led Safe Injection Practices Coalition—expanding partnerships
- CDC working on updated guidelines for HBV vaccinations of HCWs
- FDA co-sponsored summit on medical device reprocessing
- NIH research on tests to improve detection of transfusion-transmissible infections



# Proposed 2020 Goals of the Viral Hepatitis Action Plan (full implementation)

- Increase from 33% to 66% the proportion of persons who are aware of their HBV infection
- Increase from 45% to 66% the proportion of persons who are aware of their HCV infection
- Reduce by 25% the number of new HCV infections
- Eliminate mother-to-child HBV transmission



# How Will We Move Forward?

- Educate, educate, educate...
- Use plan to leverage existing resources, set priorities, and advance policy
- Advances in health informatics
- Evolving health policies: expanded coverage and new models of care





# World Hepatitis Day Proclamation

*“We must work to reduce the stigma surrounding hepatitis, and to ensure that testing, information, counseling, and treatment are available to all who need it. The hard work and dedication of health-care professionals, researchers, and advocates will help bring us closer to this goal...”*

– President Barack Obama

World Hepatitis Day Proclamation, July 28, 2011

