



# Welcome, Introduction, Forum Updates, Program Overview, and Acknowledgment

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# Overview of the HBV Forum



**THE FORUM**

For Collaborative Research<sup>SM</sup>

Berkeley's Hub for Regulatory Science

- **What:** a platform for ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify barriers, prioritize research and identify solutions to accelerate therapeutic development for hepatitis B cure
- **How:** provide a neutral, independent, safe space for discussion and deliberation across stakeholder groups
  - Focus on developing consensus, increasing synergy and collaboration, and reducing duplication and uncertainty
  - Ongoing working group activity throughout the year anchored by larger project events
  - Active & engaged participation



# Forum Operating Principles



- Independent and neutral venue
  - Ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue
  - Each stakeholder group has an equal voice
- Facilitate best science-based decisions, in real time
  - Break down inefficiencies and redundancy
  - Increase clarity, collaboration and innovation
  - Benefit to whole field, especially patients

# Forum = Safe Space

- Closed meeting
  - No marketing
  - No press
- Bring your expertise
  - Leave your “hat” at the door

# Rules of the Room and Zoom

- What's said in the room, stays in the room
- What's said in the room, is not for attribution
- Let the science speak
- Active participation

# Scientific Planning Committee

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Veronica Miller, *Forum for Collaborative Research*

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Manal El-Sayed, *Society on Liver Disease in Africa (SOLDA)/Ain Shams University*

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Nicaise Ndembi, *Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)*

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Wendy Spearman, *Society on Liver Disease in Africa (SOLDA)/University of Cape Town*

John Ward, *Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination at the Task Force for Global Health*

# The Forum In Partnership With:



# The Forum Team



- Veronica Miller – Director & Faculty Lead

## Program leads and project managers

- Robin Schaefer – Postdoctoral Scholar
- Azza Karrar – Senior Research Associate
- Logan Donaldson – Research Associate
- Sehyr Khan – Research Associate
- Mitchell Leus – Research Associate
- Shilpa Mitra – Research Associate

## Data & Analysis Center

- Chris Hoffman – IT and Operational Director
- Margot Yann – Lead Data Scientist
- Zachary Rooney – Technical & Infrastructure Lead

## Administration

- Donna Dahrouge – Assist. Director, Administration
- Christopher Berry – Events and Operations Manager
- Donnice Butler – Sr. Admin Assistant
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## Student Assistants

- Alessi Ayvaz – Undergraduate Student Assistant

## Program Advisors

- Richard Haubrich – Program Advisor
- Jeffrey S. Murray – Program Advisor
- Mike Robertson – Program Advisor
- John Sninsky – Program Advisor