

Hepatitis Outreach Network: A Practical Strategy for Hepatitis Screening with Linkage to Care in Foreign Born communities

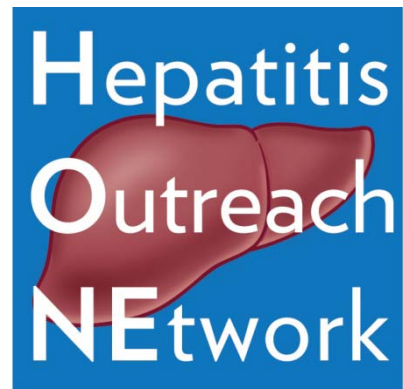
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HONE Program Summary

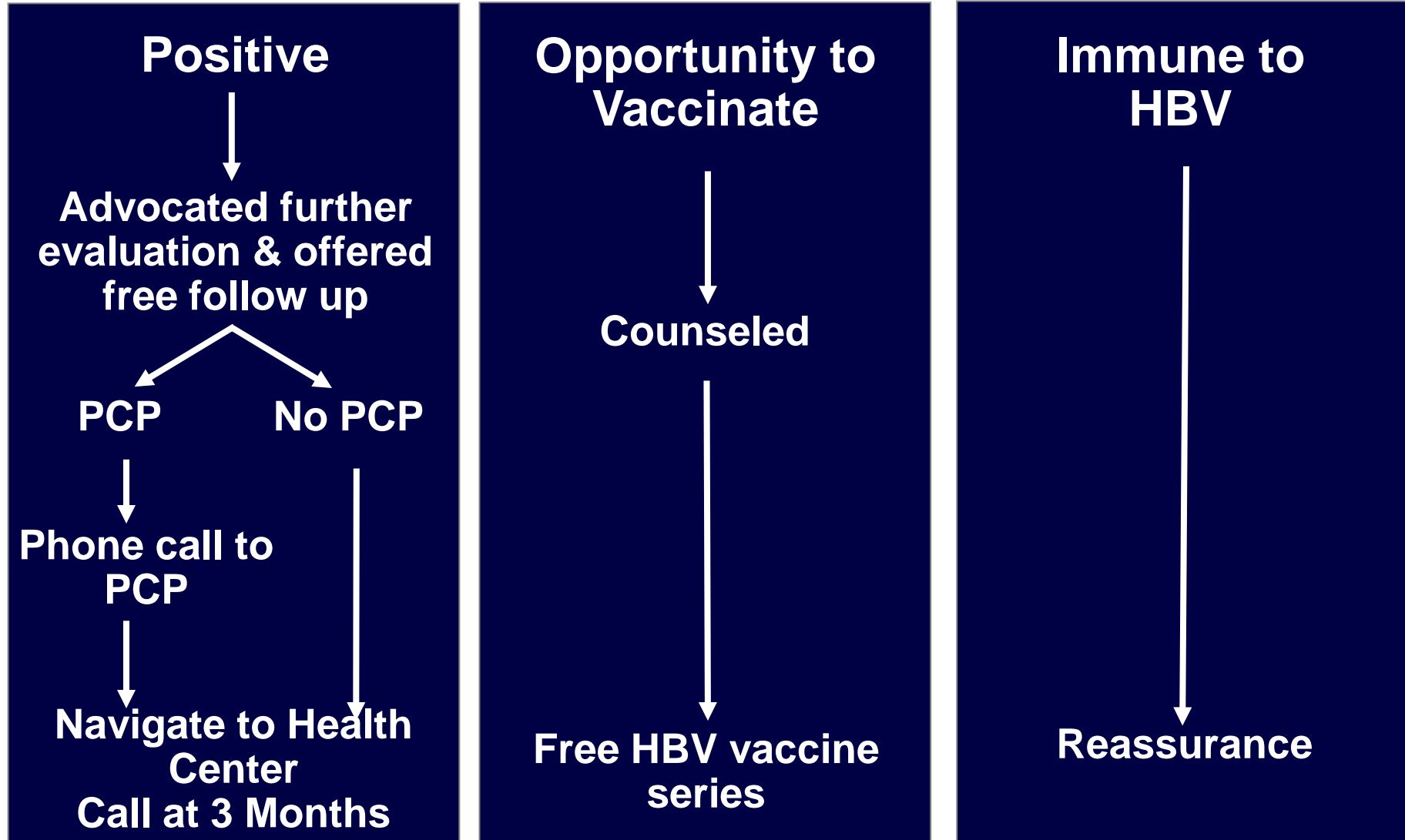
- Many at-risk minority groups in the New York City area that have not been reached for screening for viral hepatitis B and C
- Aims/Objectives

- To raise awareness and provide education on HBV and HCV
- To target HBV screening towards people from endemic countries
- To establish a link between screening efforts and appropriate healthcare, including vaccination and access to treatment
- **To test the theory that HCV prevalent cases can be identified by targeting communities from high prevalence countries**

HONE Methods

- Identify target communities
- Identify community partners
 - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 - Non-governmental organizations
- Develop referral pathways within each community
- Promote and plan screening events
 - Advertise local media
 - Community centers, public spaces, places of worship
- Community-wide events
 - Education/Raising Awareness
 - Transmission
 - Prevention
 - Screening
 - Care and treatment
 - Screening

Screening Follow-Up



Patient Navigators

- Provide patient education and support
- Counsel them on test results
- Schedule patient visits
- Remind patients of appointments
- Triage patient calls
- Accompany patients to appointments
- Link patients to supportive services



HONE: Link to Care

- Partner with community resources to link to care
 - Manhattan
 - Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
 - Mount Sinai CAM Liver Practice
 - Queens
 - Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
 - Elmhurst Hospital
 - Brooklyn
 - Lutheran Family Health Centers
 - Bronx
 - Soundview Health Center
 - Jersey City
 - Metropolitan Family Health Center



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Health Fair at Grace Gratitude Buddhist Temple

Charissa Chang, MD explains the importance of getting screened for hepatitis B and C at Grace Gratitude Buddhist Temple in downtown Manhattan. [Read More](#)

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