

# Combating the Silent Epidemic

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Action Plan for the Prevention and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

### 2012 Update

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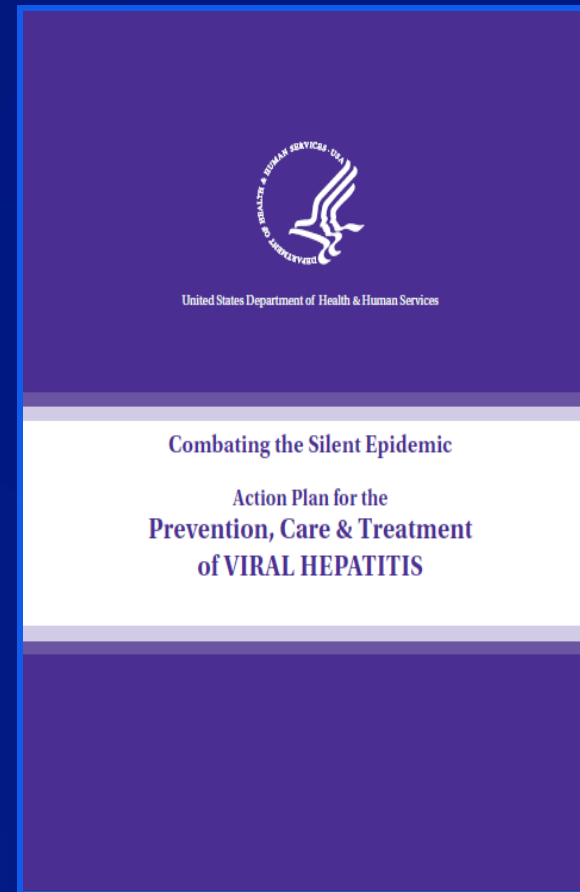
## *HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan Development*

- Directed by Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh
- Drafted by expert panels from HHS agencies ( e.g., CDC, NIH, FDA)
- Input solicited from other agencies (e.g., Veteran's, Justice)
- Comments received in two public meetings
- Reviewed as an official policy document by HHS
- Assigns activities to HHS agencies
- Released May 12, 2011

# HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

## Public Health Goals

- Increase in the proportion of persons who are aware of their hepatitis B virus infection, from 33% to 66%
- Increase in the proportion of persons who are aware of their hepatitis C virus infection, from 45% to 66%
- A 25% reduction in incidence of HCV infection
- Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HBV



# HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan Implementation

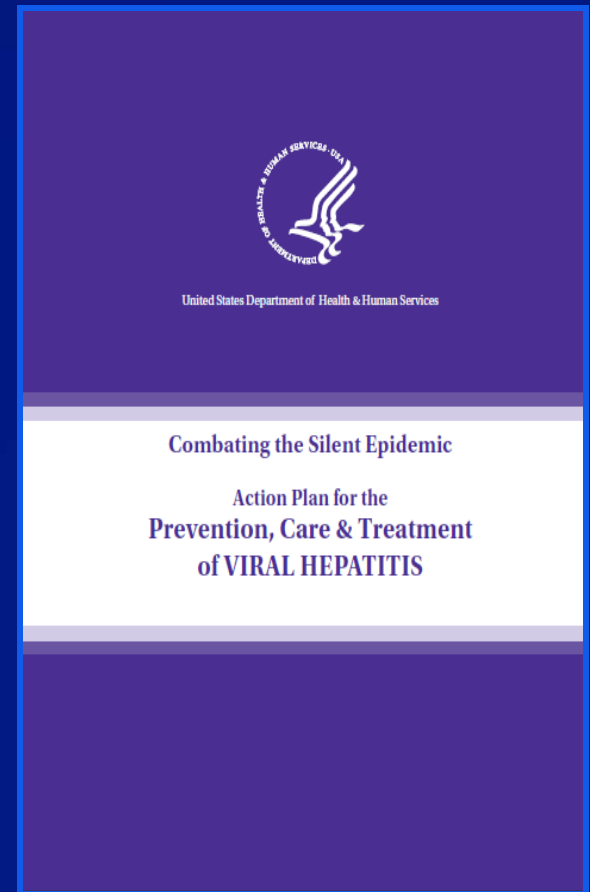
- **OASH leaders**
  - Ron Valdiserri
  - Corinna Dan
- **Viral Hepatitis Implementation Group (VHIG)**
  - HHS agencies and offices
  - Others- VA, DOJ
  - Eight meetings
- **Community engagement (one stakeholder meeting )**
- **One year progress report** <http://aids.gov/pdf/vhap-year-1-progress-report.pdf>

# **HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan Implementation Strategies**

- **Seek resources for implementation**
- **Realize opportunities within reformed health system**
- **Incorporate new health information technology**
- **Promote integration within existing plans and programs**
- **Augment capacity of state/local public health programs**
- **Set research agenda**
- **Engage domestic and global partners**

# HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

- EDUCATING PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES
- IMPROVING TESTING, CARE, AND TREATMENT TO PREVENT LIVER DISEASE AND CANCER
- STRENGTHENING SURVEILLANCE TO DETECT VIRAL HEPATITIS TRANSMISSION AND DISEASE
- ELIMINATING TRANSMISSION OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE VIRAL HEPATITIS
- REDUCING VIRAL HEPATITIS CASES CAUSED BY DRUG-USE BEHAVIORS
- PROTECTING PATIENTS AND WORKERS FROM HEALTH-CARE-ASSOCIATED VIRAL HEPATITIS



# EDUCATING PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES

- Convened education work group
- Launched official HHS campaign
  - Cross-agency participation CDC, IHS, OWH, VA
  - Risk assessment tool
- Designated May 19<sup>th</sup> as Hepatitis Testing Day
- Observed World Hepatitis Day at the White House





# National Hepatitis Testing Day

It's Better to Know | **May 19**

Tweet 556 Like 1k +1 7

**YMCA of Oshawa**

**When:** Saturday, May 19th, 2012 @ 6:00 PM

**Info:** On site Viral Hepatitis testing provided. Invitation to dinner event is extended to community leaders of high-risk populations. Call for participation guidelines.

**Contact:** Don Norman, 214-521-5191 Ext. 3370, [dnorm@wmca.org](mailto:dnorm@wmca.org)

### Learn About Testing Events Nationwide

Zip Code  **or** City   
State  Select a State

[Search](#) | [Register Your Event](#)

### Find Hepatitis Testing Year Round Near You

Locate organizations offering Hepatitis testing, and additional services including vaccines and treatment in the [NPIN Organizations database](#).

### Are You at Risk for Hepatitis?

We can help you find out with [CDC's assessment tool](#).

### Spread the Word about Hepatitis Testing Day

Add [buttons and badges](#) to your Web and social networking sites to promote Hepatitis Testing Day.

## About Hepatitis Testing Day

May 19, 2012 is the first ever national Hepatitis Testing Day. It is a day for people at risk to be tested, and for health care providers to educate patients about chronic viral hepatitis and testing. Millions of Americans have chronic hepatitis; most of them do not know they are infected.

This new national Hepatitis Testing Day in the United States is part of an educational initiative related to CDC's [Know More Hepatitis campaign](#) and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' [Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care & Treatment of Viral Hepatitis](#).

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# Build a U.S. Health-care Workforce Prepared to Prevent, Diagnose and Treat Viral Hepatitis

- Educational materials inventory ([cdcnpin.org](http://cdcnpin.org))
- Develop curricula and training materials
  - Medical schools
  - Drug treatment (addiction technology transfer centers)
  - Indian Health Service providers
- Web-based training for clinicians
- Guidelines for patient management
  - Treatment with direct acting agents (AASLD, AGA, IDSA)
  - Treatment improvement protocol for persons with substance abuse disorders

# Revise and Align Federal Policies for Testing and Linkage to Care

- 74% of 2.7-3.9 M HCV infected
- Prevalence of 3.29%
- 73% of HCV-associated mortality
- 45%-85% are unidentified
- GRADE-based evidence review
  - 70% reduced risk of HCC
  - 50% reduced risk of all-cause mortality
  - *strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention


# MMWR

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Recommendations and Reports / Vol. 61 / No. 4

August 17, 2012

## Recommendations for the Identification of Chronic Hepatitis C Virus Infection Among Persons Born During 1945–1965



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# Ensure that Guidelines for Testing, Care, and Treatment Are Aligned Across Agencies

## CDC

1998 Risk-based recommendations

2012 One-time HCV testing for persons born 1945-1965

## USPSTF

USPSTF recommends screening for HCV infection in adults at high risk including those with any history of intravenous drug use or blood transfusions prior to 1992 GRADE B

USPSTF recommends that clinicians consider offering screening for HCV infection in adults born between 1945-1965

Grade C

Public comment through December 24, 2012

<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org>

# ***Examples of Other Activities in the HHS Action Plan***

- Surveillance
  - Cross- agency data sharing (e.g., CDC, HRSA)
- Vaccination
  - Medicare coverage of HepB vaccination for persons with diabetes
  - NQF measure for HepB birth dose coverage
- Persons Who Inject Drugs
  - Prevention integration- IHS, SAMHSA, HRSA
  - Potential collaborations- OASH, NIDA. CDC
- Health-care
  - Outbreak response
  - CMS training tools and oversight

# HHS Viral Hepatitis Action Plan

- Progress
  - Raised profile of viral hepatitis
  - Set priorities
  - Provides a measure of accountability
  - Builds relationships and strengthens collaborations
- Issues going forward
  - Sustainability of current activities
  - Resources for other proposed activities
  - Updating the Plan for 2014-2016

# HHS Viral Hepatitis Implementation Group

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# *Improve Testing, Care, and Treatment for Viral Hepatitis*

- Awards for 35 demonstration projects
- Awards for 51 state/local prevention coordinators
- Replicate Project ECHO – VA, HRSA, CDC
- Revise algorithm for HCV testing