

Sanjeev Arora, MD, Director

Project ECHO, University of New Mexico

Developed by Dr. Arora, Project ECHO is often called a force multiplier, expanding health care provider and specialist access to care for people living with hepatitis C in the United States. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and support from the New Mexico Legislature, the University of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Department of Public Health, Project ECHO is developing providers' capacity to treat patients in rural and underserved areas and monitor treatment outcomes.

Daniel O'Connell, MA, MLS, Director

New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

The New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute coordinates state programs, services, and activities relating to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and hepatitis C. Led by Mr. O'Connell with support from Colleen Flanigan, the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, the AIDS Institute's is a model among state health departments with a variety of efforts including testing and linkage to care, work with incarcerated populations, and collaboration with the state Medicaid and the Primary Care Association to improve services for New Yorkers with hepatitis C.

Charles Gore, President of the Executive Board

World Hepatitis Alliance

The World Hepatitis Alliance is a patient-led and patient-driven non-governmental organization that partners with the World Health Organization to increase awareness and observe World Hepatitis Day each year. Led by Mr. Gore, the Alliance is in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) enabling them to share patient concerns and advocate for patients with global health leadership.

Thanks to the tireless leadership of researchers and advocates, we are beginning to break the silence surrounding viral hepatitis. Today, we once again raise our voices, educate our at-risk communities, and support those living with this disease.

**—President Obama
July 25, 2014**



World Hepatitis Day

July 30, 2014

Eisenhower Executive Office Building

Recognizing Leadership on World Hepatitis Day 2014

Adrian M. DiBisceglie, MD, FACP, President
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), and
Barbara Murray, MD, FIDSA, President
Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA)

With leadership from Drs. DiBisceglie and Murray, AASLD and IDSA co-led the development with IAS-USA of the Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C to support health care providers across the country to safely use newly approved therapies. AASLD and IDSA are committed to updating the recommendations frequently to reflect new information and scientific evidence.

Samuel So, MD, Director
Asian Liver Center, Stanford University, School of Medicine

The Asian Liver Center is the first non-profit organization in the US to address the disproportionately high rates of chronic hepatitis B infection and liver cancer in Asians and Asian Americans. Led by Dr. So, the Center uses a four-pronged approach of collaboration, advocacy, research, and education & outreach. Dr. So's is engaged in local advocacy efforts as well as global efforts including a partnership with the CDC and the WHO to launch a global initiative targeting the 41 countries that account for 76 percent of the global burden of hepatitis B.

Daniel Raymond, Policy Director
Harm Reduction Coalition

The Harm Reduction Coalition is a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that promotes the health and dignity of individuals and communities impacted by drug use and advances harm reduction policies, practices and programs that address the adverse effects of drug use including overdose, HIV, hepatitis C, addiction, and incarceration. Mr. Raymond and the Harm Reduction Coalition were key proponents of the New York State testing legislation requiring providers to offer the hepatitis C test to all Baby Boomers.

Joan Block, RN, BSN, Co-Founder and Executive Director
Hepatitis B Foundation

The Hepatitis B Foundation is the oldest, and the only national non-profit organization with a dedicated mission to address the global problem of hepatitis B. With leadership from Mrs. Block, they are dedicated to finding a cure for hepatitis B, improving the quality of life for those affected, and promoting prevention and identification of those infected.

Michael Ninburg, MPA, Executive Director
Hepatitis Education Project (HEP)

Founded in 1993, the HEP provides support, education, advocacy, and direct services for people affected by hepatitis including a free walk-in clinic. Under the leadership of Mr. Ninburg, HEP works to raise awareness of viral hepatitis among various stakeholders, has expanded viral hepatitis services to incarcerated persons, and leads the National Hepatitis Corrections Network.

Julie Scofield, Executive Director
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

NASTAD represents the nation's chief state health agency staff with programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis programs funded by state and federal governments. With Ms. Scofield's leadership, NASTAD began its work in viral hepatitis early on and is dedicated to reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis infections, providing comprehensive, compassionate, and high-quality care to all persons living with HIV and viral hepatitis, and ensuring responsible public policies in the U.S.

Jules Levin, MS, Executive Director
National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP)

Jules Levin is a tireless advocate, a person living with HIV and viral hepatitis, and the founder and Executive Director of NATAP, which has as its mission to improve treatment decision-making by providing comprehensive, reliable, current, science-based HIV and hepatitis C treatment information and education. Mr. Levin was instrumental in including hepatitis C testing and care for people with HIV into the Ryan White Care Act and currently serves as a community representative to the AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

Charles Howell, MD, AGAF, Co-Chair NMA Hepatitis C Consensus Panel
National Medical Association (NMA)

The NMA formed the Hepatitis C Task force in 2011 to address the hepatitis C crisis in the African American community and create an action plan. The NMA report, *Hepatitis C: A Crisis in the African American Community* raises awareness of how hepatitis C disproportionately impacts African Americans and provides recommendations for health care providers, government, and private and public organizations.

Holly Hagan PhD, MPH, RN, Professor
New York University, College of Nursing

Dr. Hagan has 20 years' experience in hepatitis research, including serving as Director of the Transdisciplinary Research Methods Core in the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research at the NYU College of Nursing. Her work on the etiology, epidemiology and prevention of hepatitis C in people who use drugs has informed harm reduction practices in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Hagan also served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Prevention and Control of Viral Hepatitis in the United States.