

*viral* GOLD COAST 2016  
**HEPATITIS**  
10TH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE

Thursday 29 September - Saturday 1 October 2016  
Gold Coast Convention Centre, Queensland  
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**29/09/2016 - Thursday**

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

**Registration**

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm

**Opening Plenary**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW, Australia

Chairperson: Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia

1:45 pm - 1:55 pm

**Welcome to Country**

Central Room A

Craig Williams, Traditional Owner

1:55 pm - 2:00 pm

**Committee Welcome**

Central Room A

Krispin Hajkowicz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia

2:00 pm - 2:10 pm

**Government Representative Welcome**

Central Room A

The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP, Assistant Minister for Rural Health

2:10 pm - 2:20 pm

**My Experience Living with Hepatitis C**

Central Room A

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2:20 pm - 2:30 pm

**My Experience Living with Hepatitis B**

Central Room A

Linh Nguyen

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Treating Epidemics with Low-Cost Generics**

Central Room A

Andrew Hill, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Pharmacology Department Liverpool University

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3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**The Future of Hep C Care for People Who Use Drugs: Lessons from a Community-Based, Harm Reduction, Client-Driven Program in Toronto, Canada**

Central Room A

Zoe Dodd, co-founder and Program Coordinator, Toronto Community Hep C Program, Toronto, Canada

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3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**The New HCV treatment Era in Australia: Early Lessons**

Central Room A

Greg Dore, Head, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Afternoon Tea**

Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

**Cross Track Session: How can we provide better services for people with viral hepatitis? (Models of Care)**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Emma Day, INHSU Program Manager, Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine, Sydney, Australia

Chairperson: Krispin Hajkowitz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia

**Cross Track Session: International Revolution**

Room 5

Chairperson: Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia  
Chairperson: Lisa Maher, Program Head and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

**Cross Track Session: Viral Hepatitis Session**

Room 6

Chairperson: David Anderson, Deputy Director, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia

Chairperson: Margaret Littlejohn, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia

**4:30pm - 4:45pm Report back from MOC Satellite**

Central Room A

Krispin Hajkowitz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia

**4:30pm - 4:35pm Introduction**

Room 5

Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia

**4:30pm - 5:00pm Hepatitis A Outbreaks in Australia**

Room 6

Scott Bowden, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia

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**4:45pm - 5:00pm Liver Disease**

**Burden and Clinical Follow-Up**

during a Liver Health Promotion

**4:35pm - 4:50pm Australia's**

**Progress Towards the National**

Hepatitis Strategy Targets

**Intervention Integrating Non-Invasive Liver Disease Screening in Drug and Alcohol Settings: The Liverlife Study**  
Room 5  
John Kaldor, Professor and Program Head, Kirby Institute, NSW, Australia  
Central Room A  
Jason Grebely, Associate Professor, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

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**5:00pm - 5:15pm Quihn Treatment Management Program: An Evolving HCV Treatment Model for People who Inject Drugs - a Community Prescribing Model in Queensland, Australia**  
Central Room A  
Nik Alexander, Senior Program Manager - Harm Reduction Services, Queensland Injectors Health Network (QulHN), Australia

**4:50pm - 5:05pm UNGASS and Beyond**  
Room 5  
Kathryn Leafe, Executive Director , Needle Exchange Services Trust, New Zealand

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**5:00pm - 5:30pm - Hepatitis Delta Virus in Australia**  
Room 6  
Kathy Jackson, Senior Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Doherty Institute, Australia

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**5:05pm - 5:20pm International viral hepatitis responses for**

## **indigenous peoples**

Room 5

James Ward, Head, Infectious Diseases Research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, SAHMRI, Australia

### **5:15pm - 5:30pm One Size Does Not Fit All: Two Hepatitis B Outreach Testing Models**

Central Room A

Marina Suarez, Health Promotion Officer, Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service, Australia

### **5:20pm - 5:35pm WHO and hepatitis: what the elimination agenda means for the Region (via Skype)**

Room 5

Nick Walsh MD PhD, Medical Officer | Viral Hepatitis, World Health Organization, Philippines

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### **5:30pm - 6:00pm Panel Discussion**

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Krispin Hajkowitz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia

Jason Grebely, Associate Professor, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

Nik Alexander, Senior Program Manager - Harm Reduction Services, Queensland Injectors Health Network (QulHN), Australia

Marina Suarez, Health Promotion Officer, Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service, Australia

Zoe Dodd, co-founder and Program Coordinator, Toronto Community

### **5:35pm - 6:00pm Panel Discussion**

Room 5

Rebecca Guy, Associate Professor, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

James Ward, Head, Infectious Diseases Research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, SAHMRI, Australia

Kathryn Leafe, Executive Director, Needle Exchange Services Trust, New Zealand

Nick Walsh MD PhD, Medical Officer | Viral Hepatitis, World Health Organization, Philippines

Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia

### **5:30pm - 6:00pm - Update on Hepatitis E in Australia**

Room 6

David Siebert, Infectious Diseases Physician and microbiologist, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

Hep C Program, Toronto, Canada    Lisa Maher, Program Head and  
Emma Day, INHSU Program        NHMRC Senior Research Fellow,  
Manager, Australasian Society for    The Kirby Institute, UNSW,  
HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual     Australia  
Health Medicine, Sydney, Australia

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Welcome Reception and Poster Viewing**  
Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

6:10 pm - 6:40 pm

**Launch of the Kirby and CSRH Surveillance Reports**  
Central Room A  
Greg Dore, Head, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia  
Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW, Australia  
James Ward, Head, Infectious Diseases Research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, SAHMRI, Australia

## **30/09/2016 - Friday**

6.30 am

**Registration Opens**

7:00 am - 8:45 am

**BMS Breakfast Satellite Session - HCV Elimination by 2026. Australia leads the world**  
Central Room A  
Moderator: Dr Norman Swan, ABC Health Report

7:00 am - 8:45 am

**Panellists**  
Central Room A  
Brent Allan, Living Positive Victoria, Melbourne, Australia  
Joanne Morgan, Australian Hepatology Association & Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, Australia  
Levinia Crooks, Adjunct Associate Professor, Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine, Sydney, Australia  
Mark O'Reilly, Dr, Prahran Market Clinic, Melbourne, Australia  
Greg Dore, Head, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia  
Andrew Lloyd, Professor, Kirby Institute, Prince of Wales Hospital, and Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network, New South Wales, Australia  
Helen Tyrrell, CEO, Hepatitis Australia, ACT, Australia

9:00 am - 10:30 am

**Plenary 2**  
Central Room A  
Chairperson: Scott Bowden, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia  
Chairperson: Gail Matthews, A/Professor, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

9:00 am - 9:30 am

**Hepatitis Transmission and Prevention: Exploring the Role that the Law Plays in Shaping Blood Borne Virus Epidemics**  
Central Room A  
Kate Seear, ARC DECRA Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Law, Monash University, Victoria, Australia

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9:30 am - 10:00am	<b>Deciphering Host Range Restrictions of Human Hepatitis Viruses</b> Central Room A Alex Ploss, PhD, Assistant Professor, Princeton University, USA			
	<a href="#">Abstract</a>			
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>Recommendations for the Management of Hepatitis C Virus Infection: Australian and International Guidelines</b> Central Room A Alex Thompson, Director of Gastroenterology, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia			
	<a href="#">Presentation</a>			
10:30 am - 11:00 am	<b>Morning Tea</b> Exhibition Hall, Hall 1			
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Epidemiology, Public Health &amp; Prevention - Epidemiology and natural history of hepatitis B &amp; C</b> Central Room A Chairperson: Jess Howell, NHMRC Post Doctoral research fellow, Burnet Institute, Australia Chairperson: Peter Higgs, Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia	<b>Community &amp; Social Research - Good community responses to priority populations</b> Central Room C Chairperson: Christian Vega, Policy & Research Officer, AIVL, Canberra, Australia Chairperson: Elena Cama, Research Associate, Centre for Social Research in Health at UNSW, Australia	<b>Clinical - Developments in HBV Treatment and Management</b> Room 5 Chairperson: Simone Strasser, Hepatologist, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Chairperson: Paul Clark, Gastroenterologist, Queensland, Australia	<b>Community &amp; Social Research - Culture and engagement - CALD &amp; Indigenous</b> Room 6 Chairperson: Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia Chairperson: Helen Tyrrell, CEO, Hepatitis Australia, ACT, Australia
11:00 am - 11:15 am	<b>Prevalence of Hepatitis C among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians: A Meta-Analysis</b> Central Room A Dr Mary Ellen Harrod, Chief Executive Officer , NSW Users and AIDS Association, Australia	<b>Advocates in Action: The work of Hepatitis Victoria Community Advocates</b> Central Room C Ross Williams, Community Advocate, Hepatitis Victoria, Australia Nafisa Yussf, Community Advocate , Hepatitis Victoria, Australia	<b>11:00am - 11:20am HBV Treatment: Past, Present and the Future</b> Room 5 Scott Bowden, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia	<b>Engaging Diverse Communities in the Response to Hepatitis B: The Hepatitis B Community Alliance NSW</b> Room 6 Marina Suarez, Health Promotion Officer, Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis Service, Australia
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### **Hepatic Fibrosis and Quality of Life in People Who Inject Drugs with Hepatitis C Virus**

Central Room A

Stelliana Goutzamanis, student (honours), The Burnet Institute, Australia

### **Experiences of Diagnosis, Care and Treatment among Aboriginal People Living with Hepatitis C**

Central Room C

Loren Brener, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Social Research in Health, Australia

### **11:20am - 11:30am Distance and Disparity**

Room 5

Jane Davies, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research, Australia

### **“You Know In the Community When They Heard of Something and Then You Can’t Even Be With Them”: Lived Experiences of Chronic Hepatitis B among South Sudanese in Australia**

Room 6

William Mude, PhD Candidate, Australian Research Centre for Sex, Health and Society; La Trobe University, Australia

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11:45 am - 12:00 pm

### **Trends in Hepatocellular Carcinoma among People with a HBV or HCV Notification in New South Wales, Australia between 2000 and 2014**

Central Room A

Reem Waziry, PhD candidate, The Kirby Institute-UNSW, Australia

### **The Prison Economy of Needles and Syringes: What Opportunities Exist for BBV Risk Reduction When Prices are so High?**

Central Room C

Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW, Australia

### **11:40am - 12:30pm Case Discussion**

Room 5

Scott Bowden, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia

Jane Davies, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research, Australia  
Jacqui Richmond, Research Fellow / Clinical Nurse Consultant, La Trobe University / Melbourne Health, Australia

Moderator: Simone Strasser, Hepatologist, Royal Prince Alfred

### **Liverzone**

Room 6

Hande Noyan, Care and Support Women's Health Coordinator, Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council, Australia

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Moderator: Paul Clark,  
Gastroenterologist, Queensland,  
Australia

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**Hepatitis B Prevalence in  
Communities in the Eastern  
African region: A Systematic  
Literature Review**

Central Room A  
William Mude, PhD Candidate,  
Australian Research Centre for Sex,  
Health and Society; La Trobe  
University, Australia

**A Community Collaboration for  
an Improved Policy Response  
to BBVS in Australian Prisons**

Central Room C  
Kevin Marriott, Policy Officer,  
Hepatitis Australia, Australia

**Deadly Grandmothers; Proper  
Way Partnerships, Supporting  
Elders Working with Young  
People in Community**

Room 6  
Jodie Walton, BBV & STI Education  
Project Officer, Hepatitis  
Queensland, Australia

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**Lunch**

Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

12:50 pm - 1:15pm

**AHA Adherence Guidelines Launch**

Room 5

12:50 pm - 1:15pm

**Centre for Social Research in Health - Community Consultation**

Room 6

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

**Epidemiology, Public Health &  
Prevention - Informing  
prevention strategies in  
hepatitis C priority populations**

Central Room A  
Chairperson: Mark Stooze,  
Associate Professor , Burnet  
Institute, Australia  
Chairperson: Lisa Maher, Program

**Community & Social Research -  
Enhancing Testing and  
Treatment**

Central Room C  
Chairperson: Yvonne Drazic, PhD  
candidate, James Cook University,  
Australia  
Chairperson: Janette Medforth, The  
Hepatitis Foundation of New

**Clinical - Improving outcomes  
for antiviral therapy for  
Hepatitis B**

Room 5  
Chairperson: Joanne Morgan,  
Australian Hepatology Association  
& Royal Adelaide Hospital,  
Adelaide, Australia  
Chairperson: Graeme MacDonald,

**Basic Science - HBV**

Room 6  
Chairperson: Peter Revill, Senior  
Medical Scientist, Victorian  
Infectious Diseases Reference  
Laboratory (VIDRL), Doherty  
Institute, Victoria, Australia  
Chairperson: Scott Bowden, Senior  
Medical Scientist, Victorian



Head and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia	Zealand, New Zealand	Senior Staff Specialist, PA-Southside Clinical School, The University of Queensland, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Australia	Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia
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<b>Associations with Hepatitis C Virus Infection among Men Who Have Sex with Men in Vietnam</b> Central Room A Nghia Khuu, Head of HIV/AIDS Unit, The Pasteur Institute, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	<b>Qualitative Evaluation of the Decisions and Experiences of People Who Inject Drugs Who Received a Liver Disease Assessment as Part of a Liver Health Promotion Campaign: The Liverlife Study</b> Central Room C Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW, Australia	<b>Yes We Can! Optimising Treatment and Management of Chronic Hepatitis B Based on a Disease Registry</b> Room 5 Ximena Masgoret, Research Assistant, Cancer Council, NSW, Australia	<b>HBV Core Promoter Mutants Activate Pi3k/AKT Signalling In Cell Culture, Promoting Hepatocarcinogenesis</b> Room 6 Anis Khan, Postdoctoral Scientist, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Australia
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<b>Stable Incidence of Hepatitis C Virus Infection among People with a History of Injecting Drug Use in an Australian Prison Setting, 2005-2014: The HITS-P Study</b> Central Room A Evan Cunningham, PhD Candidate, Kirby Institute - UNSW, Australia	<b>Hepatitis B Testing and Diagnosis Experiences of People with Hepatitis B and Health Professionals</b> Central Room C Jacqui Richmond, Research Fellow / Clinical Nurse Consultant, La Trobe University / Melbourne Health, Australia	<b>The 'B in It' Programme - Community Based Care of Chronic Hepatitis B Patients Using a Novel Online Clinical Guide</b> Room 5 Debra O'Leary, Project Officer, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, Australia	<b>Viral Kinetic are Significantly Different In Basal Core Promoter and Precore Variants of Hepatitis B</b> Room 6 Zina Valaydon, Gastroenterologist & PhD Fellow, St Vincent's Hospital and VIDRL, Australia
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**Modelling Hepatitis C Virus Transmission in a High-Risk Incarcerated Population**

Central Room A

Neil Bretana, PhD student, UNSW, Australia

**Hepatitis B Clinical Specialists: Responding to Cultural Diversity**

Central Room C

Jack Wallace, Research Fellow, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, Australia

**Supporting Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B: Improving the Patient Experience through a Shared Model of Care**

Room 5

Kristen Stone, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Storr Liver Centre, Westmead Hospital, Australia

**Deep Sequencing Shows that the Presence of HBV BCP/Pc Variants Reduces the Rate of HBSAG Loss among HBEAG-Positive CHB Patients Treated with Long-Term Tenofovir DF Therapy**

Room 6

Margaret Littlejohn, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Australia

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**Hepatitis C Virus Exposure, Infection and Associated Risk Behaviours in Two Maximum-Security Prisons in New South Wales, Australia**

Central Room A

Behzad Hajari, Associate Lecturer, UNSW, Australia

**Engaging Affected Communities in Treatment Advocacy Campaigning**

Central Room C

David Pieper, Campaigns Coordinator, Hepatitis NSW, Australia

**Viral Outcomes in Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B and Correlation with Pharmacy Adherence Measures**

Room 5

Nicole Allard, General Practitioner, Doherty, Melbourne, Australia

**Molecular Epidemiology of Hepatitis Delta Virus in Oceania**

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Kathy Jackson, Senior Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory, Doherty Institute, Australia

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**Concordance between Missed Days of Hepatitis B Virus Anti-Viral Therapy and Virological Breakthrough**  
Room 5  
Suzanne Sheppard-Law, Senior Research Fellow, University of Technology Sydney/Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Australia

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**An Immunochromatographic Test for Measurement of Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) at Point of Care**  
Room 6  
David Anderson, Deputy Director, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia

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**Afternoon Tea**

Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

**Epidemiology, Public Health & Prevention - Burden of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C infections globally and in Australia**  
Central Room A  
Chairperson: Nicole Allard, General Practitioner, Doherty, Melbourne, Australia  
Chairperson: Jason Grebely, Associate Professor, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

**Community & Social Research - Stigma and other barriers to healthcare in the lives of people who inject drugs and those living with Hepatitis C**  
Central Room C  
Chairperson: Kate Seear, ARC DECRA Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Law, Monash University, Victoria, Australia  
Chairperson: Christian Vega, Policy & Research Officer, AIVL, Canberra, Australia

**Clinical - Difficult Scenarios for HCV management**  
Room 5  
Chairperson: Graeme MacDonald, Senior Staff Specialist, PA-Southside Clinical School, The University of Queensland, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Australia  
Chairperson: Krispin Hajkovicz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia

**Basic Science - Is elimination of hepatitis C possible without a vaccine?**  
Room 6  
Chairperson: Tanya Applegate, Senior Lecturer, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia  
Chairperson: Heidi Drummer, Laboratory Head, Burnet Institute, Australia

**3:05pm - 3:10pm Launch of the Third National Hepatitis B Mapping Report**  
Central Room A

**3:05pm - 3:20pm Stigma among People Living With Hepatitis C and People Who Inject Drugs in Australia**

**3:05pm - 3:15pm Difficult scenarios for HCV management**  
Room 5  
Ed Gane, Professor of Medicine,

**3:05pm - 3:35pm Gaps in Experimental Systems Required for Preclinical Testing of HCV Vaccine Candidates**

Benjamin Cowie, Associate  
Professor, Doherty Institute,  
Melbourne, Australia

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Central Room C  
Elena Cama, Research Associate,  
Centre for Social Research in  
Health at UNSW, Australia

University of Auckland, New  
Zealand

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Alex Ploss, PhD, Assistant  
Professor, Princeton University,  
USA

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**3:10pm - 3:25pm Global Burden**  
Central Room A  
Benjamin Cowie, Associate  
Professor, Doherty Institute,  
Melbourne, Australia

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**3:20pm - 3:35pm Beyond the  
'Empty Warehouse': Exploring  
Barriers and Facilitators for  
Reaching Those 'Next In Line'  
For the New HCV Treatments**  
Central Room C  
Angella Duvnjak, Program  
Manager, Australian Injecting and  
Illicit Drug Users League, Australia

**3:15pm - 3:25pm Difficult  
scenarios for HCV management**  
Room 5  
Olivia Cullen, Clinical nurse  
consultant , Royal Brisbane and  
Women's Hospital, Australia

**3:35pm - 4:00pm Modelling HCV  
Elimination: Is it Achievable  
What Role Would a Vaccine Play**  
Room 6  
Nick Scott, Econometrician , Burnet  
Institute, Australia

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**3:25pm - 3:40pm HCC  
epidemiology in Australia- A  
tale of two cities**  
Central Room A  
Paul Clark, Gastroenterologist,  
Queensland, Australia

**3:35pm - 3:50pm Stigma,  
Discrimination & People Who  
Inject Drugs: Genuine access to  
new hepatitis C treatments**  
Central Room C  
Yvonne Samuel, Peer Support  
Work Coordinator, NSW Users and  
AIDS Association, Australia

**3:25pm - 3:35pm Difficult  
scenarios for HCV management**  
Room 5  
Gail Matthews, A/Professor, Kirby  
Institute, UNSW, Australia

**4:00pm - 4:25pm Myanmar  
global perspective on DAAs and  
vaccines**  
Room 6  
Mark Stooze, Associate Professor ,  
Burnet Institute, Australia

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### **3:40pm - 3:55pm Estimating populations PWID**

Central Room A

Sarah Larney, Senior Research Fellow, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Australia

### **3:50pm - 4:05pm Reducing Barriers | NZ experiences**

Central Room C

Kathryn Leafe, Executive Director , Needle Exchange Services Trust, New Zealand

### **3:35pm - 4:25pm Case Discussion - Panel**

Room 5

Moderator: Graeme MacDonald, Senior Staff Specialist, PA-Southside Clinical School, The University of Queensland, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Australia  
Moderator: Krispin Hajkowitz, Senior Lecturer, Infectious Diseases, University of Queensland, Australia  
Ed Gane, Professor of Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand  
Olivia Cullen, Clinical nurse consultant , Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Australia  
Greg Dore, Head, Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

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### **3:55pm - 4:10pm Estimating the burden of hepatitis B infection in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**

Central Room A

Jane Davies, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research, Australia

### **4:05pm - 4:25pm- Panel Discussion**

Central Room C

Kate Seear, ARC DECRA Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Law, Monash University, Victoria, Australia

Christian Vega, Policy & Research Officer, AIVL, Canberra, Australia  
Elena Cama, Research Associate, Centre for Social Research in Health at UNSW, Australia

Angella Duvnjak, Program Manager, Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League, Australia  
Kathryn Leafe, Executive Director , Needle Exchange Services Trust, New Zealand

Yvonne Samuel, Peer Support Work Coordinator, NSW Users and

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**4:10pm - 4:25pm Panel**

**Discussion**

Central Room A

Benjamin Cowie, Associate

Professor, Doherty Institute,

Melbourne, Australia

Sarah Larney, Senior Research

Fellow, National Drug and Alcohol

Research Centre, University of New

South Wales, Australia

Margaret Hellard, Professor, Burnet

Institute, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Melanie Eagle, Chief Executive

Officer, Hepatitis Victoria, VIC,

Australia

Yvonne Drazic, PhD candidate,

James Cook University, Australia

Nicole Allard, General Practitioner,

Doherty, Melbourne, Australia

Jason Grebely, Associate

Professor, The Kirby Institute,

UNSW, Australia

Paul Clark, Gastroenterologist,

Queensland, Australia

Jane Davies, Senior Clinical

Research Fellow, Menzies School

of Health Research, Australia

**Plenary 3**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Helen Tyrrell, CEO, Hepatitis Australia, ACT, Australia

Chairperson: Susan Hay, Acting Chief Executive Officer, The Hepatitis Foundation of NZ, New Zealand

**Global Strategies are Required to Cure and Eliminate HBV**

Central Room A

Peter Revill, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL), Doherty Institute, Victoria, Australia

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**We have Perfectovir - do we need anything else?**

Central Room A

Ed Gane, Professor of Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand

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**Conference Dinner - Depart from Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre**  
McLarens Landing

**01/10/2016 - Saturday**

7:00 am

**Registration Opens**

7:30 am - 9:15 am

**Curing HCV - Leave no Patient Behind - AbbVie Breakfast Satellite Session**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Simone Strasser, Hepatologist, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

8:00 am - 8:05 am

**Introduction**

Central Room A

Simone Strasser, Hepatologist, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

8:05 am - 8:25 am

**Curing the Co-infected in the Community**

Central Room A

Dr Phillip Read, Kirketon Road Centre, Australia

8:25am - 8:45 am

**Taking Treatment to the Patient – Beyond traditional settings**

Central Room A

Jana Van der Jagt, Dr, Port Macquarie Hospital, Australia

8:45am - 9:05 am

**The Legacy of Resistance Associated Substitutions**

Central Room A

Alex Thompson, Professor, Australian Liver Association & St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia

9:05 am - 9:10 am

**Closing Remarks**

Central Room A

Simone Strasser, Hepatologist, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

9:30 am - 11:00 am

**Epidemiology, Public Health & Prevention - Strategies to enhance the Hepatitis B and C Care Cascades**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Andrew Hill, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Pharmacology Department Liverpool University

Chairperson: Lisa Maher, Program Head and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, The Kirby

**Community & Social Research -Communities responding to hepatitis B: barriers, enablers and experiences**

Central Room C

Chairperson: Jack Wallace, Research Fellow, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, Australia

Chairperson: Enaam Oudih, Practice Manager, Multicultural Services, Manager BBV programs,

**Clinical - Fibrosis Assessment**

Room 5

Chairperson: Ken Koh, GP, Holdsworth House, Australia

Jeremy Hayllar, Clinical Director, Metro North Mental Health - Alcohol and Drug Service, Brisbane, Australia

**Basic Science - Eliminate hepatitis B: A multi-pronged approach is required**

Room 6

Chairperson: Heidi Drummer, Laboratory Head, Burnet Institute, Australia

Chairperson: Mark Douglas, Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia

Institute, UNSW, Australia	Manager Multicultural Gambling Health Service, Relationships Australia, SA, Australia		
<b>9:30am - 9:45am Interventions to Enhance Hep C cascade</b> Central Room A Jason Grebely, Associate Professor, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>9:30am - 10:00am Cross Cultural Community Engagement Matters</b> Central Room C Enaam Oudih, Practice Manager, Multicultural Services, Manager BBV programs, Manager Multicultural Gambling Health Service, Relationships Australia, SA, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>9:30am - 10:00am Non-Invasive Assessment of Liver Fibrosis</b> Room 5 Joseph Doyle, Co-Head, Hepatitis Research, Burnet Institute, Australia	<b>9:30am - 10:00am Global Strategies are required to cure and eliminate HBV</b> Room 6 Peter Revill, Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL), Doherty Institute, Victoria, Australia  <a href="#">Abstract</a>
<b>9:45am - 10:00am Interventions to Enhance Hep B Cascade</b> Central Room A Jennifer MacLachlan, Epidemiologist, WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, The Doherty Institute, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>10:00am - 10:30am Deadly Grandmothers: Hepatitis QLD</b> Central Room C Jodie Walton, BBV & STI Education Project Officer, Hepatitis Queensland, Australia	<b>10:00am - 10:30am Community Assessment of Fibrosis in Primary Care and Rural Settings</b> Room 5 Annie Balcomb, General Practitioner, Prince St Medical Practice, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>10:00am - 10:30am Nucleos(t)ide analogues for chronic hepatitis B: Cessation of treatment</b> Room 6 Alex Thompson, Director of Gastroenterology, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>
<b>10:00am - 10:10am The Use of Surveillance Systems to Improve Diagnosis and Testing for Hepatitis B and C</b> Central Room A Margaret Hellard, Professor, Burnet Institute, Melbourne, VIC, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>10:30am - 11:00am Panel Discussion</b> Central Room C Jack Wallace, Research Fellow, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, Australia Enaam Oudih, Practice Manager, Multicultural Services, Manager BBV programs, Manager Multicultural Gambling Health Service, Relationships Australia, SA, Australia	<b>10:30am - 11:00am HCV DAA Imports Failing to Deliver Results: SVR12 outcomes for imported DAA;s in the NT.</b> Room 5 Matthew Maddison, Hepatitis C Clinical Nurse Consultant, Royal Darwin Hospital, NT, Australia  <a href="#">Presentation</a>	<b>10:30am - 11:00am Hepatitis B vaccination in the era of elimination</b> Room 6 Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia



Cindy Shannon, Pro-Vice-  
Chancellor, The University of  
Queensland, Australia  
Barbara Luisi, Manager, NSW  
Multicultural HIV and Hepatitis  
Service, NSW, Australia

**10:10am - 10:20am**  
**Simplification of HCV**  
**Diagnostic Strategies**

Central Room A

Tanya Applegate, Senior Lecturer,  
The Kirby Institute, UNSW,  
Australia

**10:20am - 10:30am Health**  
**Promotion Interventions in**  
**A&TSI**

Central Room A

Kerri-Anne Smith, Aboriginal  
Hepatitis C Health Promotion  
Officer, Western Sydney Local  
Health District, Needle and Syringe  
Program, Australia

Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for  
Social Research in Health, UNSW,  
Australia

**Presentation**

**10:30am - 10:40am Health**  
**Promotion Interventions in**  
**PWID**

Central Room A

Christian Vega, Policy & Research  
Officer, AIVL, Canberra, Australia

**10:40am - 11:00am Panel**  
**Discussion - Future Research**  
**Priorities for Understanding**  
**Strategies to Enhance the**  
**Hepatitis B and C Care Cascade**  
**in Australia**

Central Room A

Andrew Hill, Senior Visiting  
Research Fellow, Pharmacology  
Department Liverpool University  
Lisa Maher, Program Head and  
NHMRC Senior Research Fellow,  
The Kirby Institute, UNSW,  
Australia  
Jason Grebely, Associate  
Professor, The Kirby Institute,  
UNSW, Australia  
Jennifer MacLachlan,  
Epidemiologist, WHO Collaborating  
Centre for Viral Hepatitis, The  
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Australia

11.00 am - 11.30 am

### **Morning Tea**

Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

11.30 am - 1.00 pm

### **Epidemiology, Public Health & Prevention - Improving access to testing and care**

Central Room A

Chairperson: Annie Balcomb,  
General Practitioner, Prince St  
Medical Practice, Australia

### **Community & Social Research - On the Road to Elimination**

Central Room C

Chairperson: Cindy Shannon, Pro-  
Vice-Chancellor, The University of  
Queensland, Australia

Chairperson: Zoe Dodd, co-founder  
and Program Coordinator, Toronto  
Community Hep C Program,  
Toronto, Canada

### **Clinical - Hepatitis C Antiviral Therapy: Reaching out in the new Era**

Room 5

Chairperson: Barbara Leggett,  
Medical Specialist, Royal Brisbane  
and Womens Hospital, Australia  
Chairperson: Mary Fenech, Nurse,  
Queensland Health, Australia

### **Basic Science - Understanding HCV Transmission, Immunity and Diagnosis**

Room 6

Chairperson: Margaret Littlejohn,  
Senior Medical Scientist, Victorian  
Infectious Diseases Reference  
Laboratory, Australia  
Chairperson: Scott Bowden, Senior  
Medical Scientist, Victorian  
Infectious Diseases Reference  
Laboratory, Australia

11:30 am - 11:45 am

**Using a Knowledge Translation Approach to Increase Testing of Hepatitis C Medicines**

**An Integrated Primary Health Care Service Is Effective at**

**Commitment to CD8+ T Cell Exhaustion and Loss of Memory**

**Patients at Risk of Hepatitis B in a Primary Health Setting**  
Central Room C  
Helen Tyrrell, CEO, Hepatitis Australia, ACT, Australia  
Central Room A  
Jacqui Richmond, Research Fellow / Clinical Nurse Consultant, La Trobe University / Melbourne Health, Australia

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**Retaining and Linking Marginalised Groups In Hepatitis C Care: A Study of The Kirketon Road Centre, Kings Cross**  
Room 5  
Rosie Gilliver, Projects Manager/Clinical Nurse Consultant , Kirketon Road Centre, Kings Cross, Sydney, Australia

**T Cell Potential Develops during Primary Chronic HCV Infection**  
Room 6  
Mehdi Rasoli Pirozyan, PhD Student, University of New South Wales, Australia

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11:45 am - 12:00pm

**Responding To Notifications of Unspecified Hepatitis B and C in Victoria**  
Central Room A  
Nicole Romero, Epidemiologist, WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, VIDRL, Doherty Institute, Australia

**Implementing the Hepatitis C Cure: The Public Health Implications**  
Central Room C  
Jack Wallace, Research Fellow, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, Australia

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**The Dog at my Daclatasvir: Real Life Experiences Delivering Direct Acting Antivirals to Marginalised, Homeless, and Active Drug Users**  
Room 5  
Rebecca Lothian, Clinical nurse specialist and is the Hepatitis C Treatment Coordinator , Kirketon Road Centre

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**Refolding the Hepatitis C Virus E2 Glycoprotein to Enhance Immunogenicity**  
Room 6  
Lilian Phu, Research Assistant, Burnet Institute, Australia

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12:00 pm - 12:15 pm

**Populating the Hepatitis C Testing, Care and Treatment Cascade among People who Inject Drugs in Australia**

Central Room A

Lisa Maher, Program Head and NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

**Relationships Matter: Social Capital Theory and the Delivery of Hepatitis C Treatment in Prison**

Central Room C

Lise Lafferty, PhD Candidate, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

**Treatment Uptake for Chronic Hepatitis C in Australia Following Availability of Interferon-Free Treatments**

Room 5

Behzad Hajari, Associate Lecturer, UNSW, Australia

**Trends of Hepatitis C Virus Epidemic in Australia and North America in 20th Century: Back Projections from Molecular Epidemiology**

Room 6

Chaturaka Rodrigo, PhD Student, School of Medical Sciences, UNSW, Australia

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12:15 pm - 12:30 pm

**The Cascade of Care for Chronic Hepatitis B, Australia, 2013-2014**

Central Room A

Jennifer MacLachlan, Epidemiologist, WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis, The Doherty Institute, Australia

**Cairns Hep C Free by 2020**

Central Room C

Carla Gorton, HIV, Viral Hepatitis, Sexual Health Coordinator, Cairns Sexual Health Service, Australia

**Recruitment and Follow-Up of People Who Inject Drugs into a Nurse-Led HCV Treatment Trial**

Room 5

Sally Von Bibra, Research Officer, Burnet Institute, Australia

**Modelling the Effects of Targeted DAA Hepatitis C Virus Treatment Strategies Using a Molecular Transmission Network of People with Recent Infection**

Room 6

Sofia Bartlett, Postgraduate Research Candidate, The Kirby Institute, Australia

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**A Survey of Hepatitis C Management by Victorian General Practitioners Post Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Listing of Direct Acting Antiviral Therapy**

Central Room A  
Amanda Wade, NHMRC PhD Student, Burnet Institute and Monash University, Australia

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**Prevalence and Correlates of Hepatitis C among Attendees at New Zealand Needle Exchanges: Results of the 2013 Seroprevalence Survey**

Central Room C  
Geoff Noller, Director / Research Consultant, Substance Use and Policy Analysis, New Zealand

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**Curing Hepatitis C in General Practice: The First 60 Days**

Room 5  
David Baker, General Practitioner, East Sydney Doctors, Australia

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**Hepatitis C Virus Core Antigen: A Simplified Treatment Monitoring Tool among those with Recent HCV Infection, Including for Post-Treatment Relapse**

Room 6  
Tanya Applegate, Senior Lecturer, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

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12:45 pm - 1:00 pm

**Discussion**

Central Room C

**Prevalence of Antiviral Resistance in an Australian Hepatitis C Population**

Room 5  
Mark Douglas, Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia

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**Hepatitis C Virus Core Antigen and Dried Blood Spots as Simplified Hepatitis C Virus Diagnostic Tools**

Room 6  
Francois Lamoury, Research Officer, The Kirby Institute, UNSW, Australia

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1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

**Lunch**  
Exhibition Hall, Hall 1

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

**Closing Plenary: Panel Discussion - You can't ask that! Aus vs NZ: Who will win the elimination race?**  
Central Room A  
Carla Treloar, Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW, Australia  
Ed Gane, Professor of Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand  
Moderator: Zoe Dodd, co-founder and Program Coordinator, Toronto Community Hep C Program, Toronto, Canada  
Moderator: Andrew Hill, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Pharmacology Department Liverpool University  
Susan Hay, Acting Chief Executive Officer, The Hepatitis Foundation of NZ, New Zealand  
Michael Wilson, Programme Manager, Northern Region Hepatitis C Programme, Northern Regional Alliance Limited, New Zealand  
Stuart Loveday, Chief Executive Officer, Hepatitis NSW, Australia  
Joanne Morgan, Australian Hepatology Association & Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, Australia

2:30pm - 2:45 pm

**Closing Remarks**  
Central Room C  
Benjamin Cowie, Associate Professor, Doherty Institute, Melbourne, Australia

2:45 pm - 2:45 pm

**Conference Close**