

# Understanding the social and cultural experiences of people affected by hepatitis B

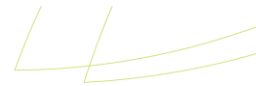
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## Introduction



- Viral hepatitis global health sector strategy 2016-2021
- Eliminate viral hepatitis B by 2030
- Five key areas to achieve this goal



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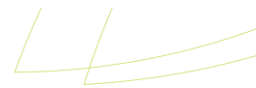
## Methods



- Qualitative inquiry
- Interviews with 15 participants
- Management of data in NVivo
- Thematic Analysis



## Findings



1. Concern around the progression of hepatitis B
2. Challenges with interpersonal relationships
3. Frustrations with regular follow up
4. Continuing emotional distress from the time of diagnosis



# Conclusion

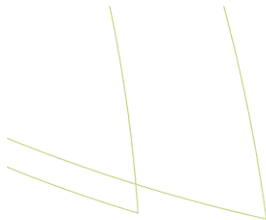


Policy strategies to achieve elimination of hepatitis B must include:

- The social and cultural aspects of living with the infection.
- Meaningful involvement of people living with hepatitis B
- Adequately resourcing hepatitis B programs in disproportionately affected communities



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