

TEST AND TREAT! – A Community Based Viral Hepatitis Screening and Treatment Service in a Sydney Based Needle and Syringe Program (NSP)

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BACKGROUND/AIMS & METHODS:

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- Partnership between KRC South NSP and St George Hospital Liver Clinic
- Community based viral hepatitis screening
- Incentive based
- Self referred
- Surveys conducted before, during and following treatment
- Testing, results and treatment offered onsite at KRC South (NSP)

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RESULTS:www.hepatitis.org.au

- Service commenced April 2017 – evolved into a monthly clinic at the NSP.
- 51 clients assessed – 49 assessed for liver fibrosis, and 45 screened for viral hepatitis
- Hepatitis B/C co-infection – 1 (2%)
- Hepatitis C - 22(43%)
- HCV treatment - 17(77%), all but 1 completed treatment and so far 100% achieved SVR
- Bridging fibrosis/cirrhosis - 7(14%)
- 51(100%) clients completed surveys
- Client testimonials

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- Word of Mouth referrals
- Longstanding relationship between KRC South Staff and clients
- Viable model for treating clients in their local community
- Flexibility of service
 - S100 script avoids pharmacy co-payment
 - Dried Blood Spot testing available
 - Assistance with transport to/from KRC South
 - Providing support to clients to achieve SVR
- Supportive management (KRC/SGH liver clinic)
- Willingness of clients to take part

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