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A flexible approach to offering Hepatitis C testing and treatment



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BACKGROUND/AIMS & METHODS:

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPEMENT

- Gastroenterologists,
- The Townsville Hospital liver clinic,
- General Practitioners,
- TaIHS (Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service)
- Correctional centres,

- Rehabilitation Centres
- Youth detention centres,
- Community centres Weekly one stop HCV Clinic with GP and Nurse targeting homeless
- Homeless shelters
- Local services.

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RESULTS:



Through these partnerships and outreach models, QuIHN TMP has screened 75 people

- % ATSI = 24%
- Number started on treatment = 46
- Number eligible for SVR12 = 41
- SVR12 = 33 (80.5%)
- Non-response to treatment = 1 (2.4%)
- Non-attendance for SVR12 (lost to follow-up) = 6 (17.1%)
- Working up = 4
- Many of our clients who have signed up and who have not completed treatment have been incarcerated or gone walk about.

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CONCLUSIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

We've learnt we need to continue the facilitation of learning and recruitment with

- storytelling,
- discussion,
- community presentations,
 - community BBQ'S,
- offering mini education sessions, and
- in-service training for other service providers.
- We will also need to expand our outreach program to outlying districts; including Charters Towers, Ayr and Ingham and Mount Isa

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