

The Quite Achievers – A multidisciplinary approach to HCV treatment and management in marginalized populations – the Queensland Injectors Health Network (QIHN) Model

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- Thanks also to the clinicians who have invited & welcomed us into their workspace in an effort to increase access for their clients
- *QIHN'S mission is to provide innovative and appropriate services addressing a range of drug related issues to illicit drug users and to the wider community throughout Queensland*

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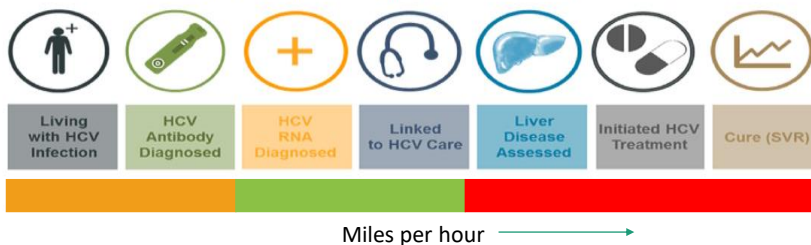
BACKGROUND/AIMS & METHODS:

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BACKGROUND

- There's lots of talk about the "Cascade of Care"what's that?
- There's lots of talk about numbers.....risk assessment, testing, initiation, failed to attend, lost to follow up, SVR.....Relapse.....(or is it really?).....Re-Infection
- There's lots of talk about who should be treated, by whom & where

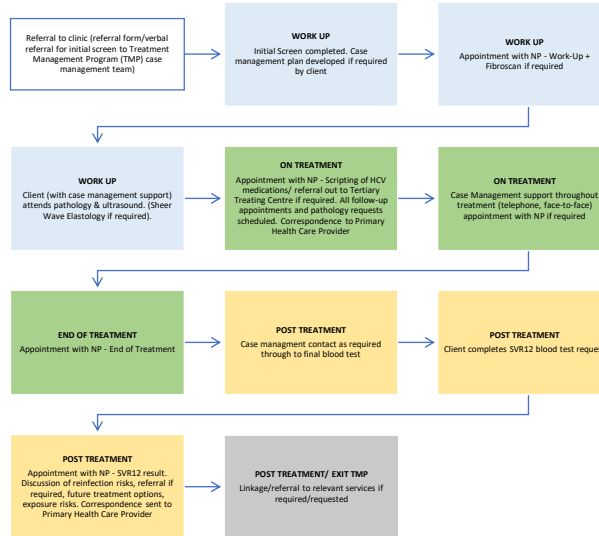
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What's going on here?

- Clarification & meaning of status
- Assistance with Health Literacy – Harm Reduction Workers Advocacy
- Assessment of timing & help with choices. Prioritise & Planning
- Links with Tertiary services for cirrhosis & other Liver Disease
- Window of opportunity for brief interventions – Prenoxad Script & training
- QuiCS Training-Safe IDU
- HBV Vax & Sexual Health screen & treat



- Try to engage & enable Primary Care Provider
- Maximise use of the resources of PCPs
- Provide reliability & consistency
- Be visible and approachable to staff
- Provide education, updates to staff

TARGET POPULATION
IDU
Mental Health
Complex Social Needs
OST
Recent or risk of Incarceration

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Lessons Learned & Challenges Ahead

- That I am much more useful serving this community by taking treatment to the people
- The care that is provided by this outreach service is enhanced by the team approach – Synergistic & Gestalt IT NEEDS A TEAM
- There are Clinicians (think GPs) who just want to do this & we should leave them be.
- There are Clinicians (think GPs) who SHOULDN'T do this.
- To not provide holistic care to this cohort of people is negligent i.e. lives are saved by Prenoxad (think Demi Lovato).
- Be more than a DAA dispensary – this may be only health care service this person is accessing.

- The challenge is to continually adapt to the changing terrain.
- How far “out” can outreach go & are there other ways?
- Try to find a “balance” between quality & quantity whilst providing a streamlined service
- Don't get caught up too much in the numbers game

Pop star Demi Lovato's friends 'saved her life' after overdose: report **News Corp Australia Network** JULY 25, 2018:11PM

FRIENDS of troubled singer Demi Lovato reportedly administered a shot of the drug Narcan when the star overdosed during a night of wild partying at her Hollywood Hills mansion.

“I'll be referring my patients to you....they are much better served by you guys....I don't have the skills or the resources to deal with these issues” (ID Physician)

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