

Eliminating Hepatitis? Chasing Equity

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Te Tātai Hauora o Hine

Larrakia



**WELCOME TO
DARWIN WATERFRONT**

**WHERE THE WATER
MEETS THE LAND**

**A PLACE TO CONNECT,
ENJOY AND RELAX**

**OPEN EVERY DAY,
SEVEN SEASONS A YEAR**

The Saltwater People

Welcome to Darwin Waterfront. My name is Richard Fajo and I am a Larrakia man and the Chair of the Darwin Waterfront Corporation. The Larrakia people are known as the Saltwater people, even though our land boundaries extend approximately 50km inland.

We are a welcoming people who support inclusive communities, as we all walk on the same land and live under the same sky. I offer this welcome with the voice of my ancestors and I ask that they guide and protect you, always.

Richard Fajo

Seven Seasons

To the Larrakia people, the year is divided into seven seasons. Each season is highlighted by distinctive changes of weather patterns and plant and animal activity, each with their own special purpose. Darwin Waterfront embraces the seven seasons and we invite you on the journey of the changing calendar by connecting to the seasons through our food, art, stories and events here at Darwin Waterfront.

More information can be found at waterfront.nt.gov.au

Disclosures :None

WHO goal: elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat

Aotearoa New Zealand

- HepC action Plan 2021
- Estimated **45,000 (Now 20,000*)** living with HepC
- 40% of those don't know it
- **Est 93,000 living with chronic HepB (2% NZ)**
- Estimated Chronic HepB infection Māori 5.6% European 0.5%
- Overall almost 50% don't know they have it
- **Only 20% chronic HepB** are under surveillance

Horsfall 2020 NZMJ, *Prof Ed Gane

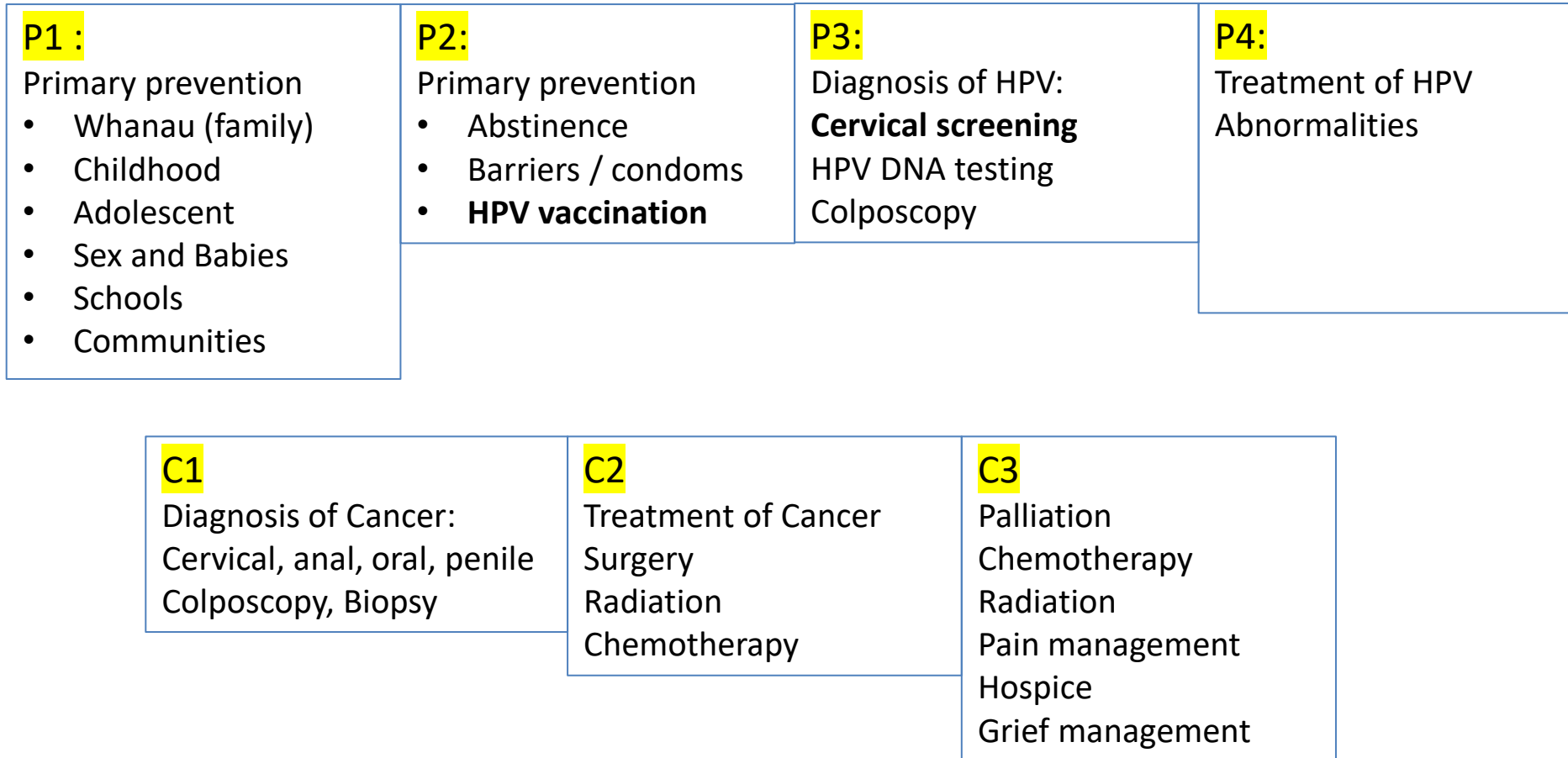
Aotearoa: Liver cancer

- Overall Māori over represented in advanced liver cancer due to **Hep B or Hep C making up 45% and 23%** respectively (Schauer 2020 NZMJ)
- Incidence of advanced HepB liver cancer increasing
- Approx 40% do not have a diagnosis of HepB when presenting with cancer
- 26% known to have HepB but no surveillance

Mules 2018 NZMJ

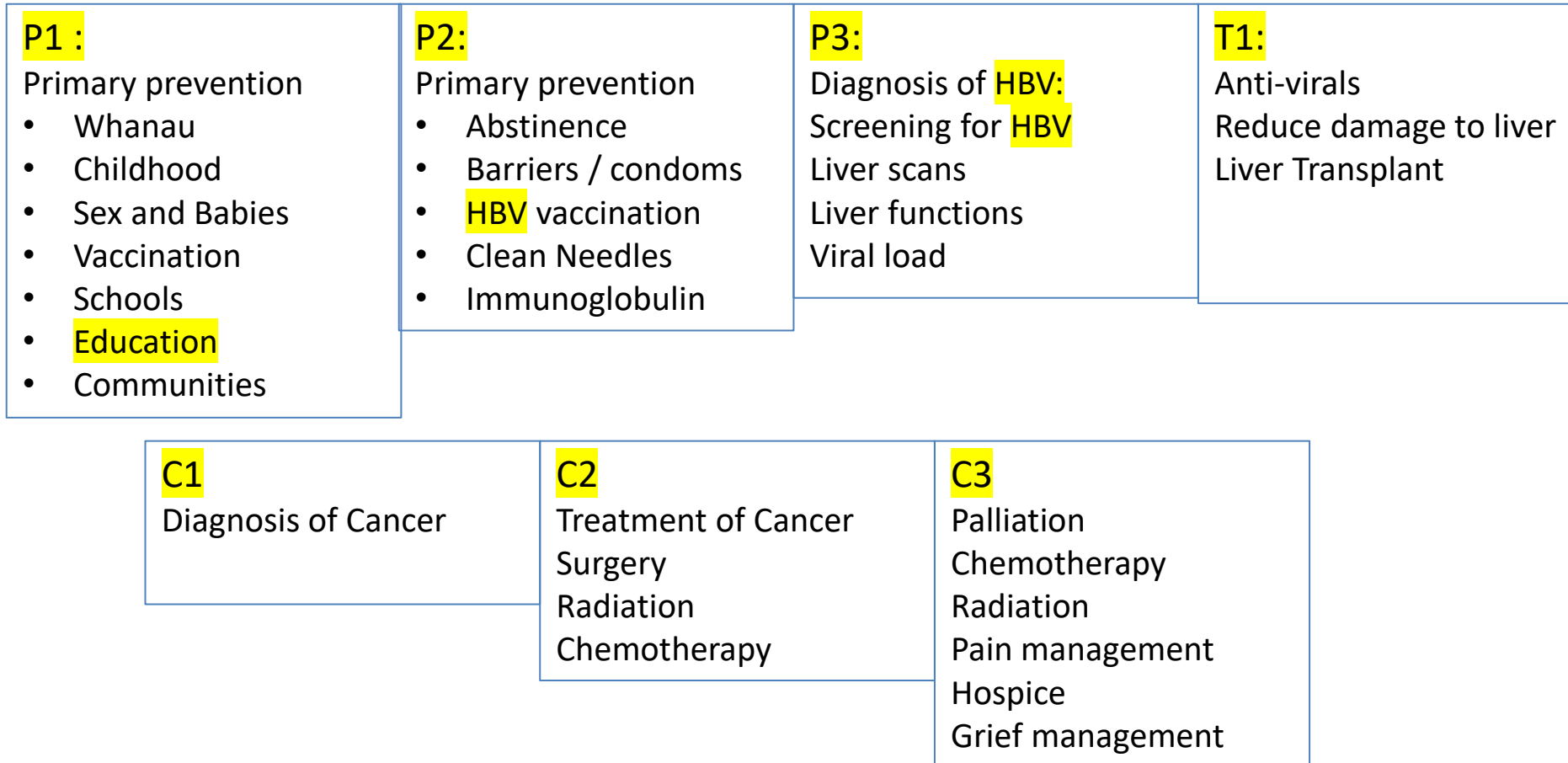
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A Continuum



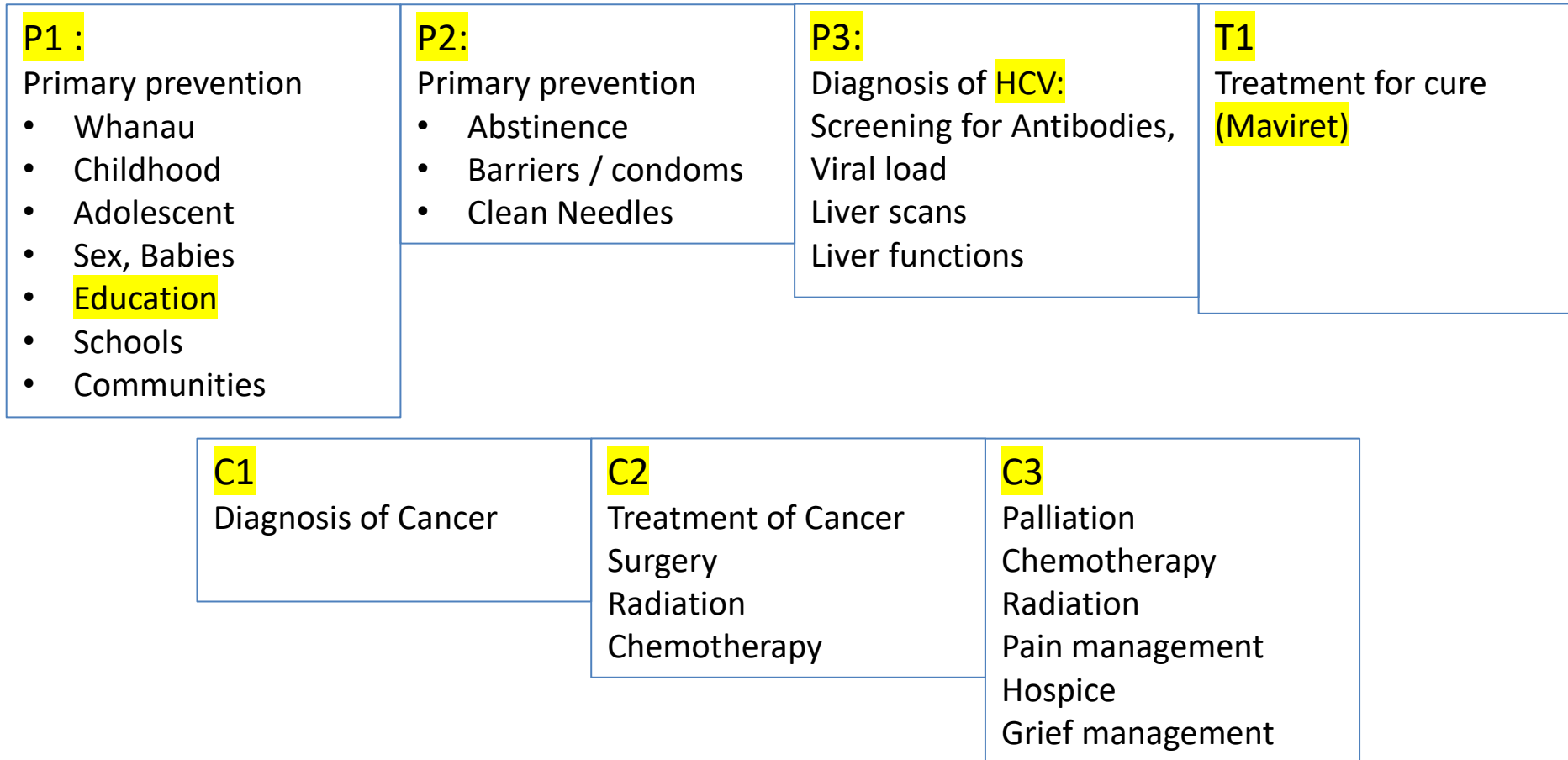
Hepatitis B disease - Intervention points:

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Hepatitis C disease - Intervention points:

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These are opportunities

Addressing Equity: Is change possible?

System and individual changes are needed

Hyman *JADA* 2006

Dental Care in the Military

Free, compulsion, playbook



Change when there is a will !

- EQUITY tools / levers / protocols
- Examine the whole clinical pathway
- Any door is a good door
- Putea (money,resources)
- Policies
- Modelling and Monitoring

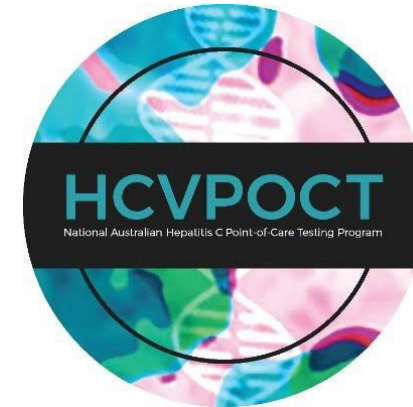
Innovation - Equity Levers

HPV self-testing

To prevent cervical cancer



HCV Test and treat



WHO recommends that all adults have access to and be offered HCV testing with linkage to prevention, care and treatment services.

Empowering communities? – equity levers

- **Whole clinical pathway** from test to treatment using Point of Care Technology (PoCT)
- Ngāti Porou Oranga HCV campaign not resourced and not empowered
- No Elimination Plan
- 10,000 in Rohe –150 annual POC tests



Community Events



 **Whānau Vax Day**
Keep your whānau well and strong through winter!

Sunday 30th July 2023
11am - 1pm

At the "NEW" Puhī Kaiti Community Health Centre
Te Tini o Porou, Cnr Tyndall & Huxley Roads (use Tyndall Rd entrance)

Vaccinations: COVID, Flu, Childhood Immunisations.

FREE Dumplings, sausage sizzle, drinks & wellness packs

Kaumātua leadership



- Māori elders, knowledge holders
- Study planning initiated on their invitation - in their rohe
- Researcher and guidance roles including advising tikanga Māori (Māori customs)
- Essential

Pictured: Matthew Bennett and Potace Bennett; Charles Lambert and Vilma Hape; Wendy Dallas Katoa and Dame Areta Koopu; Dame Areta Koopu and Bev Lawton

Community / Iwi approaches



Te Kaha: Dr Rachel Thomson

- Te Whānau-ā-Apanui (Iwi/Tribe)
- Rural Māori community (approx. 2000)
- Trusted provider, warm hand-over,
- Community leadership /control of continuum

Thomson NZMJ 2009 Breast screening

https://www.rnzcgp.org.nz/RNZCGP/Dashboard/COVID-19_vaccine_webinar_July_2021.aspx

Start at 19mins

Listen

- Listen – Pūrakau (stories) –Whānau (family) voices
- Lack of Trust - built on experience
- Normalise Disparities (Prof Jacqui Kidd, Ngāpuhi)

"It's the kitchen table stories, that say, 'This is just what happens in our whānau - we get diabetes, we get breast cancer, we get ovarian cancer - we don't live until we're 60...'

It is normalised," Kidd says.

"And that's why Māori don't go and see their GP - fear of how they'll be treated, by a racist system," she says.

Longmore Kai Tiaki Jul 2023:1-9

Flip the Narrative



Wrap around care ?

- Shopping ?
- Respecting the mana of communities
- “We are the experts and we have the solutions”

Lift the Silence

Normalisation of white privilege

Research activism

Using research to:

- inform programmes
- lobby for a fully-funded programme
- call for countries to address WHO targets for Indigenous peoples
- expose privilege



“Get It Right for Māori you get it right for everyone”

Dr Paratene Ngata

No Elimination Without Us!

Kia ora- Thank-you

Thanks to the wahine, clinics, elders
Research cast of thousands

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