

## EXPLORING THE ROLE OF PEER-NURSE PARTNERSHIPS IN HEPATITIS C ELIMINATION

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### Background and aims:

The Eliminate hepatitis C Australia (ECA) partnership, implemented from 2019-2022, included a co-designed peer-led health promotion campaign for people who inject drugs, and funding for innovative service delivery models including peer-nurse partnership models of care. Evaluation of these activities demonstrated the importance of the peer-nurse partnership in delivering person-centred care for people living with/at risk of hepatitis C.

As we approach elimination, models of care must evolve to better reach people still living with or at risk of hepatitis C. The hepatitis C peer-nurse partnership is an approach that integrates living and/or lived experience with trusted clinical care. Peer-nurse partnership models allow for the development of a triad of trust, whereby peer workers can engage with people living with/at risk of hepatitis C through relationships built on shared experience and facilitate a link between the person with hepatitis C and the partnered nurse who is trusted to provide respectful, person-centred care.

### Description of workshop:

This workshop will allow delegates to share learnings and insights about peer-nurse partnerships through case studies and smaller group discussions. Delegates will be equipped with knowledge and connections to improve the design and implementation of their own peer-nurse partnerships.

### Methods and format:

30 minutes of case presentations and 45 minutes of smaller group discussion (3 x 15-minute rotations). A 15-minute report back will highlight the key takeaways.

Three peer-nurse partnership models, from different geographic areas (including Australia, North America, United Kingdom) will be presented (presenters will be invited from the conference delegation). Presenters will describe their model (context, role of peer and nurse, client journey) and share their implementation learnings.

Smaller group discussions will focus on:

- Characterising and developing a trusted peer/nurse relationship, including discussions about scope of practice and skill mix
- Practical data collection to measure impact
- Considerations for inter-organisational peer-nurse partnerships.

### Number of delegates:

60

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