## CLINICAL CHALLENGES FOR THE SIMPLIFICATION OF HCV TREATMENT - OPTIMISING THE CARE CASCADE

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**Synopsis:** Key to achieving the World Health Organisation's hepatitis C elimination targets is increasing access to care, and improving the care cascade. Surveillance data is required to monitor the implementation of DAA prescribing, identify target issues within the care cascade and adapt clinical practice accordingly. We describe the implementation and outcomes of DAA prescribing in general practice in the Barwon South West region, and the proposed strategies to achieve elimination in this region.