



The Use of Interconnected Nurse Led Models of Care to Improve Treatment Uptake for Hepatitis C Elimination

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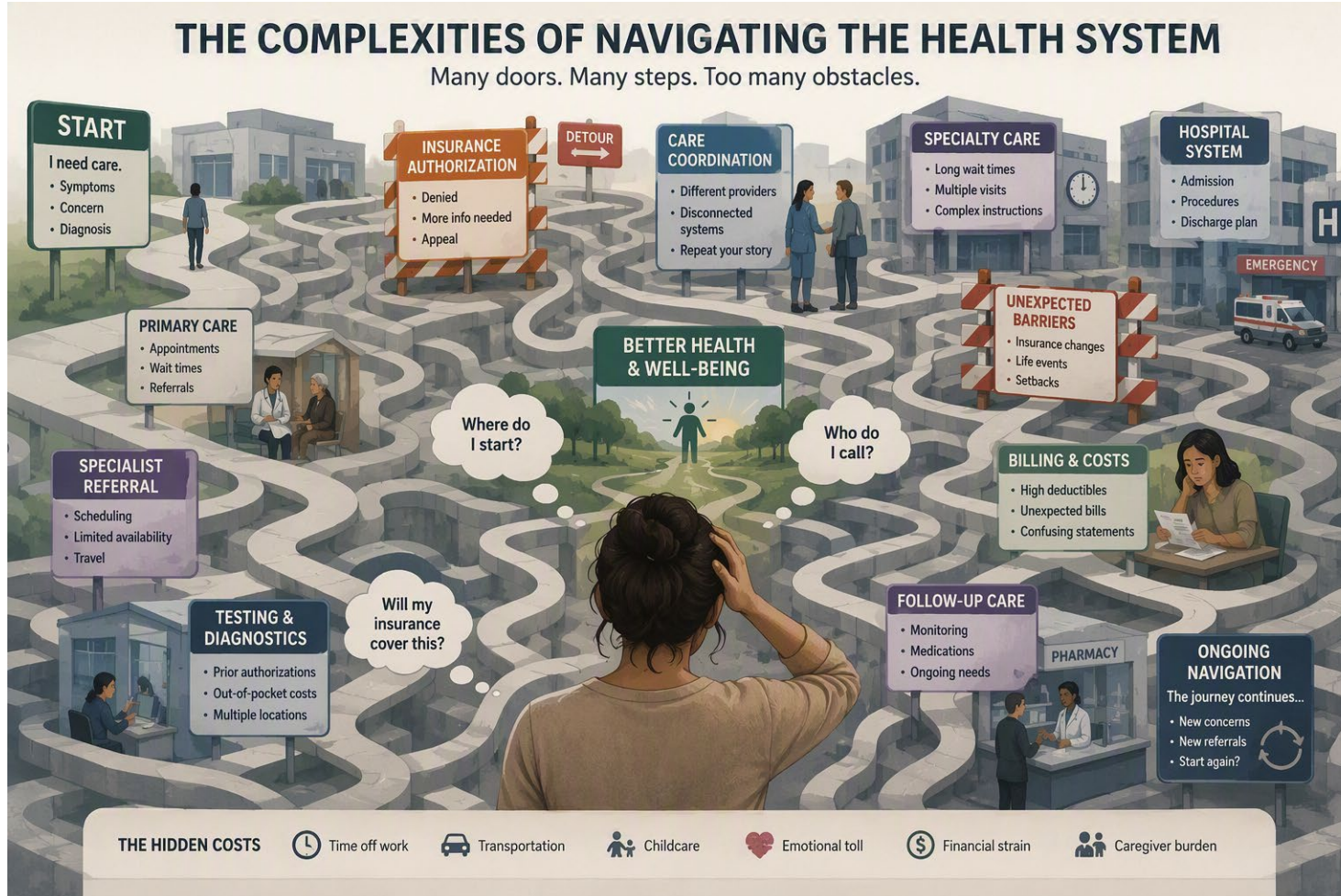
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Introduction

“The challenge in hepatitis C elimination is no longer curing the virus. The challenge is ensuring people can successfully navigate the journey to cure”

Adapted from the experience of the Storr liver Centre Hepatology Integrated Care Team – Westmead hospital

Complexities navigating hepatitis C treatment



- Individual factors
- Health system factors
- Social factors
- Cultural factors
- Priority population factors

ONE team many pathways

INTERCONNECTED MODELS

with same nurses
across all models



ONE team many pathways

✓ No Wrong
Door Access

✓ Shared
Patient Tracking

✓ Flexible
Follow-Up

✓ Rapid
Treatment
Access

✓ Escalation
of Care Within
Same Team

✓ Patient -
Centred Care

Collaborations



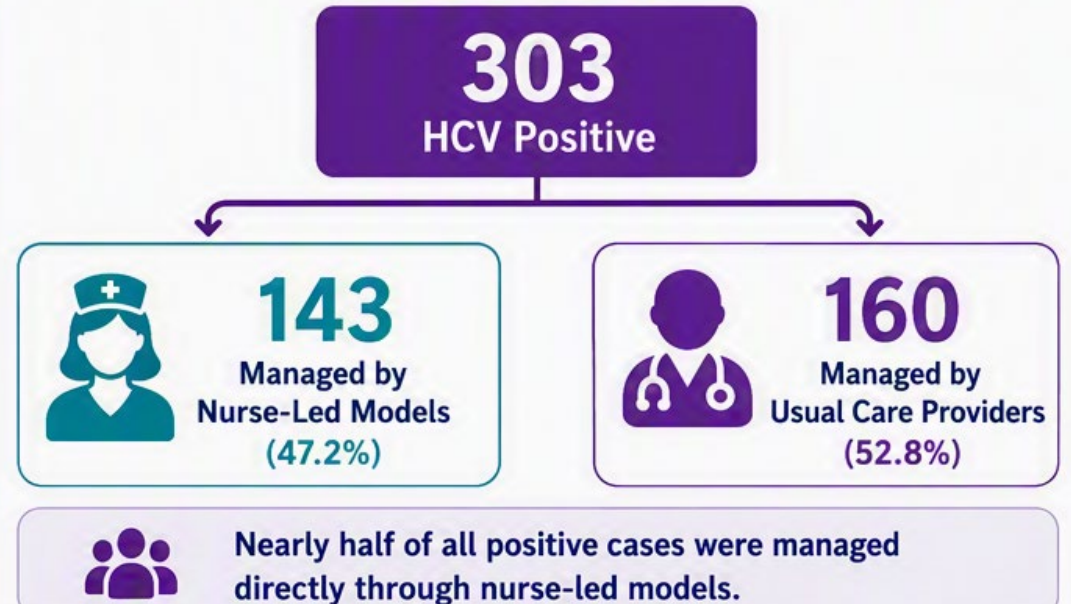
Outcome - Screening

Hepatitis C Screening and Identification

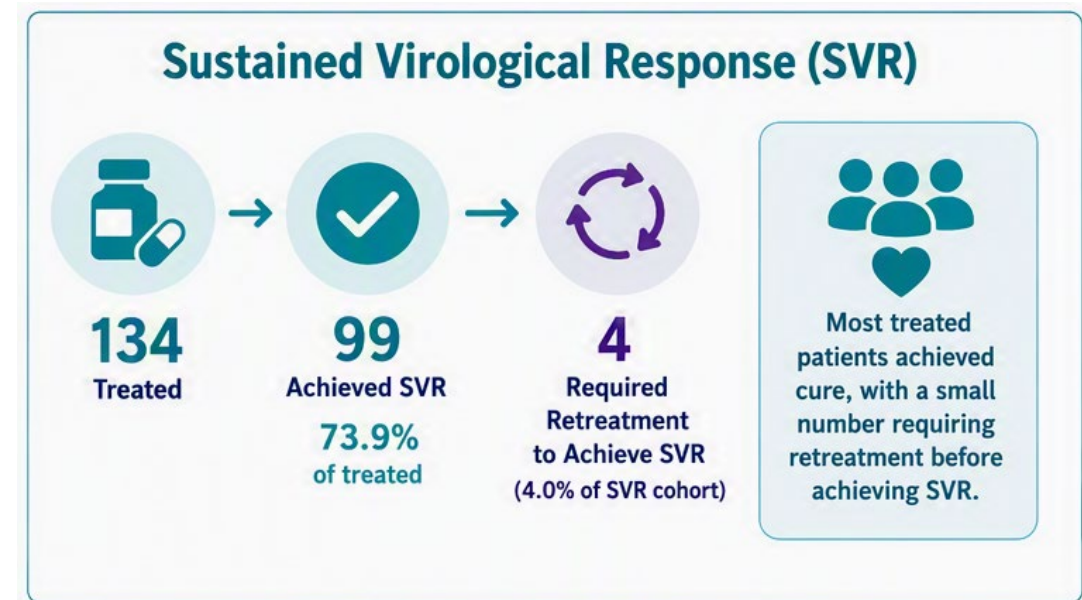
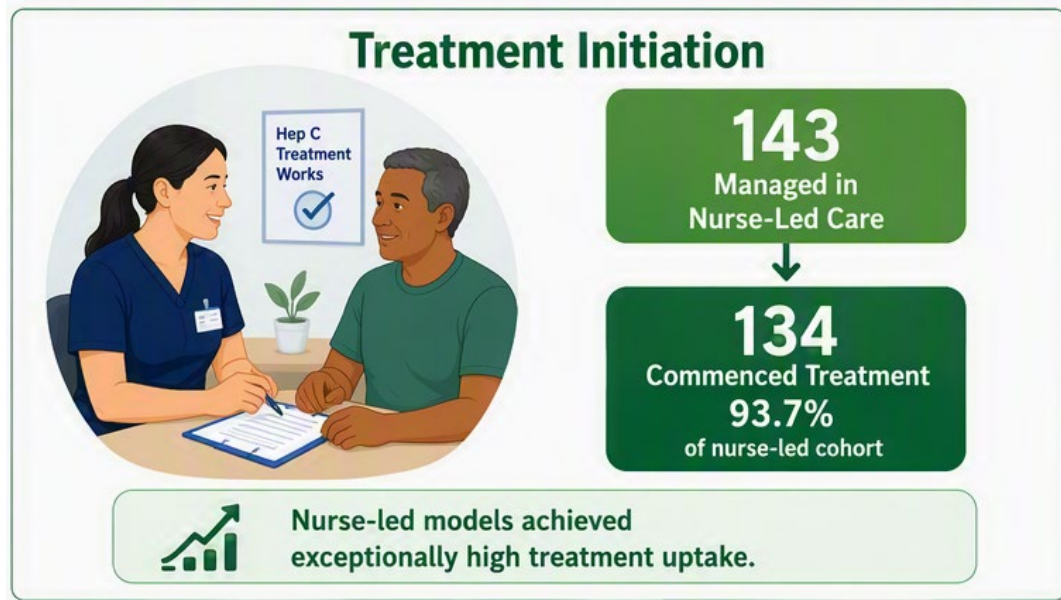


Over 2,100 screening encounters identified
303 people living with hepatitis C.

Linkage to Care Pathways



Outcome - Results



Why the model works



– HELPS BUILD TRUST

Seeing the same nurses across different settings creates familiarity and confidence.



Why the model works



– REDUCES LOST TO FOLLOW UP

Continued connection and support keeps people engaged in their care.



Why the model works



– IMPROVES TREATMENT UPTAKE

Easier access, ongoing support and trusted relationships lead to higher treatment uptake.



Conclusion



Future efforts should prioritise funding nurse led models of care



**ENABLE FLEXIBLE
SERVICE DELIVERY**



**DELIVER PATIENT-CENTRED
CARE**



**STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS
AND EQUITY**

**AND ACCELERATE PROGRESS
TOWARDS ELIMINATION GOALS**



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