



HCV BLITZING IN CORRECTIONS ....  
WITH JUST A FINGERSTICK  
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# TWO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



## PALEN CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

Low Security - 165 Offenders

2 hours from Brisbane

3 Day Blitz



## BRISBANE WOMENS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

High Security - 245 Offenders

Reception, assessment and  
placement centre

3 Day Blitz



# MODEL OF CARE

Multiples of Cepheid's GeneXpert 4 Module Instrument for HCV RNA PoCT were used at both facilities

- **Simple** test from just a fingerstick
- **Rapid** turnaround enabling same day results
- **Collaborative** blitz approach making prison wide HCV elimination possible



# HCV SCREENING with a FINGERSTICK



- 366 tests performed representing 95% of both prison populations
- 20 HCV positive results - all commenced on Rx within a week
- Fibroscan performed where appropriate
- Offender acceptability from qualitative data gathered was overwhelmingly positive
- SVR timepoint not yet reached



# ROAD TO ELIMINATION

- HCV PoCT is a game changer
- Screening and linkage to HCV care for entire prisons in a few days IS POSSIBLE!
- A prison wide testing blitz should be replicated in correctional facilities throughout Australia and indeed the World, to simplify and accelerate getting people on the road to Hep C Cure.

NO reason not to do it in your facility!



All about the TEAM!





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<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5a9waFfy02nHYCpoMgKvJ5?si=JZueA7DzT-uGy52CqwYzZQ>