# Morbidity and mortality associated with viral hepatitis in Victoria

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## Introduction

- There are approximately 100,000 people living with viral hepatitis in Victoria <sup>1</sup>
- Impact of viral hepatitis infection in Australia is not currently available for all jurisdictions
- Liver cancer prevention: linking viral hepatitis diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes
  - What is the burden of disease attributable to hepatitis B and C in Victoria?
  - What are the predictors and outcomes of engagement with health care for Victorians living with hepatitis B and C?
  - How does engagement in care for hepatitis B and C impact on these adverse outcomes, and is the impact different for some population groups?

<sup>1</sup> MacLachlan, 2018

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# Liver cancer prevention linkage study

What is the burden of disease attributable to hepatitis B and C in Victoria?

### **Datasets**

- Viral hepatitis disease notifications
  - All deidentified records of hepatitis B and/or C notification in Victoria between 1991 and 2016
    - approximately 114,000 individual records
- ED presentations & hospital admissions Victorian hospital datasets
- Cancer diagnosis Victorian cancer registry
- Deaths National Death Index
- Episodes of care and medications prescribed MBS/PBS



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# **Demographics**

Viral hepatitis notifications between 1991 and 2016 in Victoria

Individuals with notifications	43,646	72,063
1 notification	92%	90%
Number of notifications	1-4	1-6
Indigenous ever	0.6%	5%
50%+ records	0.3%	2.6%
Female	44%	36%
Age at notification	34.5yrs	34.7yrs
Age range	0-96.5yrs	0-100yrs
Country of Birth	20% Australia, 19% Vietnam 7% China, 3% Greece	69% Australia, 6% Vietnam, 2% Italy, 2% England

## Preliminary statistics, 1991-2016, Victoria



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### **Trends over time HBV**



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## **Trends over time HBV**



Age-standardised mortality rates

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# **Trends over time HCV**

Age-standardised mortality rate for HCV



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Age-standardised mortality rate for HCV

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## Late diagnosis of viral hepatitis



Late diagnosis of HCV (<=2years)

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# **Summary and next steps**

### Summary

- Linkage takes a long time!
- HBV liver-related mortality rates stable, all cause mortality has continued to increase
- HCV liver-related mortality rates gradually increasing as has all cause mortality
- Late diagnosis has improved, but a long way to go yet

### **Next steps**

- Awaiting linked national datasets from AIHW MBS/PBS
- Explore engagement in care
- Identify priority populations
- Further inform cascade of care and mathematical model

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### National best practice guidelines

for data linkage activities relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

2012

