

Point-of-care Testing for Hepatitis C in Victorian Prisons: making progress towards elimination

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Background: Access to HCV care in Victorian Prisons

Statewide Hepatitis Program established in 2015

Point-of-care (POC) testing commenced at one prison reception site in May 2024

High-intensity testing campaigns were conducted at five Victorian correctional sites between December 2024 and March 2026.

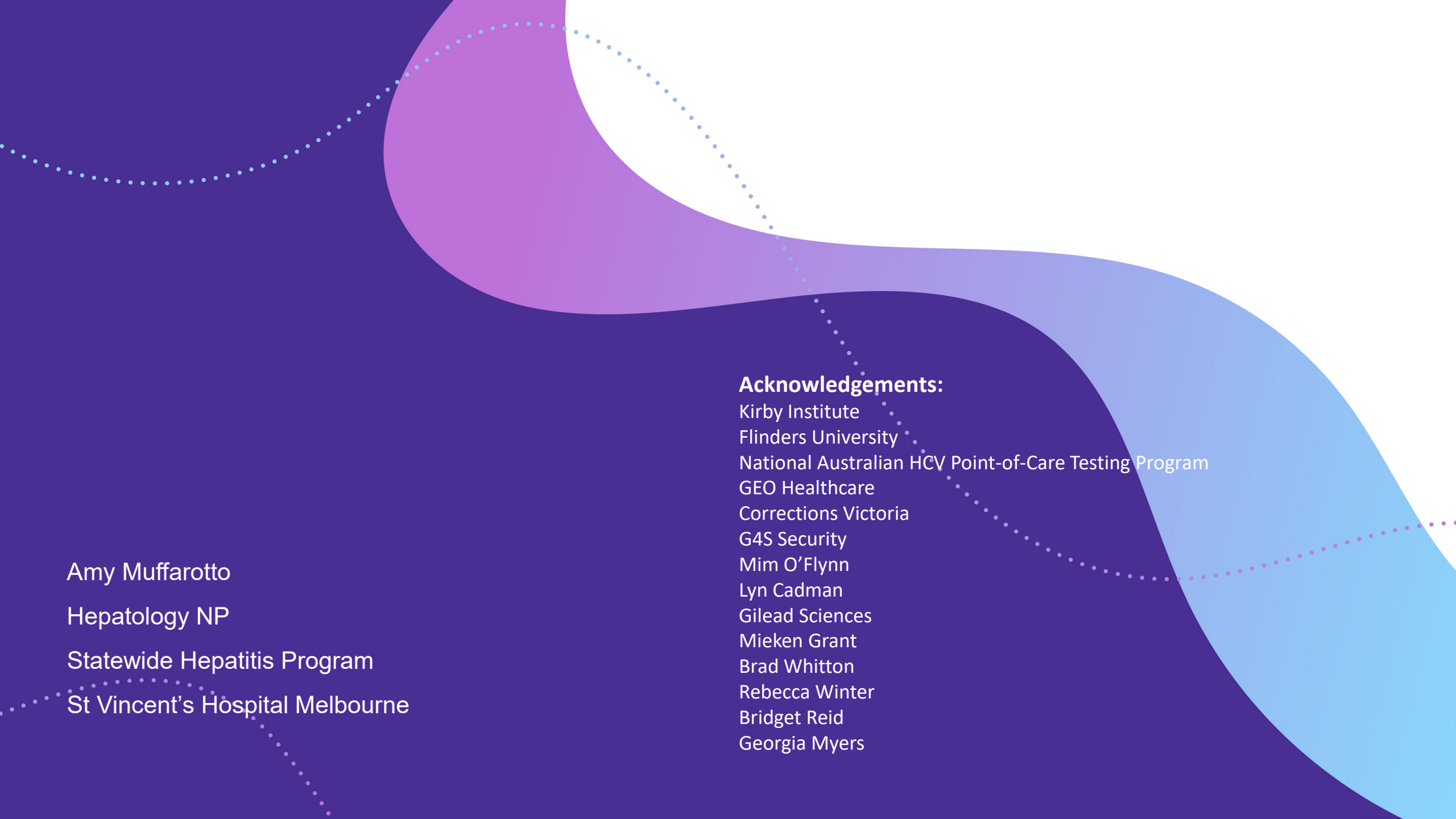
Sites included remand and sentenced men's prisons across medium - and maximum-security classifications.

Intake screening HCV prevalence

	MRC Reception May 24 – May 26
# People tested	1952
Estimated HCV Ab prevalence*	424/1952 (21%)
- IDU History	48%
- Indigenous	36%
HCV RNA prevalence (Total)	55/1952 (2.8%)
- IDU History	6.5%
- First Nations	4.3%
Prescribed DAAs^	50/55 (90%)

High intensity testing campaign HCV prevalence

	Totals
# People tested	2223/3109 (72%)
Estimated HCV Ab prevalence*	470/2223 (21%)
- IDU History	46%
- Indigenous	29%
HCV RNA prevalence (Total)	26/2223 (1.2%)
- IDU History	2.2%
- First Nations	1.3%
Prescribed DAAs^	24/26 (92%)



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