

All stories matter in HCV elimination

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THESE CREATE THE STORY OF ACHIEVING HCV ELIMINATION



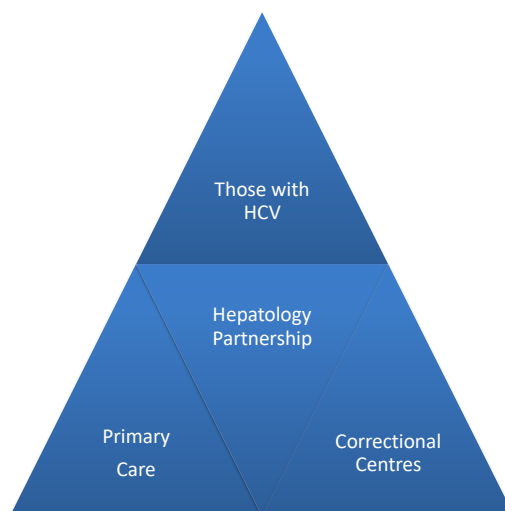
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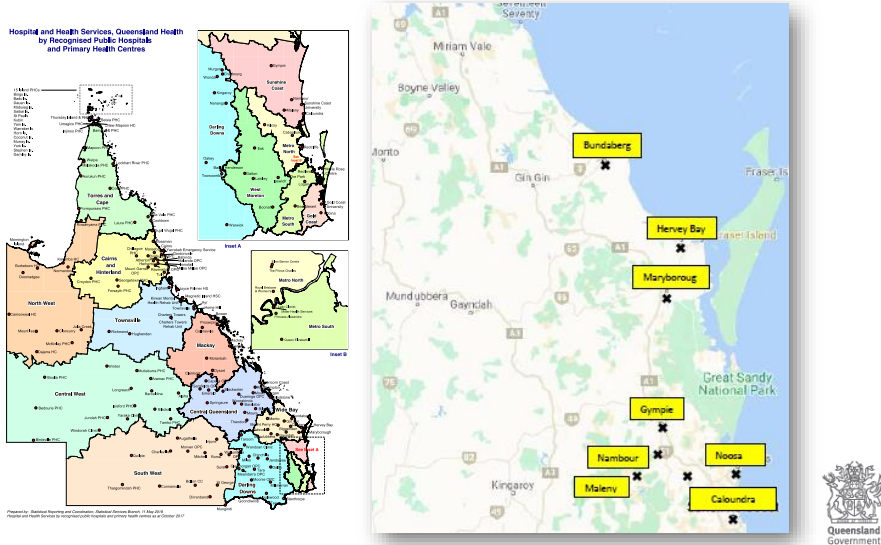
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Hepatology Partnership: map of clinics



Hepatology Partnership-how it works

- Referrals triaged: self, GP, AODS
- Assess, Fibroscan, education
- MDT: CNC & 2 hepatologist's
- Treatment recommendation for GP to script or script
- Referral if needed
- Follow up by CNC 4/52, EOT, SVR



Hepatology Partnership stats

	Assess- MDT	Number Rx	SVR	Detected	Re Infect	Wait svr	LTFU	Cat1 refer
Sunshine Coast	307	274	161 97.6%	4 2.4%		85	20 7.2%	39
Wide Bay	232	209	58 95.1%	3 4.9%		128	12 5.7%	25
Total	539	483	219 97%	7 3%		213	32 6.6%	64 13%
Correctional	534	274 51.3%	69 68.3%	32 31.7%	14 5.1%	108	51 18.6%	2



The Hepatology Partnership story

- HCV 85% treated in community- save 1400 appointments
- Clients place of comfort-local
- Lends to complex clients being assessed & treated
- Referral to hepatology
- Education
- To achieve 50% having treatment by 2021: GP's to treat
- AODS
- Seek Feedback



The Client story

Client Survey: n=300

- 67% M, 75% 10-64
- 45% IVDU, 41% unknown, 9% tattoo, 2% razor, 2% fight
- >90% found information/education easy to understand
- 84% found the DAA booklet useful
- 95% enough HP support
- 96% refer family to HP

14.3% return rate



The Client story

Client responses:

Grateful to be treated close to home Hervey Bay with no stigma attached

It takes the death sentence "dirty for life" out of the equation. Don't stop

Thank you - all cleaned up-very happy-very friendly team.

Extremely Grateful!

Grateful for the opportunity to be helped. Happy to provide my own stamp

Good to be able to have scan & treatment here in wide bay

I had to think about it before starting because it has been what I am

I've been thinking I'm going to die for years-waiting to die the last 10 years-I never bought a house and spent my money-I travelled so it is ok-but now I'm not going to die!

I've stopped drug use, I've cut down alcohol heaps and now I don't have Hep C -that's enough for me.

I now have a HCCard, feel great, bought a house



The General Practitioner story

Survey n=300 20.3% return

- ⌘ 32% attended education in past 2 years
- ⌘ 60% referred 1-3 times, 2% x10
- ⌘ 97% say HP is good to excellent
- ⌘ Confidence to treat using GESA guidelines alone:
 - ⊙ very confident 2%, confident 22%,
 - ⊙ good 20%,
 - ⊙ OK - a little 52%.

8-10 referrals	4-7 referrals	1-3 referrals
14%	24%	62%

(18 months HCV referrals n=1002 referrals)



The General Practitioner story

GP responses:

What would support in finding and treating HCV:

- 43% No answer
- 19% Hep C workshop/ education meeting
- 7% fibroscan access
- 7% easier referral
- 5% phone back up
- 5% regular health checks
- Checklist of bloods to be done prior to treatment
- Option of medication
- Guidelines on follow up SCUH guidelines
- Update all staff as regular changes
- More resources Mass screening
- No need for support



Correctional Centre story

⌘ Team:

HP CNC , CC CNC, Pharmacist

⌘ MDT

⌘ Prisoners

⌘ Officers

⌘ Admin



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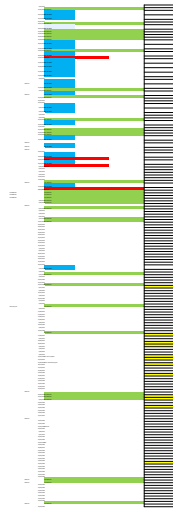


Correctional Centre story

- Contact us on release-envelopes-regulation 24
- Harm minimisation
- Models: referral/pods
- OTP in and outside/synergy
- Referral: HBV immunisation, dental, Cirrhosis
- Staff education-e.g. pathology



Hepatology CC picture:



- Not Detected
- Detected
- Left-not done
- Reinfection



Correctional Centre story

Anecdotal feedback:

If we had OTP I would stop

Leave it as it is-not in pods (sections)-too much movement

I lost 16 years in here & gained 10 from not having HCV now

At least let the tattooist have clean needles

I want to be clean for my kids/partner

We never get given good news-thanks

I only use inside

I only use outside



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Conclusions

- Nurse led clinics are clinically and culturally safe
- Local access to treatment increases uptake
- Fibrosis assessment e.g. FIB-4, Fibroscan, APRI
- Prisoners want HCV treatment
- GP's describe confidence to treat HCV as poor if using GESA guidelines alone-we need to increase numbers
- Model can be implemented elsewhere



Hepatology Partnership:

Is a public/private HHS and primary care collaborative model to deliver treatment to patients with Hepatitis C

Referral: Health Pathways, self, or direct to Sunshine Coast University

Hep C/Fibroscan clinics held across Sunshine Coast, MCC & Wide Bay:
Fibroscan, education and literature

MDT: recommendation sent to GP, referral to secondary care if indicated

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