



# November 2016 Newsletter

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# CAHN's Annual Conference!

## CAHN Education Day

We are excited to share with you our final CAHN /CASL Education Agenda, see attached. It has been a pleasure for CAHN to have been part of this collaborative effort with CASL.

CAHN is now an Affiliate Member at CDDW. The education meeting will take place in beautiful Banff, Alberta March 3 to March 5, 2017.



Travel is eligible for reimbursement if, your CAHN membership is up to date with at least 2 years of current consecutive membership. Be sure you have renewed your CAHN membership. To do so go to "Become a Member", print off the membership form and send the completed form and your cheque to your respective Membership Officer.

[Click here for the Reimbursement Guidelines.](#)

The cost of this educational weekend will be \$200.00. This will include your CASL membership and entry into the CDDW conference, exhibit hall, poster sessions and lunch. To view the complete CDDW program, go to <http://www.CDDW2017>. To register, [download the registration form here](#). Mail the completed form to the address within along with your \$200 fee. You may also renew your 2017 CAHN membership (or become a member) using the same form.

To book your hotel room at the Banff Springs, go to the website below and the code is CDDW2017. Room rates are \$205.00 per night. Reimbursed 100 % if sharing with another CAHN member, or 50% if on your own. Remember to ask for a room with two beds! [Click here to book your room!](#)

[Click here for the full CAHN/CASL agenda.](#)

Registration information coming soon!

# Past Events:

## BC Hep C Nurse Leaders was Oct 13-16

Partners: CAHN, Pacific GI, BCCDC

Funders: Merck, Gilead, AbbVie, BMS, and Pendopharm

Thurs night was jeopardy organized by Liver Forum.

Fri morning nurse leaders: HCC, addictions, BCCDC speaker, NIHB access and keynote Fri night was Lisa Barret on elimination hepatitis strategy.

Sat morning industry talks & case studies.

Resounding sold out success. An amazing job was done by CAHN's volunteers, Donna Zukowski and Lesley Gallagher. This event helped to raise awareness of CAHN and attract new members!

## LIVERight Gala



The Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) LIVERight Galas have grown to be signature events across the country. These events are an opportunity for the CLF and all attendees to recognize and pay tribute to the tremendous impact that donors, volunteers, patients, caregivers, liver healthcare providers & researchers have made to support our collective mission of "bringing liver research to life". Over the years, these events have raised the much-needed funds for CLF programs and services in the areas of liver research, education, patient support and advocacy.

We look forward to having you join us at these great events. If you can't be there this year, but would still like to support the CLF, [please consider making a donation – click here.](#)

## International Hepatitis B Cure Workshop 2016



**Date: November 9, 2016**

From <http://www.virology-education.com/>

The International HBV Cure Workshop has taken place on Wednesday 9 November 2016 in Toronto, Canada.

We welcomed 82 unique participants from 17 different countries at this successful 3rd edition of the International Workshop on Hepatitis B Cure.

The Organizing Committee would like to thank all invited speakers and participants for their contribution to this meeting. Presentations of the speakers of this workshop are available now and webcasts will be made available shortly, on [www.infectiousdiseasesonline.com](http://www.infectiousdiseasesonline.com).

We would like to thank our supporters Gilead, Assembly Biosciences, Arbutus Biopharma, Arrowhead, Humanity and Health, MedImmune, Roche, Siemens Healthineers, MSD, Janssen, for making this event possible.

We look forward to seeing you again next year in Toronto, Canada! Please feel free to subscribe to our newsletter to stay up to date.

## Upcoming Events:

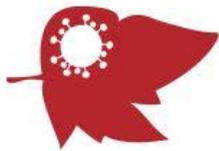
### The 25th Harm Reduction International Conference



**Date: May 14, 2017 - May 17, 2017**

The 25th Harm Reduction International Conference, will take place in Montreal on 14th-17th May 2017. This conference is set to be the biggest global harm reduction event of the year and is organized by Harm Reduction International in partnership with the Association des Intervenants en Dépendance du Québec (AIDQ) this year. Online abstract submission and registration will open on September 1st 2016. For more details please [visit their website](#).

### The 6th Canadian Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus (CSHCV)



**CanHepC**  
Canadian Network on Hepatitis C  
Réseau Canadien sur l'Hépatite C

**Date: March 3, 2017**

We invite you to attend the 6th Canadian Symposium on HCV. In building upon the success of last year's meeting, we look forward to expanding the discussion on HCV-related issues in Canada.

The theme of this year's symposium is Delivering a Cure for HepC Infection: What are the Remaining Gaps? "

Confirmed invited speakers are: Thomas Baumert, Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France (Biomedical Research) Paul Kubes, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada (Biomedical Research) Jean-Michel Pawlotsky, Université Paris Est, Paris, France (Clinical Research) Morris Sherman, University Health Network, Toronto, Canada (Clinical Research) Tim Caulfield, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada (Health Services Research) Mark Tyndall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (Health Services Research) Holly Hagan, New York University, New York, USA (Social, Cultural, Environmental, and Population Health Research) Evan Wood, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (Social, Cultural, Environmental, and Population Health Research)

Early bird registration, call for abstracts and accommodations can be found on the 6th Canadian Symposium on HCV [website \(click here\)](#) or contact Norma Choucha @ [norma.choucha@canhepc.ca](mailto:norma.choucha@canhepc.ca).

Early bird registration deadline: December 31, 2016

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*Have an event coming up? Send information to Liza Abraham at [lizaabraham72@gmail.com](mailto:lizaabraham72@gmail.com) to include it in the next CAHN Newsletter!*

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# Liver Health News:

## Activists bring more pop-up injections sites to Vancouver's overdose 'battle zone' 'Everybody is going full-tilt and it's just not enough. People are dying,' says activist Sarah Blyth

The overdose crisis is turning Vancouver's Downtown Eastside into a virtual 'battle zone' say activists and nurses who are setting up more unsanctioned supervised injection sites in order to save lives.

"Everybody is going full-tilt and it's just not enough. People are dying. It's just really shocking," said Sarah Blyth, a volunteer with the Overdose Prevention Society, which is now operating two pop-up tents on the streets.

[Click here to read full article](#)

## Updated AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidelines

### What's New and Updates/Changes

The HCV Guidance Panel has reviewed new information that highlights the risk of HBV infection reactivation in patients who are coinfecting and who clear HCV with DAAs. They have therefore chosen to alert providers. The updated information can be found in the [Monitoring Patients Who Are Starting Hepatitis C Treatment, Are On Treatment, or Have Completed Therapy](#) section of the Guidance.

[Click here to read the press release.](#)

## Understanding Cirrhosis of the Liver: First steps for the newly diagnosed

CATIE has distributed over 600 copies of "Understanding Cirrhosis of the Liver: First steps for the newly diagnosed."

CATIE Ordering Centre Monthly Distribution Report / Centre de distribution de CATIE : Rapport mensuel de distribution		Items distributed / Items distribués – 2016/09/01 to 2016/09/30		 Canada's source for HIV and hepatitis C information La source canadienne de renseignements sur le VIH et l'hépatite C		Qty On Hand/ Qty En Entrepot	
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[Click here to view the guide](#)

## 2016 Public Health Agency of Canada's

The Centre for Communicable Diseases and Infection Control, Public Health Agency of Canada (the Agency), is pleased to present the Report on Hepatitis B and C in Canada: 2013. This report is intended to provide information on trends in

cases and rates of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection to those who are concerned with the public health implications of these conditions (program managers, policy makers, researchers, etc.).

[Click here for the full report.](#)

## Launch of World Hepatitis Day 2016 Report

[19 Oct 2016 Tara Farrell - World Hepatitis Alliance](#)

On 28 July 2016, patients, governments, organizations and many others participated the most successful World Hepatitis Day (WHD) to date, with 174 countries taking part and 106 national governments commemorating the day.

One of just four disease-specific global awareness days officially endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO), WHD helps raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis and helps influence real change in disease prevention and access to testing, treatment and care.

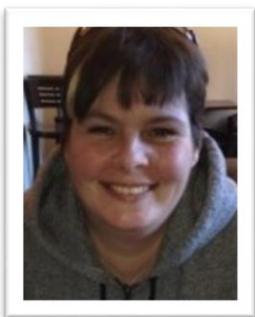
Under the theme of 'NOhep – Eliminate Hepatitis' over 1,100 events were held worldwide, which included screening and vaccination drives, public seminars, press briefings, marches, health fairs as well as more unusual events such as awareness-raising pop songs and the illumination of well-known landmarks.

The elimination theme was chosen as theme to coincide with the adoption of WHO's global strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030.

Under the theme of elimination, NOhep, a grassroots movement initiated by WHA, was launched on WHD to mobilize individuals and organizations to take action to ensure global commitments are met and viral hepatitis is eliminated by 2030. NOhep was launched in 77 countries on WHD, resulting in over 1000 people signing up from over 100 countries. Watch a short video to find out more about the development of NOhep and its global launch [here](#).

Find out more about the impact of the global awareness day and in-country activities in the World Hepatitis Day 2016 [Global Summary Report here](#).

## Thank you Martine Stomp



CAHN would like to thank Martine Stomp for all her work and contributions to CAHN. Particularly her contributions to CAHN's social media presence, her role heading Membership East and her most recent contributions on the Board of Directors. Martine has stepped down to pursue the growth and success of her business, Max Gear.

Martine has been with Sanguen Health Centre's Hep C Treatment since 2007. She has a strong passion for harm reduction, street outreach and reaching people that would otherwise not easily access health care services. Best of success to you Martine!

## A Message from the President



### Dear CAHN Members and Friends,

I am pleased to be the current President and CEO of the Canadian Association of Hepatology Nurses (CAHN). As my predecessors, have done, I have committed myself to continue to ensure that CAHN fulfills its mission by remaining at the forefront as **“a national professional organization that represents and supports nurses across Canada who practice in hepatology”** (CAHN, 2016).

In support of the mission, CAHN will continue to conduct educational activities, in partnership with national hepatology associations such as our colleagues at the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver (CASL) to bring an integrated program in **Banff, Alberta in March, 2017**

which includes:

- Fri, Mar 3rd: CAHN/CASL Mixer on Friday night;
- Sat, Mar 4th: CAHN Education Day included within the larger Canadian Digestive Diseases Week (CDDW2017) program; and
- Sun, Mar 5th: Annual General Meeting (AGM).

CAHN’s emphasis is on **“the promotion of leadership, clinical practice, education and research in hepatology nursing”** (CAHN, 2016). We do this through our continued collaboration with various national organizations’ including:

- Action Hepatitis Canada (AHC),
- Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE),
- Canadian Nurses Association (CNA),
- Hepatitis Education Canada (HEC), and
- CanHepC.

In order to meet these goals for CAHN, I coordinated the initial phases of a strategic plan with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. At the Spring 2016 meeting we identified three organizational goals:

- Goal #1: CAHN will provide a professional perspective to influence policy related to the care of populations at risk for and affected by liver disease.
- Goal #2: Education: CAHN will promote excellence in clinical practice by providing educational opportunities, tools, and resources specific to hepatology nursing.
- Goal #3: CAHN will encourage research for evidence based hepatology nursing practice. CAHN will build capacity to provide resources for nurse led research.

We would like to hear from you about the organizational goals and what you would like to see from CAHN. We want to hear from you! [Please submit your feedback here.](#)

Finally, I sincerely invite you to join us as a member of CAHN, network and share best and promising practices during our meeting in **Banff, Alberta in March 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Our members include a wide variety of health care professionals who are dedicated to clinical practice; capacity building and education in basic, translational, and clinical hepatology. As a member of CAHN, not only will you receive the benefits that CAHN membership offers you, you will become, more importantly, an invaluable part of the national community to improve liver wellness.

Sincerely,  
Denise Thomas, MHS, BSN, RN  
*President/CEO*