

CAHN Newsletter: May 2015

Committee Highlights

Hep C Messaging Project for Nurses

A Creative Media project is now underway to address the need for better referral and linkage to care and treatment for hepatitis C.

CAHN Vice President Denise Thomas presented at this year's AGM on the potential project, and it was voted in favour by CAHN BOD to go ahead with implementation.

The project is currently in phase one of this 4-phase project which started in the first week of April 2015.

Hepatitis Awareness

World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day Canada, in conjunction with the Canadian Society for International Health, has called for proposals for July 28, World Hepatitis Day. The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, May 29th. More information is available at: <http://whdcanada.org/>.

National Aboriginal Hepatitis C Awareness Month

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and Hepatitis Services BCCDC have launched National Aboriginal Hepatitis C Awareness Campaign for May 2015. For more information, including posters, brochures and a treatment guide, please click [here](#).

Education and Resources

At-Risk Youth Study (ARYS)

ARYS Study finds female street-involved youth are two times more likely than male youth to contract the hepatitis C virus (Puri et al, 2015). The At-Risk Youth Study (ARYS – pronounced 'Arise') began in late 2005 and, as its name suggests, is made up of youth aged 14 to 26. Youth can be defined as 'at risk' because of a variety of factors, including their socio-economic situation, mental or physical health, drug use, social or physical environment, or family situation. For more information, click [here](#).

Deal With It: The untold stories of Hepatitis C

Deal with it exposes the state of Canada's Hepatitis C epidemic, one of the most pressing but least discussed health concerns facing the country today. To access the full length movie, please click [here](#).

EASL Recommendations on Treatment of Hepatitis C

The European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) has published recommendations on Treatment of Hepatitis C (2015), available [here](#). Nurses are referenced on page 22 "Measures to increase adherence are interdisciplinary. They

Opportunities and Events

SURVEY: Health Canada Consultation on Bill C-17

In November 2014, Bill C-17 the Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act (Vanessa's Law) received Royal Assent. This Bill amended the Food and Drugs Act with respect to therapeutic products in order to improve safety oversight throughout the lifecycle of these therapeutic products.

In connection with the above, Health Canada has released the Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act Transparency Needs-based Assessment survey. The purpose is to seek feedback from different stakeholders to assess their information needs about therapeutic products. The results of the compiled feedback will be used by Health Canada in specifying how information is disseminated, and in the development of new regulations.

The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, and is available online until **May 25, 2015**.

[English Survey](#)

[French Survey](#)

EVENT: 2015 Alberta Digestive Disease Summit

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include HCV education and monitoring services and, particularly, the help of a dedicated nurse.” “Education by a nurse can increase the quality of life and it will increase the adherence to therapy and SVR rate.”

BCCDC's National Hepatitis Education

Educational materials are now available online - click [here](#) to access brochures, online tutorials and treatment updates.

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June 4-7, 2015

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta

EVENT: International Symposium on Hepatitis Care for Substance Users (INHSU)

October 8-9, 2015

Sydney, Australia

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