FOCUS Grant
Universal Hepatitis C Screening & Linkage to Care

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MCHD Universal HCV Screening

- MCHD CHC’s (8)
  - ≈ 66,000 clients annually
- MCHD STD Clinic
  - Field Based DIS Services
- MCHD Harm Reduction Clinic/Syringe Exchange
- Year 2: Expand to Corrections Health
- Goal of having 1 provider per clinic treating for HCV in near future
• 5,766 tests (maybe double!)
• Linkage: 40 new/existing cases
• Low-Barrier Treatment Navigation & Support

Increase overall rate of screening
- Pre & Post Surveys for all levels of clinic staff
- Linkage to care for previous positives
- Contest to motivate clinical staff to talk about & promote testing and treatment!
Additional Strategies:

- Ongoing all staff trainings
- Bannerstands & posters in clinics, buttons for staff to wear
- User friendly workflows for providers
- Testing event, collaborate with Caring Ambassadors & other local FOCUS partners
- Motivational Interviewing tips & tricks
- Monthly newsletter with quizzes/prizes
Universal Hepatitis C Screening

Should I do a HCV Antibody test on this person?

Eligibility:
- ≥ 18 years old
- Never had a HCV AB test
- Not chronically infected with HCV

For Nurses & MA's
- Can future order
- Have to link to Dx code
- Goes to provider inbox
- One click to order for PCP

Billing Code = LV4225
- Add to your preference list!
- Do not use: 86803 & LV5021

Link to Dx code:
- Non Medicare = Z11.59
- Medicare = Z72.89

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FOCUS Program - Goals (by October 2020):

➔ Implement routine, universal HCV screening in MCHD Primary Care
➔ Increase overall rate of HCV screening from 27% to 50%
➔ 5,677 HCV Tests (Each clinic ordering ≈ 2.5x more tests per month)
➔ Provide ongoing support and training for all levels of clinic staff
➔ Increase staff, client and public awareness of hepatitis C

How & when do I refer my HCV+ patients to the FOCUS Program?

Good question! In short, we only refer a patient who has been confirmed to have chronic HCV. Flip to the back side of this page to see more details!

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Oh! And don’t forget the contest!!!
The clinic that manages to screen the highest percent of it’s eligible population will win a pizza party and a certificate of excellence!
HCV AB Reactive & Viral RNA Positive (Current HCV Infection)

NON REACTIVE

Has patient had exposure to HCV w/in the previous 6 months?

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HCV-RNA or follow-up HCV-antibody testing 6 months or longer after exposure

N

STOP

Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV, RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR

HCV AB Reactive & Viral RNA Positive (Current HCV Infection)

Assess current and former risk factors to determine if infection is acute vs chronic

Once confirmed chronic

Patient spontaneously clears HCV infection

FOCUS Program Navigator, Sam, will connect with anyone confirmed chronic and referred and facilitate the best route towards being cured

If patient is known to be high risk, repeat HCV-RNA testing as needed. Do not repeat HCV AB

1. Internal Referral: 9214 (Hepatitis C Consult)
2. Order & have HCV panel labs drawn
3. Deliver HCV education to patient