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*Universal Hepatitis C
Screening & Linkage to Care*

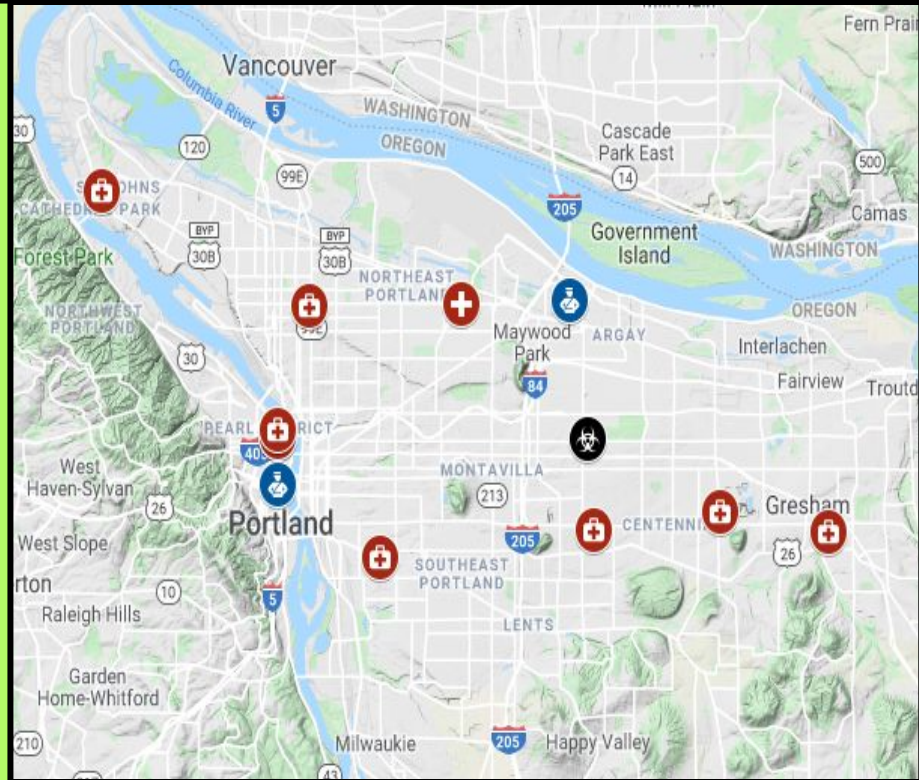
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MCHD Universal HCV Screening

- MCHD CHC' s (8)
 - \approx 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

Billing Code = LV4225

- Add to your preference list!
- Do not use: **86803** & **LV5021**

Link to Dx code:

- Non Medicare = Z11.59
- Medicare = Z72.89

For Nurses & MA's

- Can future order
- Have to link to Dx code
- Goes to provider inbox
- One click to order for PCP





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

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 $\approx 2.5x$ more tests per month)
- Provide ongoing support and training for all levels of clinic staff
- Increase staff, client and public awareness of hepatitis C

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!

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

NON REACTIVE



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

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



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



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

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

Once confirmed
chronic

Patient spontaneously
clears HCV infection

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

