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BIGG ELIMINATION TRIBUTE PROJECT | MODULE 6

Building Provider Capacity for HCV Prevention Program Integration

Cure



Introductions

- Caring Ambassadors Program
- Jill Wolf, LCSW - Hepatitis C Program Director
- Co-created with Chicago Recovery Alliance (CRA) and adapted from a training conducted in October 2019

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In honor of Dan Bigg

- Executive Director of Chicago Recovery Alliance for 25 years
- Created system for Syringe Service Program access and Naloxone Distribution
- Awarded The Norman E. Zinberg Award for Achievement in the Field of Medicine
- Fierce HCV Elimination Advocate
- Awarded 2017 Chicagoan of the Year
- Known as the 'Godfather of Naloxone'



Photo Credit: Nigel Brunsdon



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Overall Project Goal

To build the capacity, confidence, and knowledge to integrate responsive hepatitis C (HCV) screening, testing, linkage-to-care/cure, and support programs into existing infrastructures.



Modules

Module 1 - Prevention & Education



Module 2 - Screening & Testing



Module 3 - Vaccination



Module 4 - Staging



Module 5 - Treatment



Module 6 - Cure



Module 7 - Wellness & Support



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The purpose of this module is to inform participants of the true definition of HCV cure and vital programmatic steps to maximize opportunities for cure.



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Participants will be able to:

- Identify key program supports to maximize a patient's chance for cure
- Implement meaningful changes to assist in supporting patients with adherence

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Cure - Nothing About Us Without Us

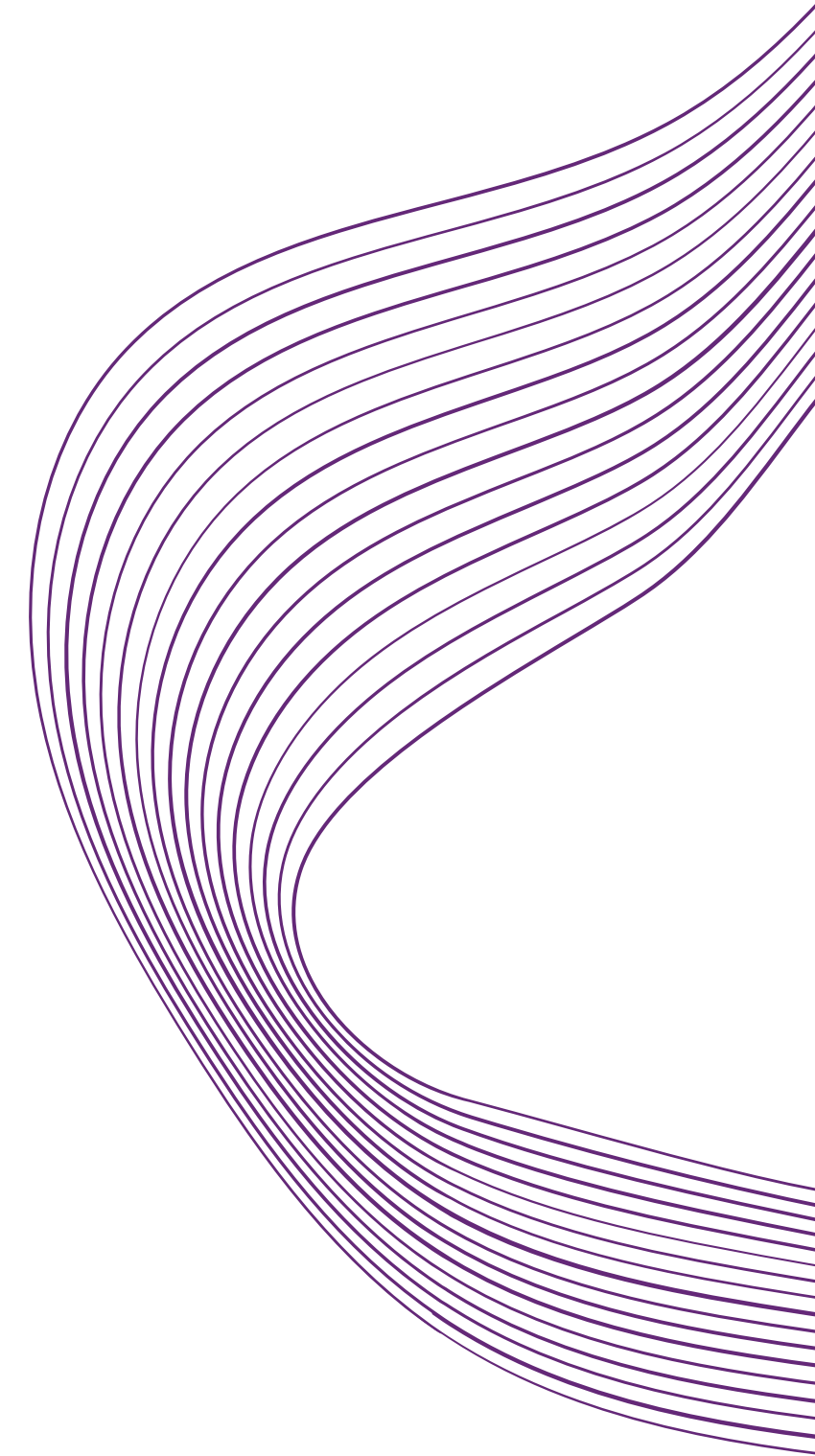


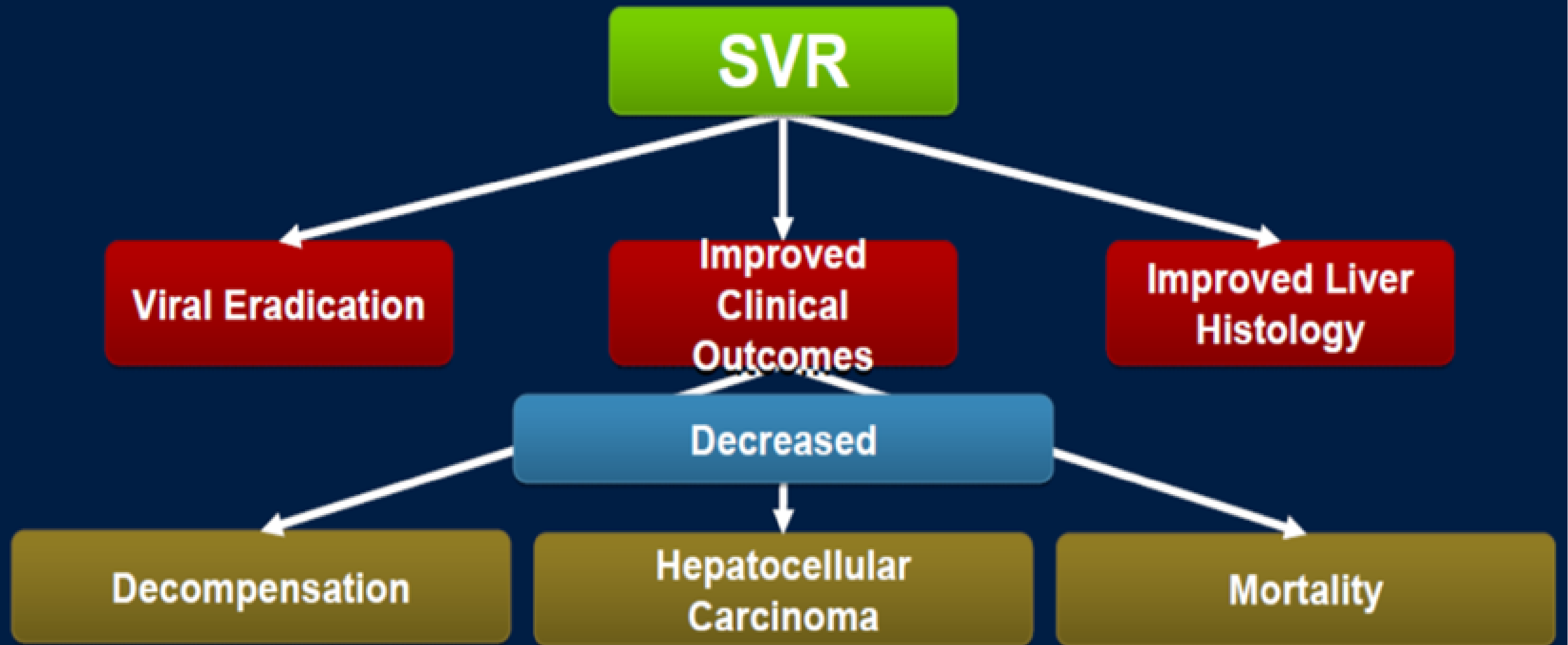
1. Hepatitis C cure is referred to as SVR

a. sustained virologic response

2. SVR = Cure

a. negative viral load **12 weeks following** the completion of therapy





1. F0 - F2 = little to no fibrosis at the start of treatment
 - a. no further follow up needed in the absence of ongoing risk
 - b. re-test every 12 months for patients with ongoing risk
2. F3-F4 = significant fibrosis at the start of treatment
 - a. ongoing monitoring for liver cancer and decompensation



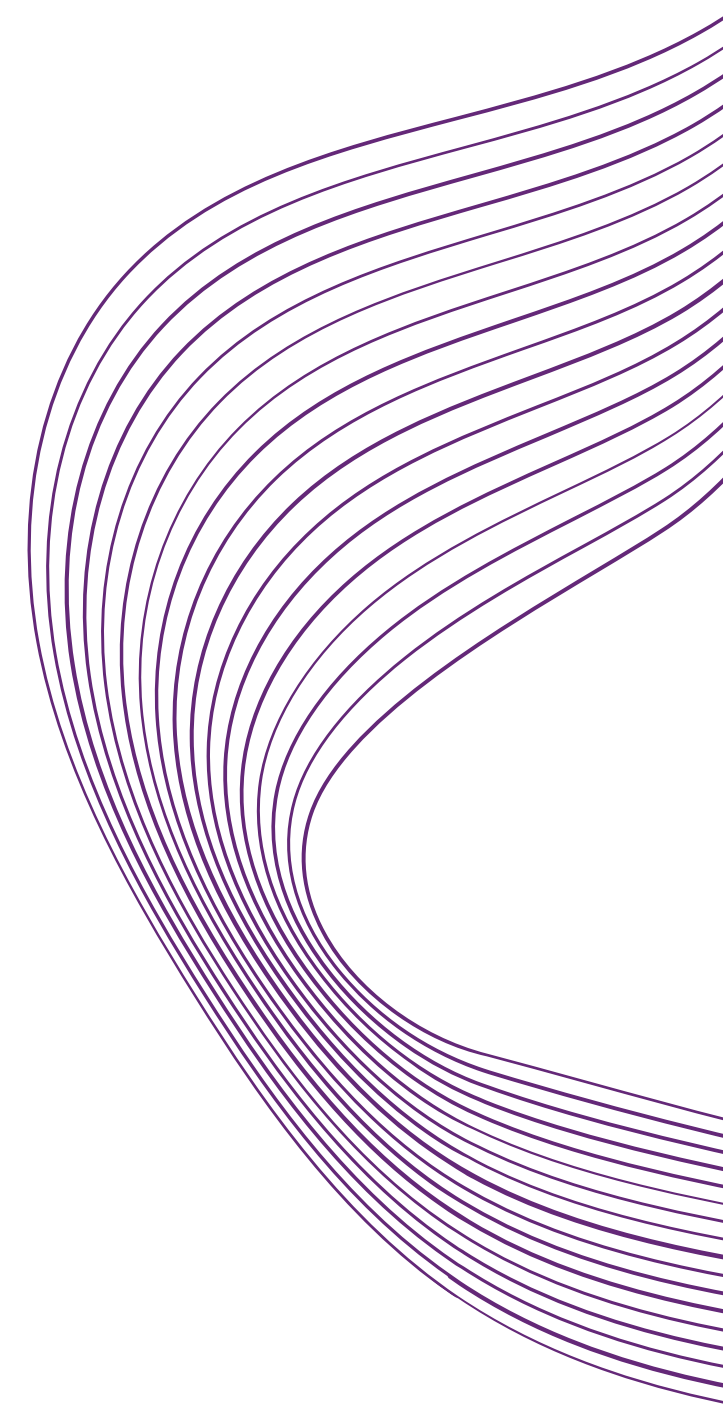
1. HCV treatment guidelines - HCVguidelines.org
2. Cure certifications and acknowledgements
3. University of Washington
4. Liverpool



1. Dramatically increased response rates for all groups of patients
2. **ADVOCACY!!!** Loosening of restrictions to allow for treatment, and re-treatment
3. Sobriety
4. Fibrosis level
5. Transplanting hepatitis C+ livers
6. Micro-Elimination Strategies



Cure - The Time is NOW!



In conclusion...

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What's Next?

- Next Module is: Wellness
- About 1 hour/1 CEU
- The purpose of the next module will be to explain the HCV treatment process and clarify HCV treatment goals.

Obtaining CEU's & Attendance Certificates

- *Don't forget* to take the pre and post-test surveys to receive CEU's or Certificates of Completion!

Access to Tools

Access to tools, resources, slides, and activities can all be found at <https://hepcchallenge.org/bigg/>

Questions?

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