Welcome & Updates

**Ann Winters, MD** - Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Program, NYC DOHMH

- **2016 Hep C Surveillance Update in NYC: Young People Newly Diagnosed with HepC in NYC**
  - Increasing rates of newly reported HCV in people ages 18-29 in 2015 and 2016; particularly in Southern Brooklyn, Central-Western Queens, South-Eastern Manhattan and parts of Staten Island
  - We do not investigate individual cases; risk factors may include injection drug use? sexual transmission?
  - Champion suggestions: targeting STD clinics, opioid treatment programs, facilities that provide services to the transgender community

- **Please complete the 2016 Annual HCV Hospital Survey.** Preliminary results from 19 hospitals indicated:
  - 2 out of 5 baby boomers patients were screened for HCV in 2015
  - 2 out of 5 patients known to be at risk for HCV were screened in 2015
  - 12 hospitals perform reflex testing (up 40% from 2015 survey)
  - At least 3,300 patients initiated treatment at 17 hospitals in 2015

- **Mandatory HCV RNA Confirmatory Testing in NYC**
  - DOHMH is in the process of proposing an amendment to health code that mandates reflex testing at NYC labs
  - Document summarizing how different facilities in NYC have successfully implemented reflex testing is being compiled by DOHMH and will be made available to champions advocating for change within their hospitals- contact Tosin

**Sarah Penrose, FNP-BC** – Mount Sinai Institute for Liver Medicine, Empire Liver Foundation (ELF)

- **Upcoming CME provider training projects from ELF include:**
  - Prior authorization training- March 2017 Contact Meg.
  - 8-week certification webinar course to satisfy NYS Medicaid requirement- May 2017
  - Upcoming grand rounds will take place (hospital) on (date). Contact Tosin to schedule one for your hospital.
  - ELF/HEPCURE tele-education webinars- Last Tuesday of each month 4:30pm-5:30pm
Presentation & Discussion*

*To view presentation which includes draft results from initial data analysis: Create a login through a link on the upper left-hand corner of the HepCX homepage → select “Meeting Notes” → “Report on Jan 12th 2017 HepCX Meeting”

- **Hepatitis C Services for HCV/HIV Co-Infected and HCV Mono-Infected Patients at STAR Health Center.**
  - **Elliot DeHaan, MD**
  - **Tracy Griffith, MHA**
  - Director of HCV Services
  - Program Manager of HCV Services
  - Star Health Center

  - Detailed presentation on the successful management of Hepatitis C in mono-infected and HIV/HCV co-infected patients at STAR Health Center using care coordination, case management and harm reduction approaches. Care Cascade included in the presentation
  - In light of high attrition rates and most patients not showing up for their 12th week appointment, the use of SVR4 as a proxy for SVR12 as an indicator for cure. Still very controversial
  - HCV medication diversion as a potential problem in the future
  - Experience with NYS AIDS Institute Quality of Care Performance Management System-eHEPQUAL

- **Hep C Ad Campaign in Brooklyn**
  - **Melissa Ip** - Communications Coordinator, Viral Hepatitis Program, NYCDOHMH

  - Campaign goal to increase public awareness; targeting areas with highest incidence of newly reported HepC cases in NYC in 2015
  - Evaluation of campaign is underway
  - Feedback on using social media to target youth and tailoring ads to limited English proficiency populations

- **Brooklyn Specific HCV Dashboard**
  - **Tosin Ajayi, MD, MPH, MBA**- Clinical Coordinator Viral Hepatitis Program, NYCDOHMH

  - Yearly reporting of dashboard with a plan for public release of 2015 Dashboard in September 2017
  - Publication Timeline included in presentation

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**RESOURCES**

**Reports, Guidelines, and Clinical Tools for Dissemination**
- Eliminating the Public Health Problem of Hepatitis B and C in the United States
- Prior Authorization training presentation
- Hep C NYS Medicaid Approved Prescriber List

**HCV Treatment Access & Advocacy**
- NYS Hep C Patient Assistance Program – HepCAP
- Hospital EHR changes and patient care coordination/navigation – Gilead FOCUS Program

**Other**
- VA Provider Resources
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