



# Hepatitis C in Primary Care and Drug and Alcohol Settings Education Program

Developing a sustainable HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexual health workforce

Collaborating partners:



**Date** Saturday, 6 July 2019  
**Venue** [Entertainment Lounge C.ex Coffs , 2-6 Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour](#)  
**Time** 8:45am - 4:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)  
**Cost** Catering and all workshop materials will be provided

People who inject drugs represent approximately 90% of newly acquired hepatitis C (HCV) infections. Clinicians in Drug and Alcohol settings play an important role in improving the health outcomes of people living with HCV and can reduce a patient's risk of developing advanced liver disease through early diagnosis, appropriate management of co-morbidities and treatment with new, curative, Direct Acting Antiviral medication (DAAs).

This course is designed to strengthen the capacity of clinical staff working in drug and alcohol settings or working with people who inject drugs to effectively test for, treat and manage HCV.

#### The course will be delivered in three parts:

- Online learning modules
- Interactive face-face workshop
- Resources and toolkits to enable confident prescribing of new Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) medications for HCV

#### Learning outcomes:

- Describe the risk factors for HCV infection enabling effective screening and prevention education
- Demonstrate competence conducting and interpreting tests to diagnose HCV
- Recognise risk factors, clinical signs, symptoms and complications of liver disease
- Demonstrate understanding of DAA therapy for the treatment of HCV and competence in selecting appropriate therapy
- Describe recommended on-treating monitoring and post-treatment follow up protocols

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#### Course Facilitators:

**Dr Patricia Collie** Addiction Medicine Specialist, Coffs Harbour

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**Dr Iain S Bruce** VMO Physician, Coffs Harbour Health Campus

Register at:

<http://www.ashm.org.au/training/>

Registrations Close:

Saturday, 3 July 2019

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