

Training & Education

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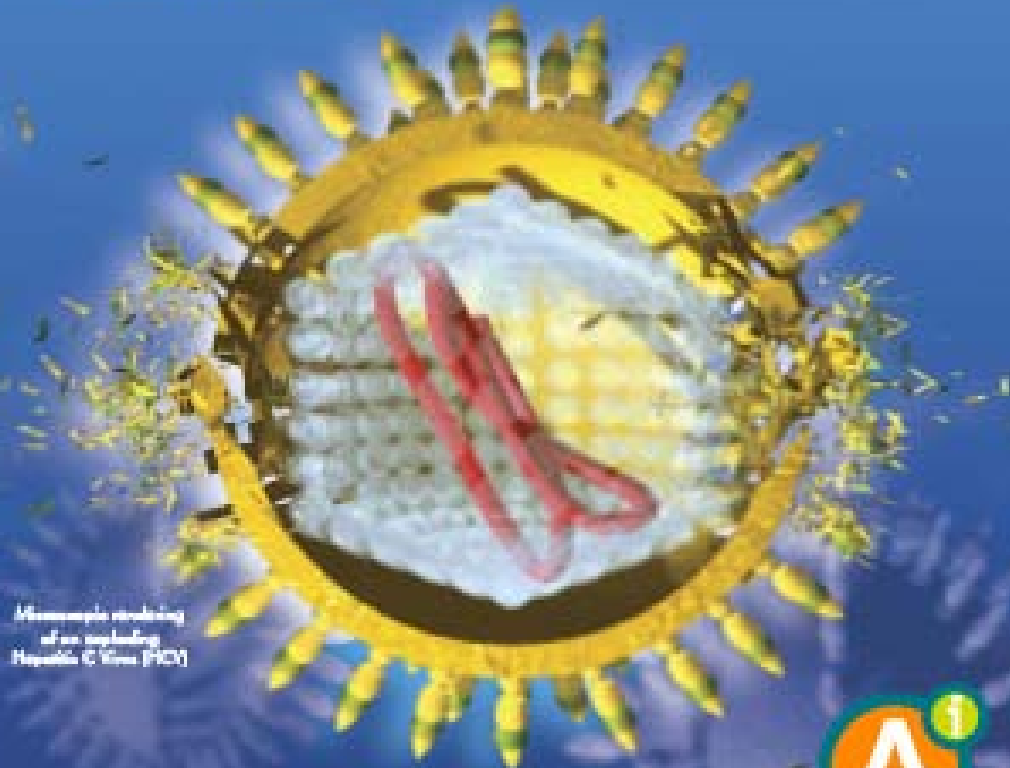
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The Exploding Hepatitis Epidemic *Is the U.S. doing enough?*



Microscopic rendering
of an exploding
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)



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Provider Education: Prevention, Management & Care

What Healthcare Providers Need...



- Practical solutions for patients and patient care issues
- Quick and simple messages
- Increased patient motivation
- Increased patient participation in treatment

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- Easy to use communication tools for providers
 - Educate patients about viral hepatitis and how critical their liver is to help arm them for the fight for their lives
 - Their liver is a vital organ which can unknowingly be damaged
 - Prevention of viral hepatitis, alcohol and substance use provides protection
 - Non-judgmental approach
 - Multiplier effect

HIV/Hepatitis Integrated Risk Assessment



- HIV risks and Viral Hepatitis risks overlap
- ONE risk assessment can determine the need for hepatitis and HIV screening
- Talking about ALL relevant risks during a counseling and testing session will:
 - Increase awareness of multiple risks
 - Engage more clients
 - Address clients & their behavioral risk factors in a more holistic way

Hepatitis Testing



- There are many misconceptions about hepatitis antibody tests
- Patients need to know what a + antibody test means
- And that a confirmatory test is needed to determine current infection status



Importance of the liver

- Patients at risk need to know the importance of the liver
- Liver's link to health, quality of life, immune function, medication effectiveness
 - Buy into following up testing, care
 - Completion of hepatitis A/B vaccine series

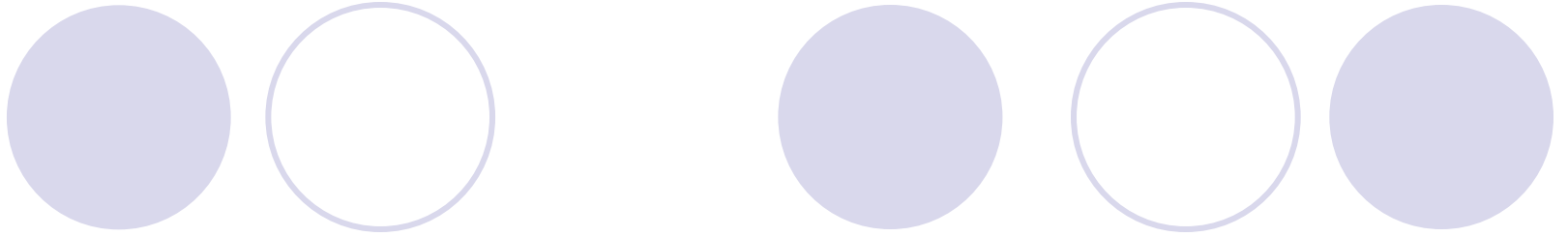
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Integrated Training Goals:

- Overall improved client care
- Increased patient motivation and adherence
- Primary and secondary prevention educational messages leading to...
- Risk reduction
 - safer injection practices
 - reducing alcohol intake
- Referrals for needed services
- Improved case management
- Access to medical care for hepatitis

HFI's Education & Training

- SouthWest Viral Hepatitis Summit
 - November 13-14, 2008
 - Continuing Education
- Training by request for public health, CBOs
- Collaboration with states, federal partners and others
- Online course development & materials



- Our Foundation for Decision Making Training includes an extensive review of hepatitis and communication techniques for healthcare providers to use with patients of all ages
- Ignorance about hepatitis and the liver is rampant
- You cannot change what you do not know



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