Georgia DPH Viral Hepatitis Program / Grady Liver Clinic Partnership

NASTAD Virtual Learning Collaborative
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Hepatitis C Provider Trainings
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• 10-year collaboration

• Target Audience
  • Primary care providers
  • Substance use treatment providers

• 5-part webinar series in 2016
  • HCV Screening and Diagnosis
  • HCV Treatment
  • HIV Co-infection
  • HCV Screening Implementation
Hepatitis C Provider Trainings

• First In-person HCV Workshop (2017)
  • North Georgia (Dalton)
  • Educate health care/substance use disorder treatment providers

• 3 Additional Workshops
  • Primary care/substance use disorder treatment providers
  • Metro-Atlanta
  • Macon, Georgia Training (2019)
    • 30 clinicians in attendance

• Canceled Training (2020)
Georgia DPH Viral Hepatitis Project ECHO
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• Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)
  • Telementoring model
  • Reduce healthcare disparities
  • Provide best practices to care

• Core ECHO Team
  • Epidemiology Team Lead
  • Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
  • (2) Medical experts from Grady Liver Clinic
  • DPH ECHO IT Support
Georgia DPH Viral Hepatitis Project ECHO

- First Session – April 2021
- 100+ Registered Members
  - ~20 attendees monthly
- 20-Minute Didactic Presentations
  - Subject matter experts
  - HBV/HCV patient management and care
- Case Presentations
  - Solicit recommendations

- Target Audience
  - Public health professionals
  - Primary care/specialty clinicians
  - Nurses
  - Pharmacists
  - Substance use disorder treatment providers

- Continuing Education Credits
  - SE Prevention Training Center

- Monthly ECHO Sessions
  - First Thursdays at 12:00pm
Georgia DPH Hepatitis C Provider Toolkit
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- Toolkit first developed in 2015
  - Revised in 2022
  - Created for primary care providers
  - Contains resources to promote HCV testing
    - Screening recommendations
    - Diagnosis and referrals
    - Coding guide
    - Educational resources
      - Medical providers
      - Patients
Georgia DPH Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan
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• Collaborated in November 2021
  • Established goals and objectives for HAV, HBV, HCV
  • Developed strategies and activities
  • Identified target populations
  • Active workgroup members
    • Medical Care and Treatment Sub-Committee

• Elimination Plan Released December 2022
THANK YOU

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