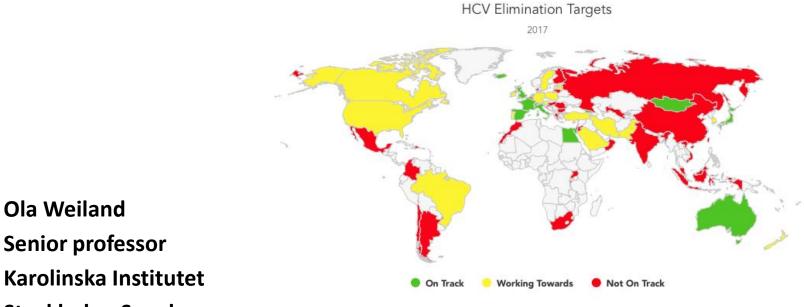
### Hepatitis C elimination – Macro **Elimination**



Stockholm, Sweden





### Weiland - disclosures

- Speakers' bureau: AbbVie, Gilead, MSD/Merck, BMS
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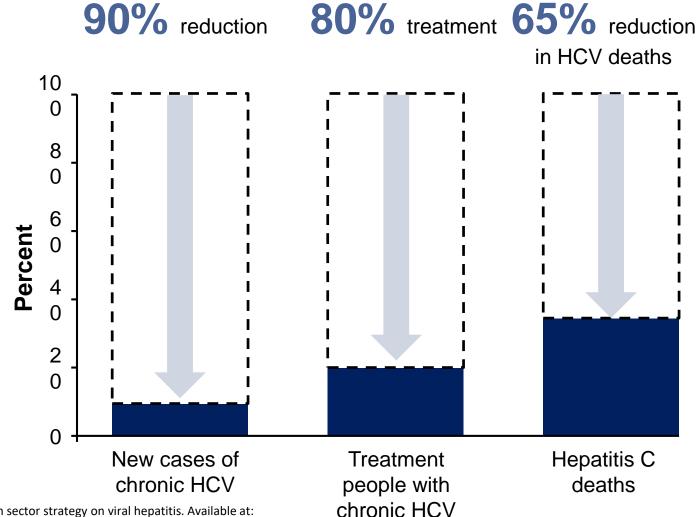
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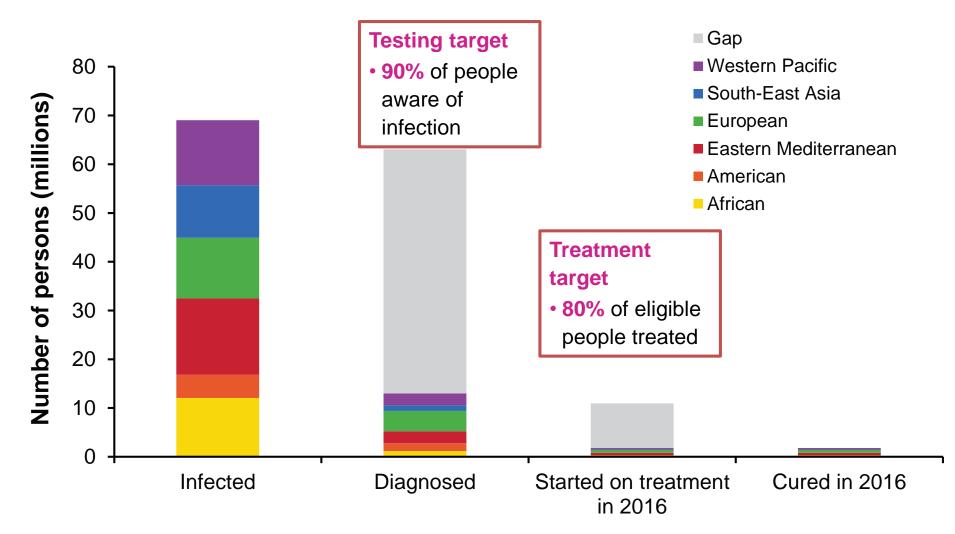
# Global targets achieved if viral hepatitis is controlled by 2030



WHO global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis. Available at: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/246177/1/WHO-HIV-2016.06eng.pdf?ua=1 (accessed September 2018)

# We still have a long way to go to achieve the WHO HCV elimination targets



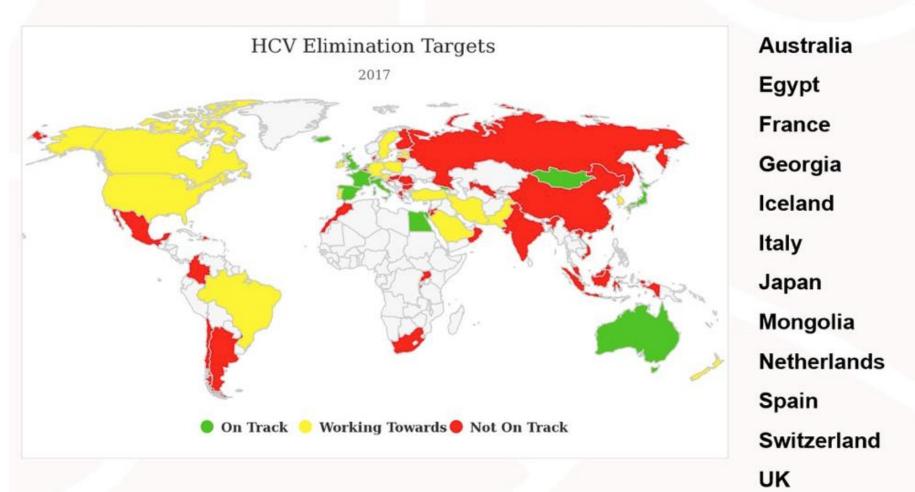


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### In 2017, we estimate there were 12 countries on the path to achieving the WHO 2030 elimination targets





Source: Polaris Observatory (http://cdafound.org/polaris/ accessed June 14, 2018)

### Status of HCV

#### Incidence

 1.75 million new infections per year Incidence of HCV infection in the general population, by WHO region, 2015

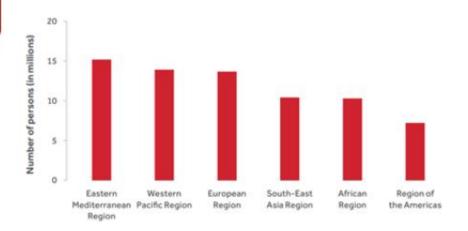


### Prevalence

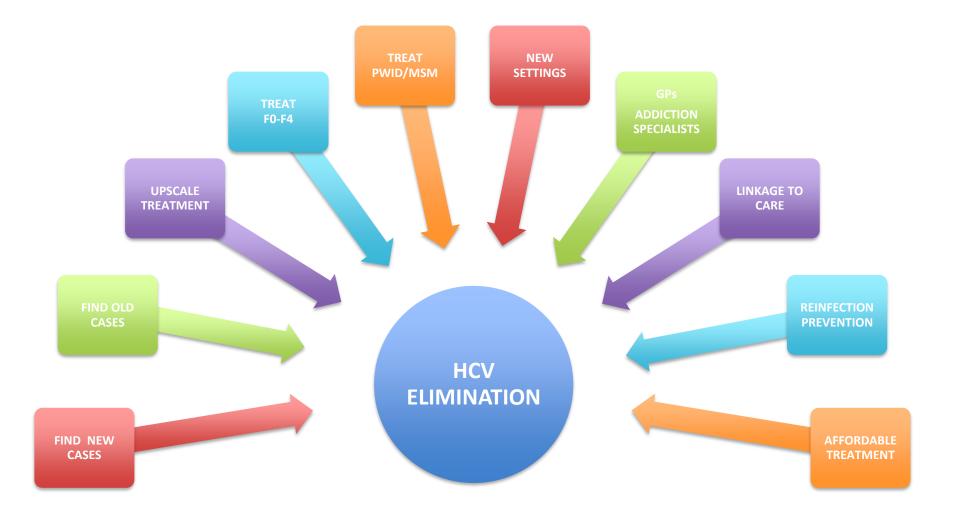
71 million infected, all regions

WHO. Global Hepatitis Report 2017.

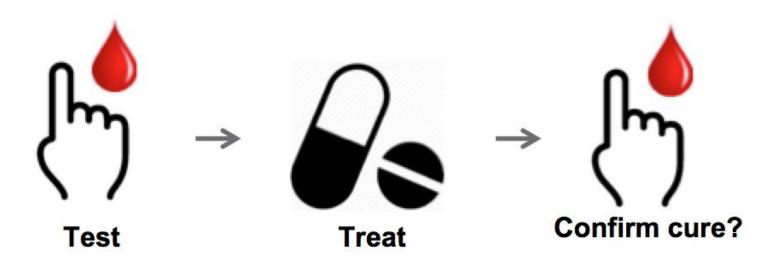




# What is needed for HCV elimination and where are the patients?



### We just need to simplify HCV management



### **HCV elimination strategy**

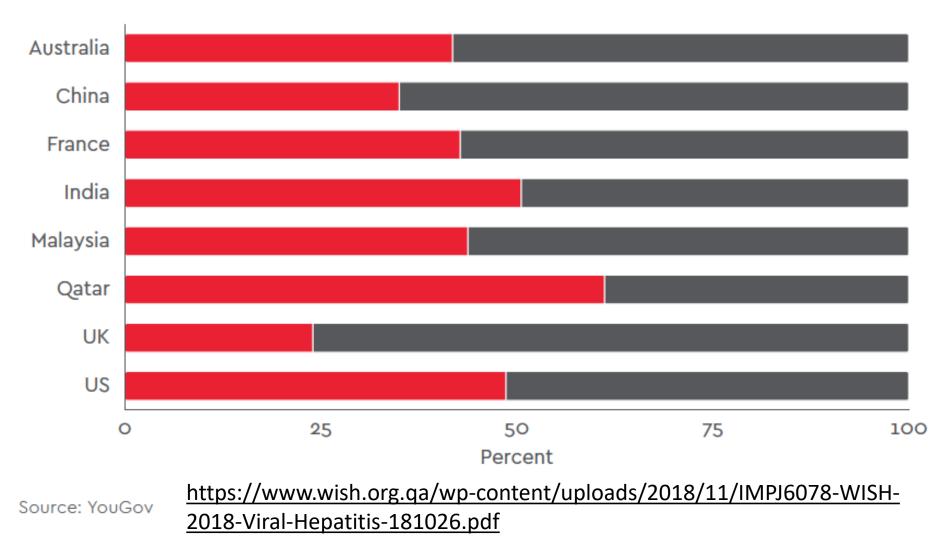
- HCV treatment without restrictions such as fibrosis stage
- Treatment of PWIDs and MSM
- Re-treatment for failures
- Wide-scale prevention programs NEP, OST, safe medical procedures - no nosocomial infections

# What is needed for HCV elmination and where are the patients ?



#### Figure 7. Community awareness of hepatitis C cure

Yes, I was aware of this No, I was not aware of this



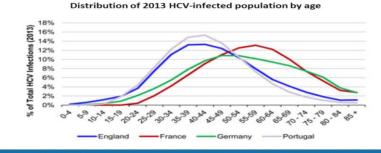
### **HCV screening strategy**

- High risk groups PWID and MSM
- Baby boomers (born 1945-1965)



Figure 1 Estimated prevalence of hepatitis C virus (HCV) viraemic infection among people with recent injecting drug use, by country [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

#### HCV Prevalence in Selected European Countries by Age Group



The epidemiology of those infected with HCV will vary from country to country

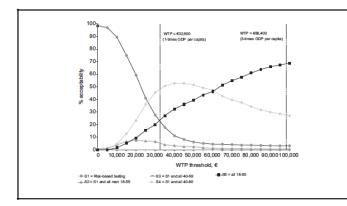
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### **Population based HCV screening**

#### Assessing the cost-effectiveness of hepatitis C screening strategies in France

#### Graphical abstract



#### Highlights

- In France, universal screening is the most effective strategy for HCV.
- Universal screening is cost-effective at the threshold of 1–3 times GDP per capita.
- Cost-effectiveness mainly depends on utility values and time to treatment initiation.

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#### Lay summary

In the context of highly effective and well tolerated therapies for hepatitis C virus that are now recommended for all patients, a reassessment of hepatitis C screening strategies is needed. An effectiveness and cost-effectiveness study of different strategies targeting either the at-risk population, specific ages or all individuals was performed. In France, universal screening is the most effective strategy and is cost-effective when treatment is initiated regardless of fibrosis

stage. From an individual and especially from a societal perspective of hepatitis C virus eradication, this strategy should be implemented.

Articles

#### Hepatitis C virus prevalence and level of intervention required to achieve the WHO targets for elimination in the European Union by 2030: a modelling study



The European Union HCV Collaborators\*

#### Summary

**Background** Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a leading cause of liver-related morbidity and mortality worldwide. In the European Union (EU), treatment and cure of HCV with direct-acting antiviral therapies began in 2014. WHO targets are to achieve a 65% reduction in liver-related deaths, a 90% reduction of new viral hepatitis infections, and 90% of patients with viral hepatitis infections being diagnosed by 2030. This study assessed the prevalence of HCV in the EU and the level of intervention required to achieve WHO targets for HCV elimination.

Methods We populated country Markov models for the 28 EU countries through a literature search of PubMed and Embase between Jan 1, 2000, and March 31, 2016, and a Delphi process to gain expert consensus and validate inputs. We aggregated country models to create a regional EU model. We used the EU model to forecast HCV disease progression (considering the effect of immigration) and developed a strategy to acehive WHO targets. We used weighted average sustained viral response rates and fibrosis restrictions to model the effect of current therapeutic guidelines. We used the EU model to forecast HCV disease progression (considering the effect of forecast HCV disease progression (considering the effect of forecast HCV disease progression (considering the effect of immigration) under current screening and therapeutic guidelines. Additionally, we back-calculated the total number of patients needing to be screened and treated to achieve WHO targets.

Findings We estimated the number of viraemic HCV infections in 2015 to be  $3\,238\,000$  (95% uncertainty interval [UI] 2106 000–3795 000) of a total population of 509 868 000 in the EU, equating to a prevalence of viraemic HCV of 0.64% (95% UI 0.41-0.74). We estimated that 1180 000 (95% UI 1003 000–1357 000) people were diagnosed with viraemia (36.4%), 150 000 (12 000–180 000) were treated (4.6% of the total infected population or 12.7% of the diagnosed population), 133 000 (106 000–160 000) were cured (4.1%), and 57 900 (43 900–67 300) were newly infected (1.8%) in 2015. Additionally, 30 400 (26 600–42 500) HCV-positive immigrants entered the EU. To achieve WHO targets, unrestricted treatment needs to increase from 150 000 patients in 2015 to 187 000 patients in 2025 and diagnosis needs to increase from 88 800 new cases annually in 2015 to 180 000 in 2025.

Interpretation Given its advanced health-care infrastructure, the EU is uniquely poised to eliminate HCV; however, expansion of screening programmes is essential to increase treatment to achieve the WHO targets. A united effort, grounded in sound epidemiological evidence, will also be necessary.

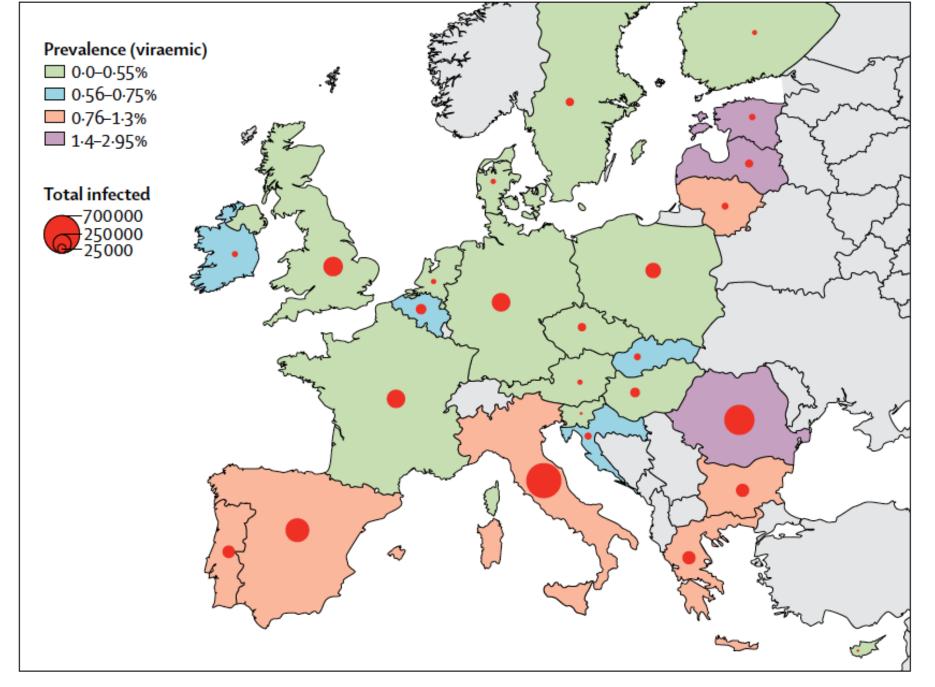
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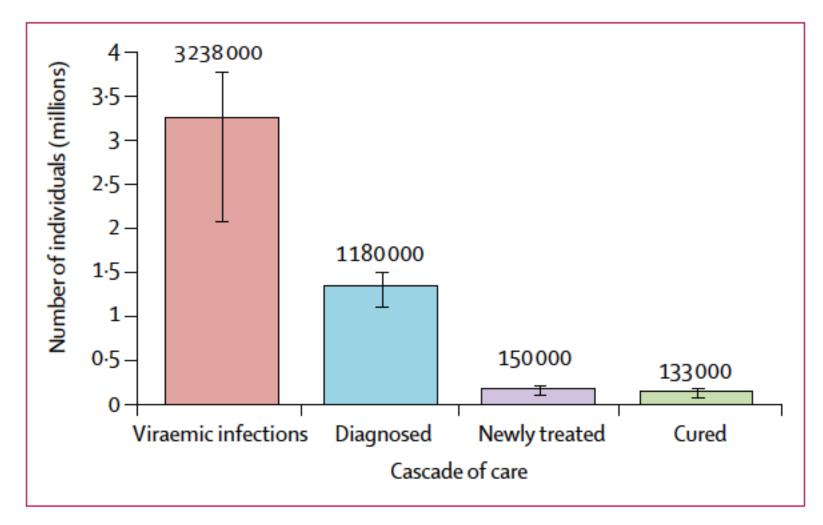
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#### Figure 1: Hepatitis C virus viraemic prevalence and total infected in the European Union



*Figure 2:* Cascade of care in the European Union, 2015 The error bars represent 95% uncertainty intervals.

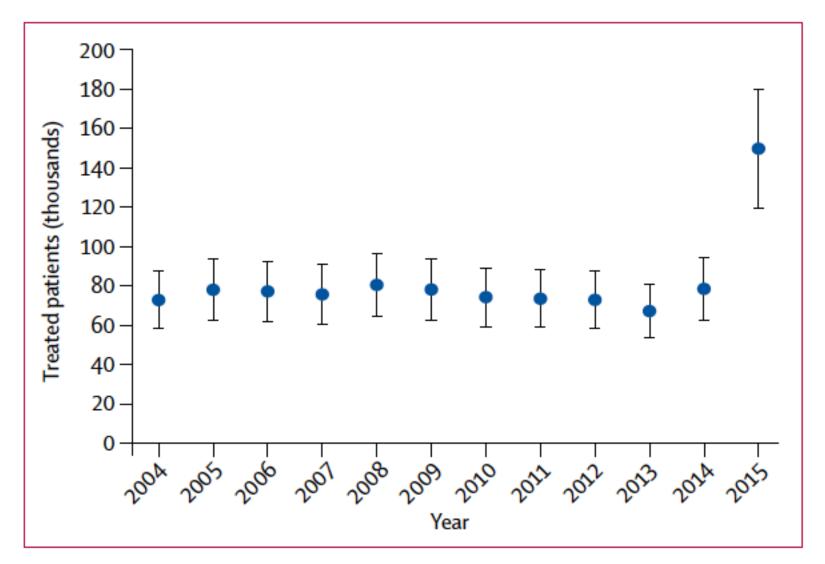
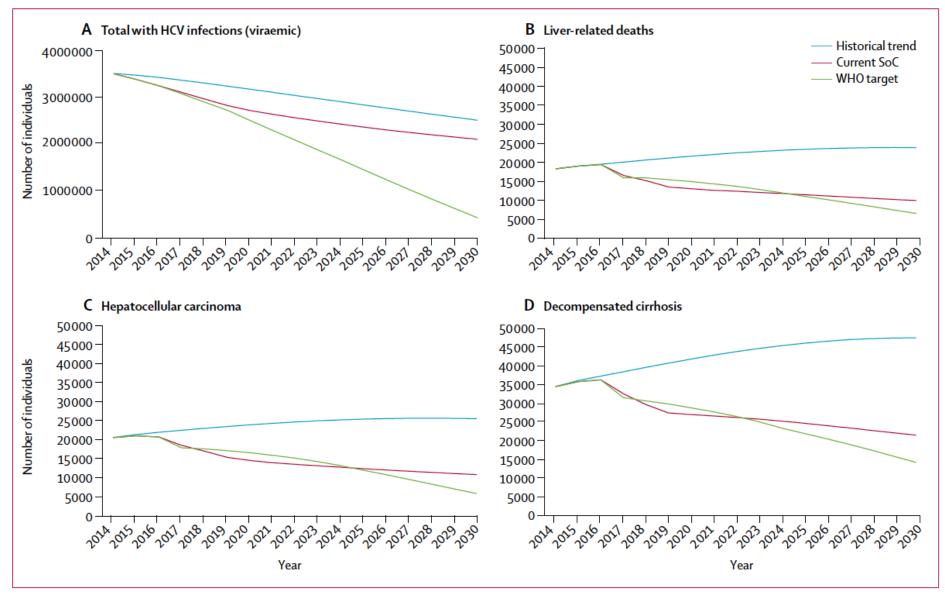


Figure 3: Annual number of patients treated in the European Union, 2004–15 The error bars represent 95% uncertainty intervals.



*Figure* 5: Projection of HCV morbidity and mortality, by diagnosis and treatment strategy, 2014–30 HCV=hepatitis C virus. SoC=standard of care.

#### The road to elimination of hepatitis C: analysis of cures versus new infections in 91 countries

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#### Abstract

**Background:** Hepatitis C (HCV) can only be eradicated if annual rates of cure (SVR) are consistently and significantly higher than new HCV infections, across many countries. In 2016, the WHO called for a 90% reduction in new HCV infection by 2030. Direct-acting antivirals (DAA) can cure the majority of those treated, at around 90% in most populations, at potentially very low prices. We compared the net annual change in epidemic size across 91 countries using data on SVR, new HCV infections, and deaths. In a further 109 countries, we projected this figure using regional averages of epidemic size.

**Methods:** Epidemiological data for 2016 were extracted from national reports, publications and the Polaris Observatory. There were 91/210 countries with data on SVR, HCV-related deaths and new infections available for analysis; 109 countries had net change in epidemic size projected from the regional prevalence of HCV, extrapolated to their population size. 'Net cure' was defined as the number of people with SVR, minus new HCV infections, plus HCV-related deaths in 2016.

**Results:** For the 91 countries analysed, there were 57.3 million people with chronic HCV infection in 2016. In the remaining 109 countries, the projected epidemic size was 12.2 million, giving a clobal epidemic size of 69.6 million. Across the 91 countries, there was a fall from 57.3 to 56.9 million people in 2017, a 0.7% reduction. The projected global net change was from 69.6 to 69.3 million, a 0.4% reduction. Ten countries had at least five times more people reaching SVR than new HCV infections, including Egypt and USA. In 47/91 countries, there were more HCV infections than SVR in 2016. **Conclusion:** Very few countries are on target to achieve elimination of HCV as a public health problem by 2030. While the North American, North African/Middle East and Western European regions have shown small declines in prevalence, the epidemic is growing in sub-Saharan Africa and Eastern Europe. Far higher rates of DAA treatment are required for worldwide elimination of HCV.

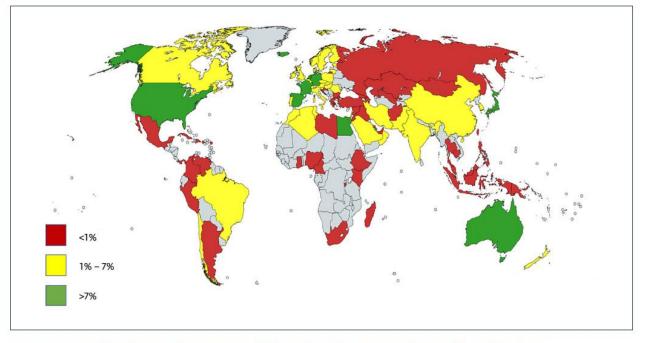


Figure 3. Map showing the percentage treatment rate by country for HCV. Countries shaded in grey were excluded from analysis due to a lack of reliable data

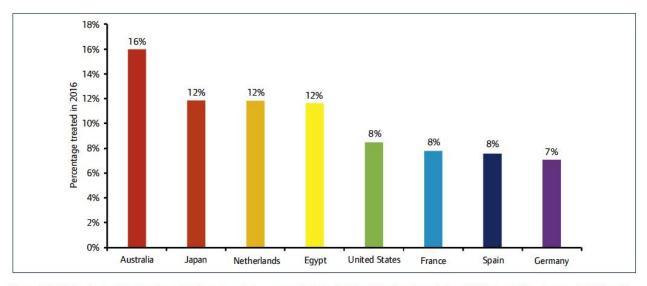
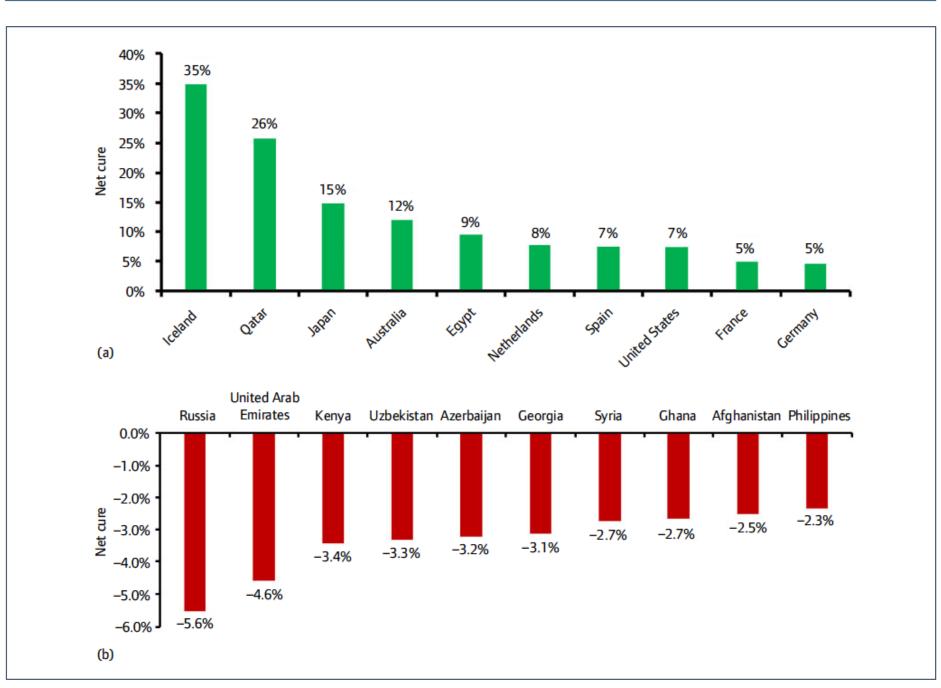


Figure 4. Graph showing the eight countries treating the most people by percentage in 2016. Countries with a viraemic population <1000 (Iceland and Qatar) were excluded from this analysis





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### The Burden of Chronic Hepatitis C in China From 2004 to 2050: An Individual-Based Modeling Study

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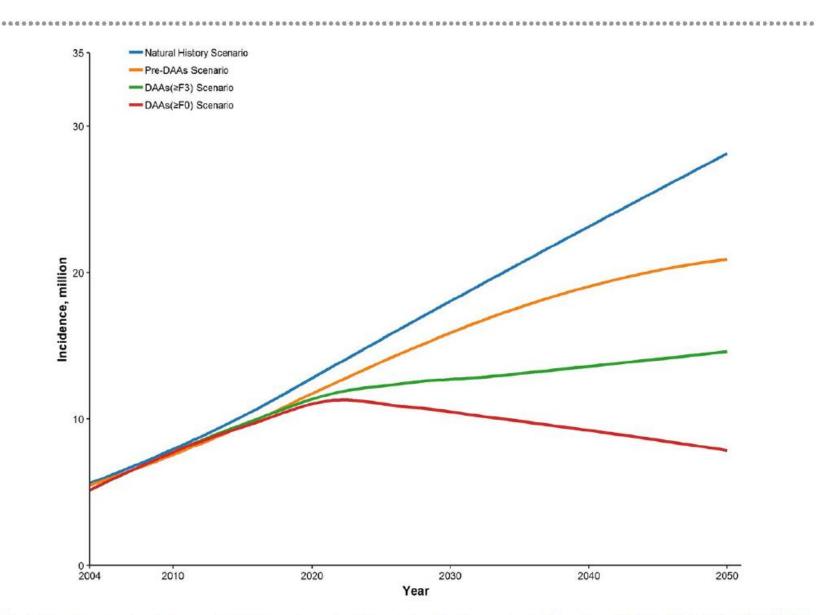


FIG. 1. The changing trend of chronic HCV prevalence by different simulated scenarios in China from 2004 to 2050. F0 = METAVIR stage for no fibrosis; F3 = METAVIR stage for numerous septa without cirrhosis.

# China modeling – DAA treat all (F≥0) scenario

- HCV treatment to all by 2021
- HCV will peak 2020 at 10.75 million
- Decrease to 7.92 million by 2050

### China need to

- Expand screening
- Launch DAA use & rapidly expand number treated

To avert this

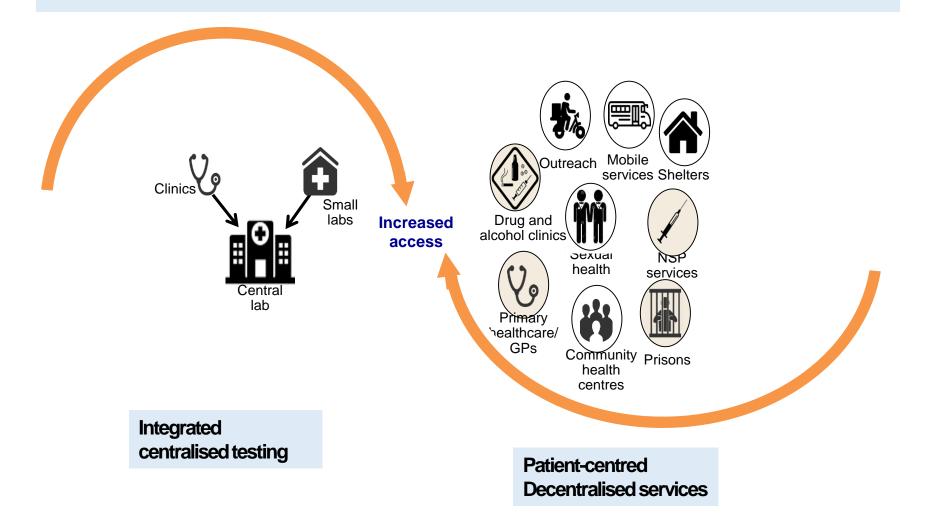
# What is needed for HCV elimination and where are the patients ?



#### We have been driving the elimination of viral hepatitis since inception

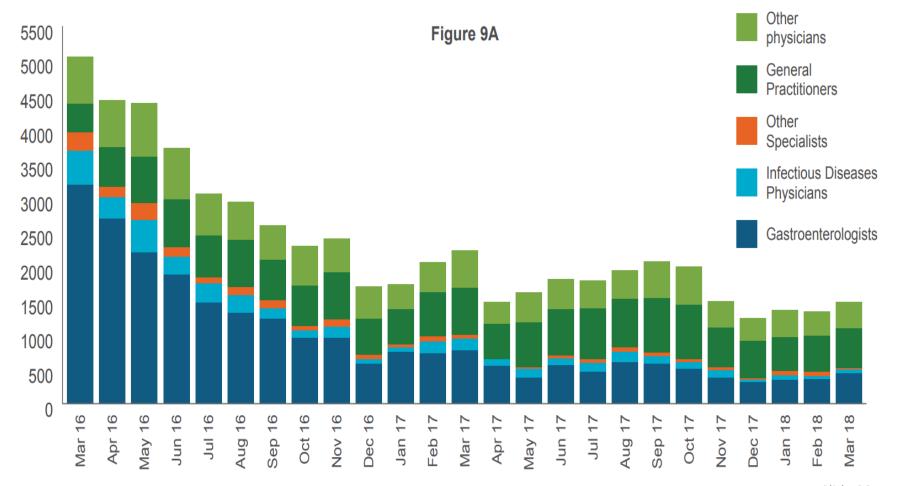
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Activity	Recommended testing & treatment of HCV using oral therapies	Assessed the impact of HCV elimination in Egypt	Launched Polaris Observatory covering >100 countries	Updated global HCV prevalence to 71 million	Assessed HCV elimination strategies for US National Academies	Started shipments of quality hepatitis medicine & diagnostics	
	Showed HCV elimination w/ increased treatment & high SVR	Lowered global HCV prevalence from 185 million to 80 million	Assessed impact of expanding MPP's mandate into HCV	Worked with Taiwan MoH to show the impact of national elimination	Published study on the impact of HCV elimination in EU	Updated global HBV prevalence to 292 million	Showed HBV test & treat is more effective than SoC
	Generated HCV Medicines & Diagnostics Report for UNITAID	Published the impact of HCV elimination in 16 countries	Published the impact of HCV elimination in 31 countries	Launched the annual list of countries on path to elimination	Launched the Global Procurement Fund (GPRO)	Assess the impact of HBV BD vaccination for VIMC/ Gavi	Launched UHEP catalytic financing of hepatitis elimination
UNITAID board approves to fund HIV/HCV programs		Egypt launches its national HCV elimination plan	MPP expands mandate to include HCV	WHO adopts 71 million as the global HCV prevalence	All EU countries remove restrictions for HCV treatment	Taiwan removes all restrictions & funds the national plan	
http://cdafound.org			World Health Assembly endorses hepatitis elimination		WHO adopts Polaris HCV & HBV data for its hepatitis report	$\frown$	approves funding HBV birth dose vaccination

## Increase the settings that can provide HCV screening interventions



### **Australia-Number of prescriptions per month**

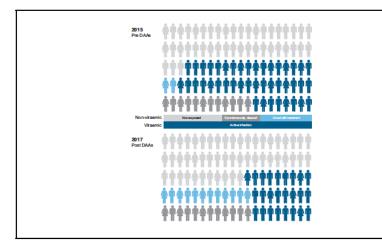
Figure 9: Absolute frequency (A) and relative frequency (B) of prescriber types in each month for individuals initiating DAA treatment during March 2016 to March 2018 in Australia



https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/kirby/report/Monitoring-hep-C-treatment-uptake-in-Australia Iss9 98.pdf

#### Association between rapid utilisation of direct hepatitis C antivirals and decline in the prevalence of viremia among people who inject drugs in Australia

#### Graphical abstract



#### Highlights

- Evidence to support feasibility of elimination of hepatitis C as a public health threat.
- High uptake of hepatitis C treatment reflected in reduction in viraemic prevalence.
- Surveillance and monitoring are required to track progress toward elimination goals.

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#### Lay summary

The World Health Organization's goal to reduce hepatitis C virus incidence by 80% will be difficult to achieve without widespread scale up and a corresponding reduction in viraemic prevalence among those most at risk of onward transmission. Our results indicate that a population-level reduction in viraemic prevalence is achievable through high levels of treatment and cure among people who inject drugs.

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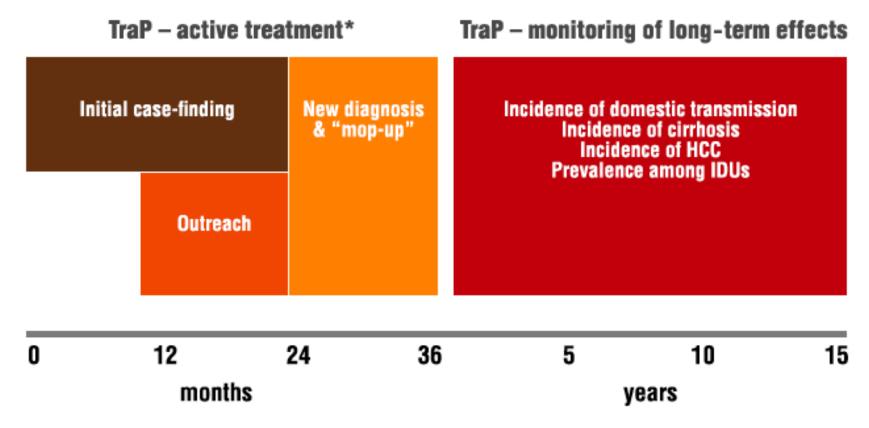
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# Treatment as Prevention for Hepatitis C (TraP Hep C) -a nationwide elimination programme in Iceland using direct-acting antiviral agents

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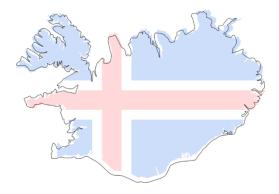
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\* Endpoints SVR, domestic incidence, Study monitored by CRO

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- Iceland has a total population of ~330,000
- Estimated 880–1300 patients patients are infected with HCV (0.3% population)
- HCV elimination programme (3 year programme)
  - Gilead is providing DAAs free of charge
  - Aiming to treat all patients by the end of 2018



From 12 month evaluation	N=322
Previous treatment for HCV	46 (14)
Encounter site	
University Hospital	208 (65)
Addiction treatment centre	100 (31)
Penitentiary	14 (4)
IV drug use	
Ever	292 (91)
Within 6 months	97 (33)
Within 30 days	49 (15)
Current OST	44 (15)

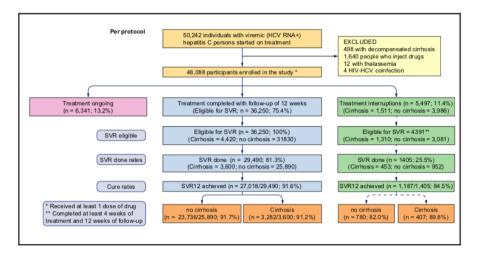
Iceland treated almost one-half of the diagnosed HCV population in the first year, showing that elimination in a defined region is feasible

Olafsson S, et al. ILC 2017; Abstract #PS-129; Tyrfingsson T, et al. ILC 2018; Poster #PS-095

OST: opiate substitution therapy

## Decentralized care with generic direct-acting antivirals in the management of chronic hepatitis C in a public health care setting

### Graphical abstract



### Highlights

- The goal of the 'Punjab Model' is HCV Elimination by 2030, using primary care providers and remote treatment monitoring.
- We enrolled 48,088 people (14.8% with compensated cirrhosis; 69.9% with genotype 3).
- SVR12 was achieved in 91.6%, 67.6% and 91.2%, per protocol, intention-to-treat (ITT) and a modified ITT, respectively.
- Decentralized care of hepatitis C with direct-acting antiviral regimens is safe and effective, regardless of genotype or presence of cirrhosis.

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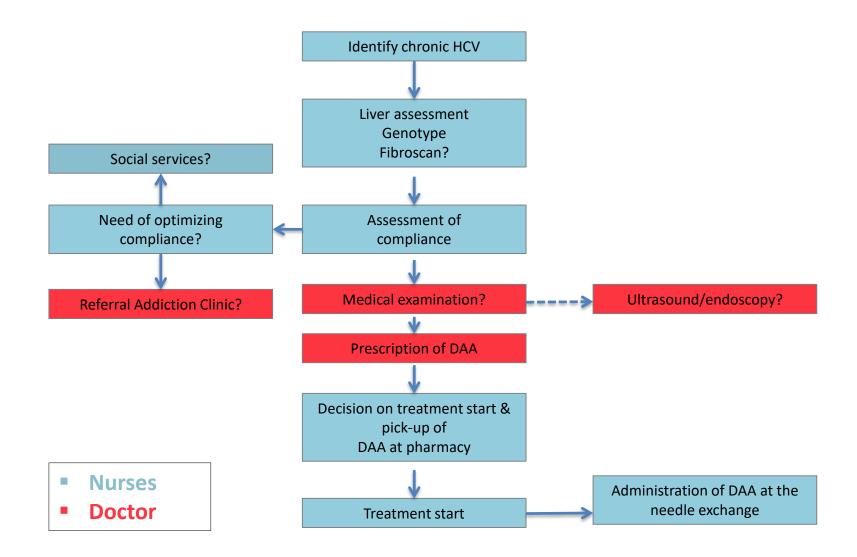
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### Lay summary

We assessed the safety and efficacy of public health care using no-cost all-oral generic direct-acting antiviral drugs against hepatitis C in the state of Punjab, India. The goal is elimination of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) by 2030 and involves primary care providers at 25 sites in the state. We enrolled 48,088 individuals (63.8% male; mean age 42.1 years; 80.5% rural; 14.8% compensated cirrhotic; 69.9% genotype 3) between 18th June 2016 to 31st July 2018. Cure was achieved in 91.6% of patients, demonstrating that decentralized care of CHC with generic all-oral regimens is safe and effective.

## **HCV treatment at the Stockholm NEP**



# "Housing first?"

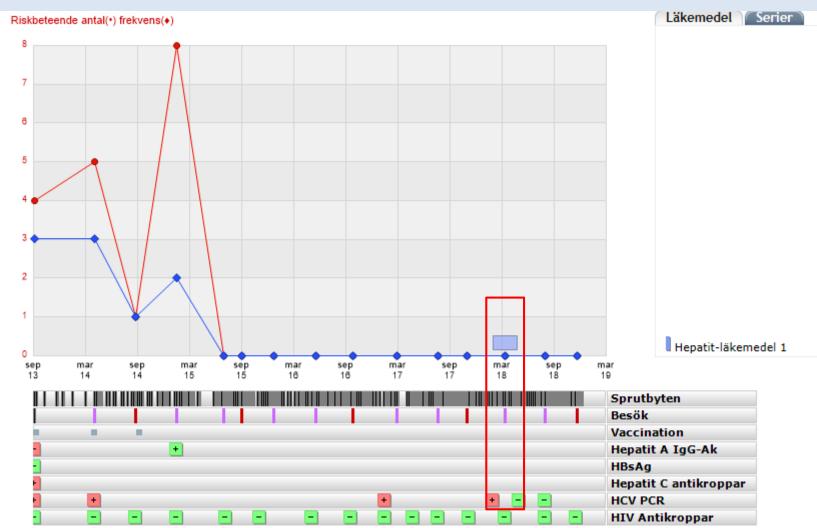


# **Hepatitis phone**

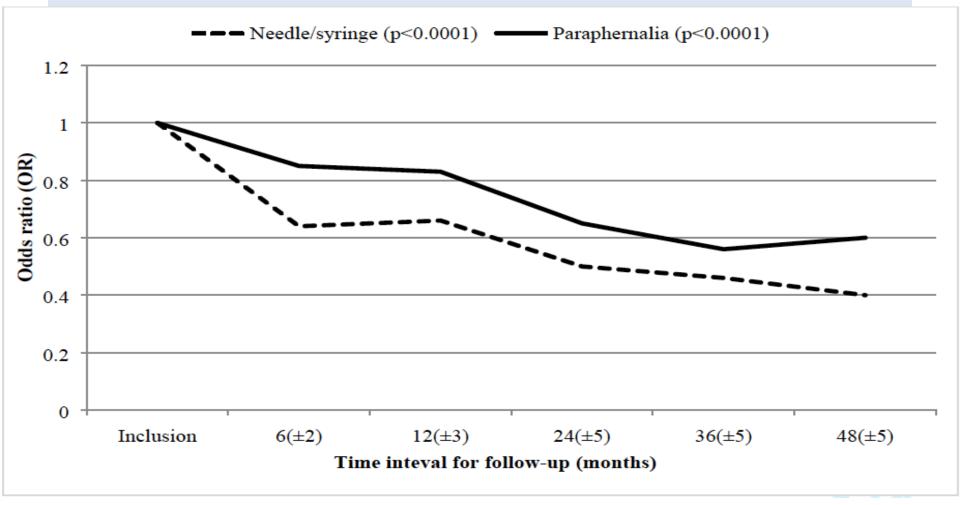


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## Male 55 year - Injecting amphetamine daily. Homeless. Gt 1a, F4 (mean kPa 14.0)



## Changes in injection risk behaviors following inclusion in the Stockholm NEP program. Odd ratio at inclusion set as 1 as reference value. N = 2860 at inclusion

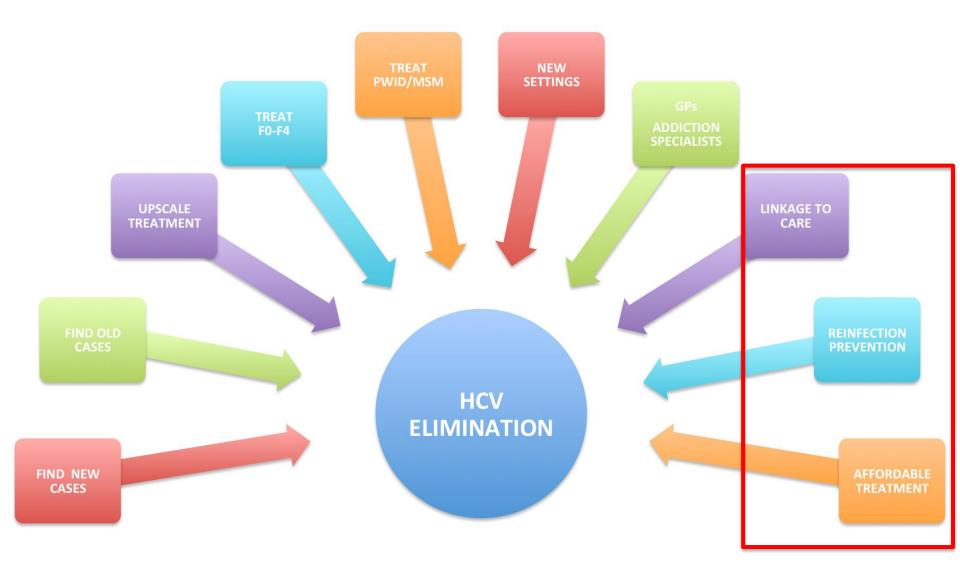


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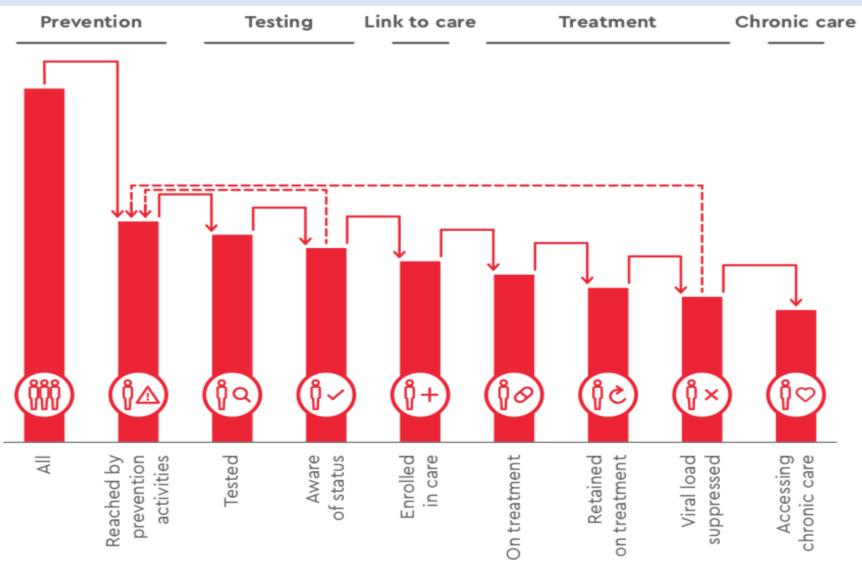
# **Donut pillbox**



# What is needed for HCV elimination and where are the patients ?



# WHO's continuum of viral hepatitis services and the cascade of care



Source: Global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis 2016-2021<sup>111</sup>

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Outcomes of Treatment for Hepatitis C Virus Infection by Primary Care Providers

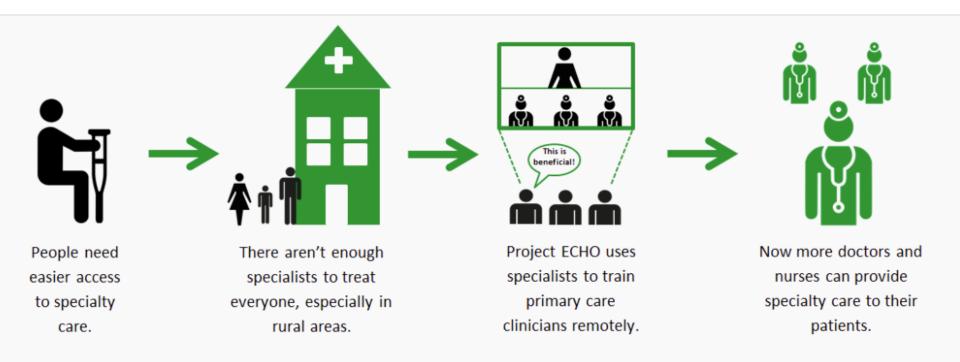
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### ABSTRACT

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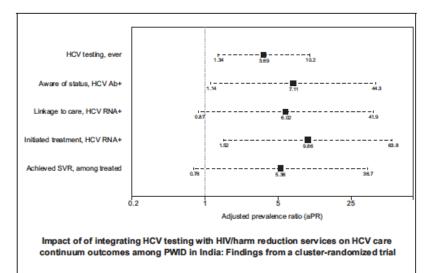
The Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model was developed to improve access to care for underserved populations with complex health problems such as hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection. With the use of video-conferencing technology, the ECHO program trains primary care providers to treat complex diseases.

# The "Project ECHO" model



## Integrating HCV testing with HIV programs improves hepatitis C outcomes in people who inject drugs: A cluster-randomized trial

### Graphical abstract



#### Highlights

- Integration of HCV testing with HIV/harm reduction services increased uptake of HCV among PWID.
- PWID in intervention vs. usual care sites were more likely to have been tested for HCV.
- PWID in intervention vs. usual care sites were more likely to be aware of their HCV status.
- Despite relative increases, absolute numbers aware of HCV status remained low.
- Integration of services is an important early step towards HCV elimination.

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#### Lay summary

Delivering hepatitis C virus (HCV) testing to people who inject drugs (PWID) in places where they also have access to HIV prevention and treatment services is an effective way to improve uptake of HCV testing among communities of PWID. To achieve the World Health Organization's ambitious elimination targets, integrated programs will need to be scaled up to deliver comprehensive HCV services.

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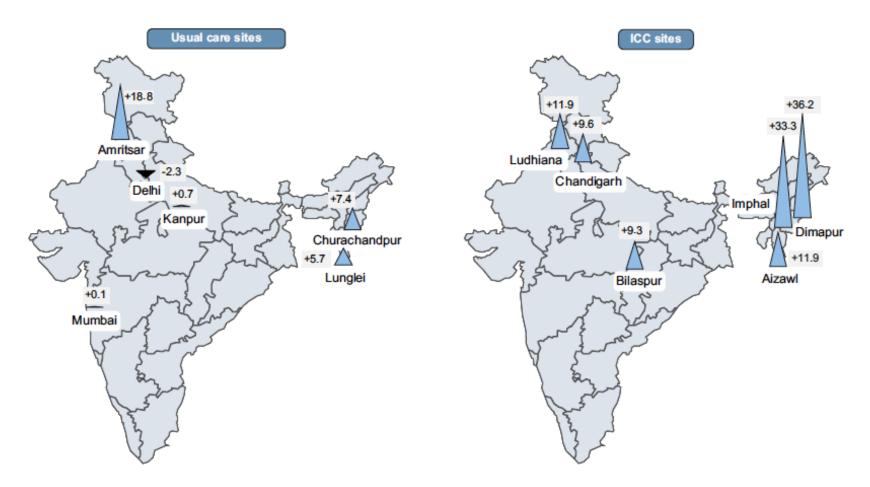
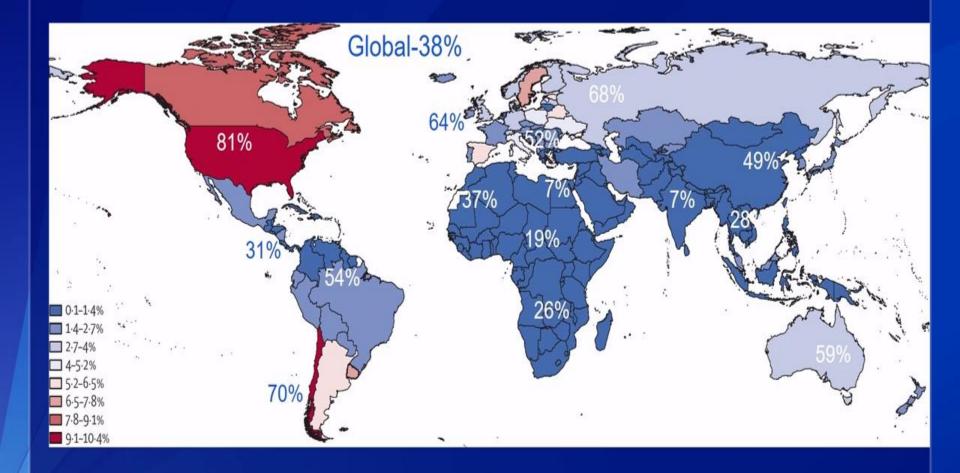


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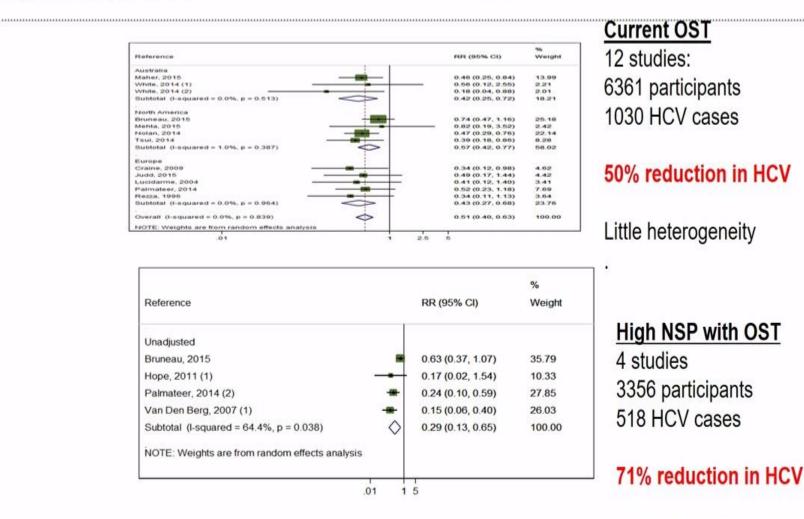
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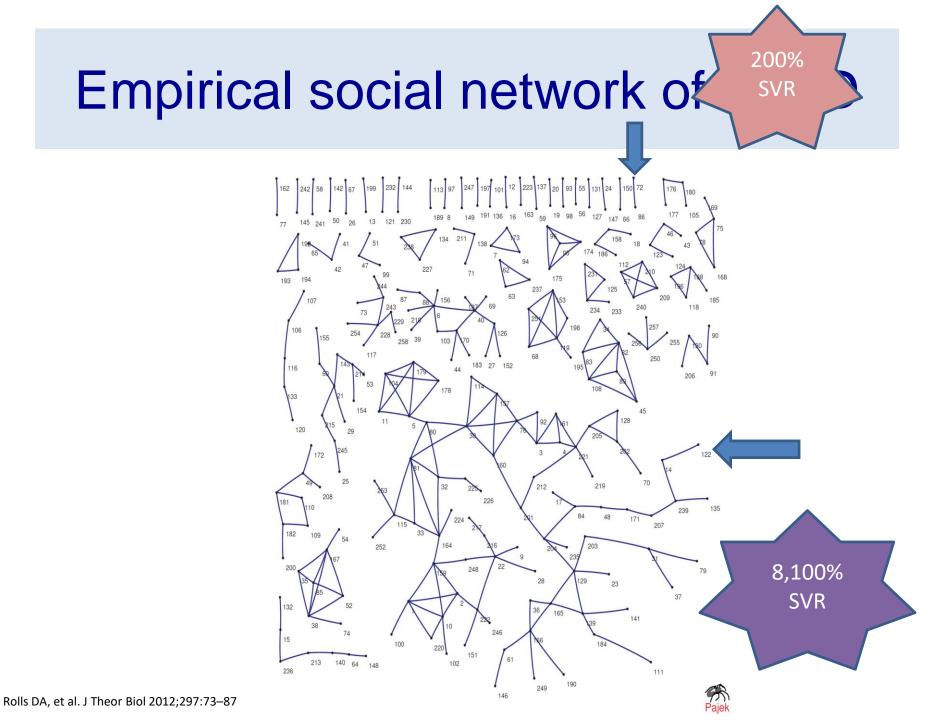
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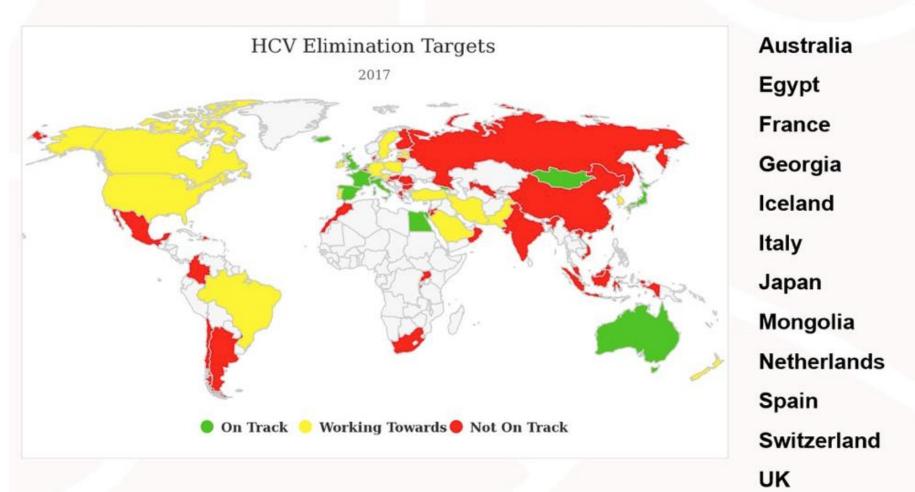
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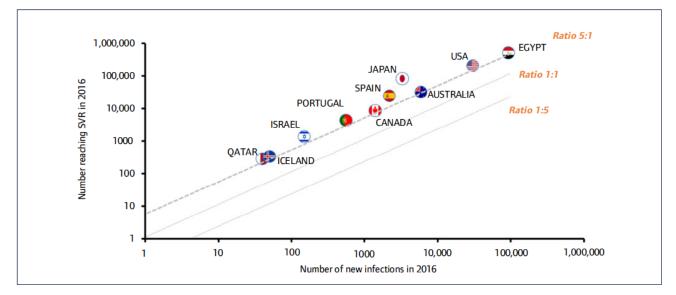


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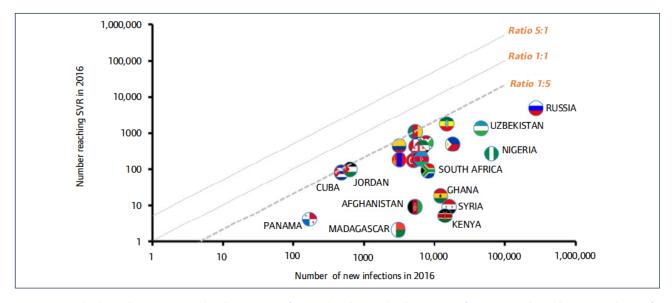
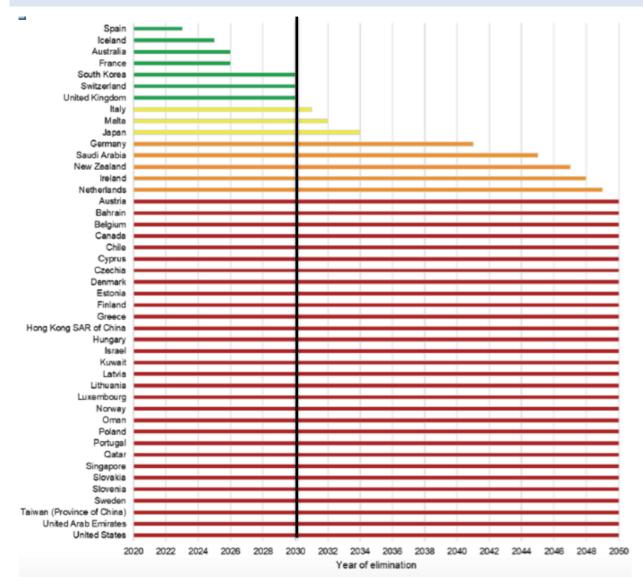


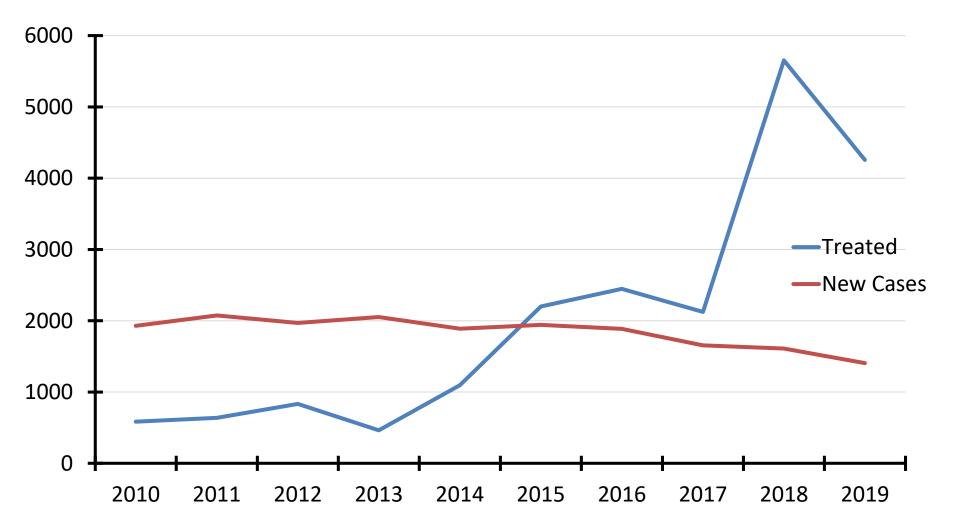
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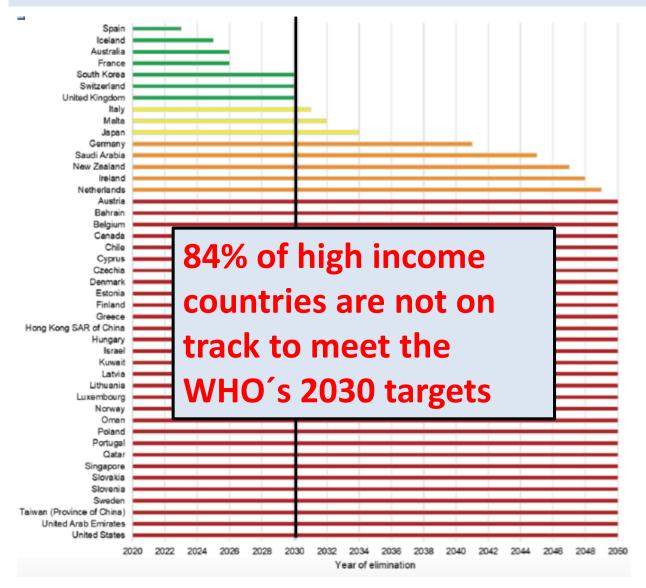


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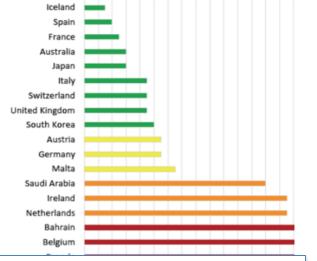
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- 2. Access to HCV testing and diagnosis
- 3. Linkage to care
- 4. Access to DAA treatment decentralized
- 5. Development of national plans

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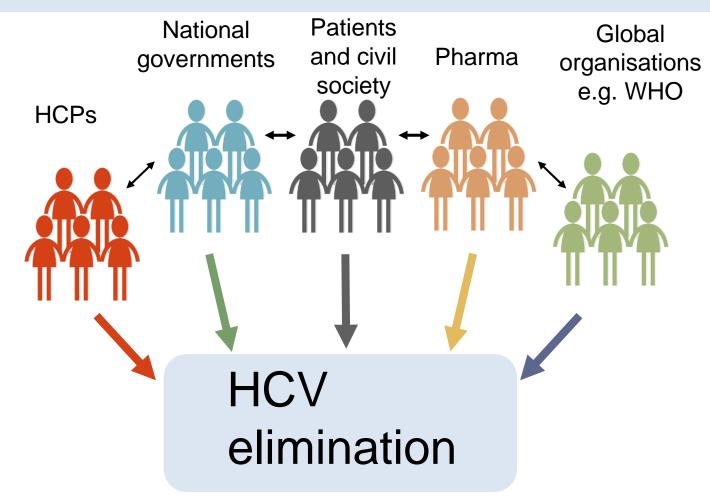




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# **Collaboration between stakeholders is <u>essential</u> to achieve HCV elimination**



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