

PURPOSE

This conference will provide updates on the latest guidelines and best practices for the prevention, care, and treatment of viral Hepatitis, and managing co-occurring conditions such as substance abuse and mental illness. We shall also address issues such as health disparities, stigma, Hepatitis among the incarcerated, and policy for liver disease. This is the only opportunity in Pennsylvania for program managers, clinicians, policy makers, legal entities, human services workers, public health workers, funding agencies, drug manufacturers, and the general public to share concerns and ideas about increasing access to testing, treatment, and prevention of viral Hepatitis. This conference should allow us to translate emerging scientific findings and policy advances into action.

Hepatitis B and C are the most common chronic blood-borne infections in Pennsylvania. Hepatitis C alone occurs four times more than HIV and is emerging to be the leading cause of mortality in HIV-Hepatitis C co-infected individuals. Over the next decade we will be faced with a huge burden of Liver Cancer and related co-occurring infections. The time to prepare for these challenges is now.

PRIMARY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Conference, participants will be able to:

- 1 To share lessons and best practices on viral Hepatitis treatment and prevention.
- 2 Appreciate clinical and scientific advances in viral Hepatitis emerging from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.
- 3 Identify strategic partnerships and lessons for effective program implementation and patient care.
- 4 Examine the latest therapeutical options for non-responders and liver-transplant recipients.
- 5 Examine the effectiveness of Hepatitis C testing and case management in substance abuse treatment facilities.
- 6 Review strategies for improving compliance to treatment and vaccinations.
- 7 Examine community-prison release programs in Pennsylvania.
- 8 Identify clinical and preventive resources for viral Hepatitis testing and case management in Pennsylvania.
- 9 To review challenges and opportunities on HIV-HCV and HIV-HBV co-infection.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference has targeted sessions for health care providers from around the state including local health departments, AIDS service organizations, substance abuse providers, community-based organizations, correctional facilities, primary care physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, health educators, and social workers who participate in the care of patients at risk for or infected with Hepatitis B, C, or co-infected with HIV. The conference has special sessions for specific populations; even patients are welcome to attend. Educational credits will be given for each session accordingly.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Felipe Arias, M.D. • Addiction and ID Specialist, St. Joseph's Hospital

Tamara Brickham, MPH • Philadelphia Department of Health

Chari Cohen, MPH • Hepatitis B Foundation

Antoine Douaihy, M.D. • Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Bruce Dixon, M.D. • Director, Allegheny Department of Health

Susan Duff • Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Alison Evans, Sc.D. • Hepatitis B Foundation

Linda Frank, Ph.D., MSN, ACRN • Principal Investigator and Executive Director, Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AIDS Education Training Center; Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, University of Pittsburgh

Ahmad Jawad, M.D. • University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Amy Jessop, Ph.D., MPH • Director of Education and Research, HepTREC

Richard Lee, R.Ph., MPH • Medical Liaison Scientist, Gilead Sciences

Aubrey Orgin • Youth advocate and hepatitis survivor

David Sass, M.D. • Director, Hepatology Fellowship, UPMC

Chris Taylor, MPH • National Program Manager, National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

Mark Wessner, RN, EMT-P, D-ABMDI • PA Department of Health, Division of Immunizations

ACCREDITATION AND DISCLOSURE

Educational credits for PSNA, LSW, LCSW, CEU, and PCB are being considered for each target audience and session. Please contact Owen Simwale @ 717-346-2272 for information about specific education credits. And specify on your registration form the type of credits you are seeking.

It is the policy of the Accrediting Agency to insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its sponsored educational programs. All faculty are required to disclose to the program audience the approved or investigational status of all generic drugs or products under discussion and any real or apparent conflicts of interest that may have a direct bearing on the subject matter of the program. This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. The intent of this policy is not to prevent faculty with a potential conflict of interest from making a presentation; it is intended that any conflict should be identified openly.

PSNA: The Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center is an approved provider of continuing education by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity qualifies for 6.8 contact hours.

LSW/LCSW: 6.5 credit hours of continuing education is provided through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social work, a PA-approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW/LCSW renewal.

PCB: This program qualifies for 6.8 hours Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) credit under Provider Status Agreement #251.

CEU: The Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center, Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, University of Pittsburgh, awards Continuing Education Units to individuals who enroll in certain educational activities. This program is awarded .68 continuing education credits.

PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA • October 18, 2007

Pre-Conference Meeting

5:30–6:00 p.m. • Registration

6:00–7:00 p.m. • Networking Dinner

7:00–8:15 p.m. • Lecture—HIV/HCV Co-Infection: An Update

8:15–8:30 p.m. • Evaluation and wrap-up: Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center

CONFERENCE AGENDA • October 19, 2007

8:00–8:40 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:40–9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks: *Bruce Dixon, M.D., Executive Director, Allegheny County Health Department*

9:00–10:15 a.m. Keynote Address:
David Sass, M.D.; Chris Taylor, MPH; Aubrey Orgin

10:15–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30–11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
A-1: Therapeutical Challenges in Liver Transplantation—*Ahmad Jawad, M.D.*
A-2: Hepatitis B Testing and Education for Asian, Hispanic, and African Immigrants—*Richard Lee, R.Ph., MPH*
A-3: Hepatitis C Testing and Case Management: Results from Local Programs—*Tamara Brickham, MPH and Susan Duff*

11:30–12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30–1:30 p.m. General Plenary Session
Hepatitis B and HIV in Prisons: An Update—*Felipe Arias, M.D.*

1:30–1:45 p.m. Break

1:45–2:50 p.m. Breakout Sessions
B-1: Hepatitis Treatment Options: Managing Treatment Failures and Defaulters—*David Sass, M.D.*
B-2: Hepatitis Risk Assessment in Primary Care—*Amy Jessop, Ph.D., MPH*
B-3: Advances in Perinatal Hepatitis B Vaccines Prevention—*Chari Cowen, MPH, Alison Evans, Sc.D., and Mark Wessner, RN, EMT-P, D-ABMDI*

3:00–4:00 p.m. General Session
Deadly Combo: Managing Hepatitis, HIV, Opioid and Drug Dependency—*Antoine Douaihy, M.D.*

4:00–4:15 p.m. Award of Excellence, Evaluation and Wrap-Up—Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic AETC

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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EPAHCC, Attn: Howard Kindred Sr., RD# 8 Box 8585M, E. Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Or call toll free 1-866-869-1211 for more information about the conference.

A confirmation card will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.

Refunds: A 25% processing fee will be deducted from all requested cancellations made prior to September 15, 2007. After October 1, 2007 this conference is locked into space and food ordered; therefore, we regret that we **will not** be able to provide any form of refund after October 1, 2007.

Registration Fees: Please indicate which days and what type of registration you are submitting.

Pre-conference—October 18, 2007 (Pre-conference fees also cover full conference fees.)

- Early Registration: \$20 (Registration form received on or before August 30, 2007).
- Regular Registration: \$30 (Registration form received after August 30, 2007).
- Day of Conference: \$50 (Check or cash only) *NOTE: We **will not** be able to accept credit or debit cards.*

Friday, October 19, 2007 (No need to pay if you already paid pre-conference fees.)

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- Regular Registration: \$30 (Registration form received after August 30, 2007).
- Day of Conference: \$50 (Check or cash only) *NOTE: We **will not** be able to accept credit or debit cards.*

Continuing Education: (Please indicate what type of continuing education credit you will be claiming.)

- Nursing
- LSW/LCSW
- PCB

Special Physical Needs: To help us arrange for accommodations, please list any special physical needs that you may have.

- Wheelchair Access
- Other: (Please list) _____

