

Hep B PAST Plus

Bulletin

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Project update:

A Positive Start to the Year: We are excited to share updates on our new funding and partnerships for Hep B PAST Plus Project. As we step into 2025, we are thrilled to announce significant milestones that set the tone for a year full of growth and collaboration.

We are proud to share that the Hep B PAST Plus project has successfully secured funding for the next 5 years from the NHMRC (Partnership Project, \$1.5m, 2024-29), and from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (Innovative Models of Care, \$1.6m, 2024-27; Hep B PAST Tender, \$1.2m, 2025-26), for a co-designed approach to reducing the liver disease burden in First Nations populations in Northern Australia. This marks an exciting new phase for the project. This funding will enable us to continue to **ENHANCE** the existing model of care with established partners, enabling integration of new policy into practice to accelerate access to care and increase access to HCC surveillance by addressing the emerging challenge of MASLD. It also allows us to **EXPAND** Hep B PAST Plus to new sites in collaboration with our new partners.

Additionally, we have now received ethics approval for onboarding new partner organisations, opening up new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Strong partnerships are key to the success of our work, and we thank you all for your ongoing support and collaboration.

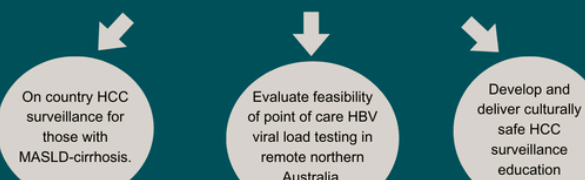
Summary of project aims

Hep B PAST Plus: A Co-Designed Approach to Reducing the Burden of Liver Disease in First Nations Populations in northern Australia

Decreasing liver-related morbidity and mortality in First Nations Australians

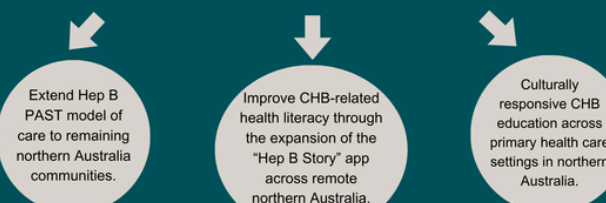
Aim 1: ENHANCE

Enhancement of Hep B PAST to Hep B PAST Plus: a responsive, sustainable and culturally safe model of care to meet the increasing and evolving burden of liver cancer across northern Australia.



Aim 2: EXPAND

Geographical expansion of the Hep B PAST Plus model of care to the remainder of the Northern Territory and Far North Queensland.



Introduction to Project key staff

Menzies Viral Hepatitis Program Program Staff



Workforce Training update:

Managing Hepatitis B Training for the Aboriginal Health Workforce

The 'Managing Hep B' course was delivered on the 13th of March at the George Brown Botanical Gardens, Darwin. The training was well received with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce participants travelling from across the NT, WA and Far North Queensland to attend. We look forward to working collaboratively with participants in the near future.

Thank you to all participants, and to our amazing facilitators:

- Prof Jane Davies
- Dr Kelly Hosking
- Tammy-Allyn Fernandes
- Shiraline Wurrawilya
- Patricia Nundhirribala
- George Gurruwiwi



Key learning:

- learn more about hepatitis B, how common hep B is, how it's passed on and how to prevent getting hep B
- understand your role in managing hepatitis B, including health promotion about healthy living.

If you missed out, don't worry! There will be more opportunities to attend coming soon! If you would like to be on the distribution list to receive upcoming training, please drop us an email on: hepbpast@menzies.edu.au

COMING SOON

Katherine here we come!

Date: Friday 23 May 2025

Venue: CDU Katherine Rural Campus

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Registration: [click here](#)

Alice Springs:

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday 27 August 2025

Please note: Scholarships are available for travel, accommodation and other course related costs.



Workforce Training update:

Hepatitis B S100 Prescriber course

In February and March, in partnership with ASHM and NT Health, we successfully delivered three sessions of the S100 Prescriber course.

The course provides medical and nurse practitioners with in-depth training in the science of hepatitis B (HBV), current pharmacology, monitoring and treatment, and the complicating factors surrounding HBV management.

Thank you to all 30 participants, and mostly thank you to our facilitators:

- Dr Marilou Capati, General Practitioner, s100 prescriber
- Prof Jane Davies, Principal Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research and Co-Director of Infectious Diseases, Royal Darwin Hospital
- Dr Kelly Hosking, Director of Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses, NT Health & Researcher Menzies School of Health Research
- Mr Dale Thompson, Nurse Practitioner, NT Health

Alice Springs SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday 28 August 2025

Face-to-face S100 training



Scan the barcode to access information and learn about Hepatitis B
Available in 9 Aboriginal languages.



Liver One Stop Shop update:



Our Senior Research Nurse Practitioner, **Dale Thompson**, demonstrating the use of the Fibroscan to nurses and Aboriginal Health Trainees at Wurli Wurlinjang.



In this quarter, our team have already visited 17 individual NT Health and ACCHS clinics across the NT, including visits to Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Sunrise Health Service, Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service, Katherine West Health Service, Danila Dilba Health Service, Miwatj Health Service, Marthakal Health Service and Mala'la Health Service.



George Gurruwiwi - Community-base Researcher Presenting Hep B Story in Yolngu Matha using our Translation App



clinical team - trip to Yuendumu

COMING SOON

31/03/2025	Monday	Ngukurr	1/05/2025	Thursday	Katherine Hospital OPD	10/06/2025	Monday	Gove
1/04/2025	Tuesday	Ngukurr	2/05/2025	Friday	Wugular / Barunga	11/06/2025	Tuesday	Miwatj Nhulunbuy
2/04/2025	Wednesday	Ngukurr	7/05/2025	Wednesday	DDHS	11/06/2025	Wednesday	Galiwinku
3/04/2025	Thursday	Minyerri	14/05/2025	Wednesday	Kalkaringi	12/06/2025	Thursday	Galiwinku
4/04/2025	Friday	Mataranka & Jilkminggan	15/05/2025	Thursday	Kalkaringi	18/06/2025	Wednesday	Maningrida
9/04/2025	Wednesday	NRU	21/05/2025	Wednesday	Milingimbi			
11/04/2025	Friday	Ramingining	22/05/2025	Thursday	Gapuwiyak			
23/04/2025	Wednesday	Wadeye	27/05/2025	Tuesday	Numbulwar			
29/04/2025	Tuesday	Wugular / Barunga	28/05/2025	Wednesday	DDHS			
30/04/2025	Wednesday	Wurli Wurlinjang						

Dates subject to change, please check with your local clinic to confirm. [Click on this link to see all upcoming Outreach clinics.](#)

What's on at Menzies School of Health Research

We're celebrating 40 years of Menzies!

This incredible milestone is a tribute to our journey, achievements, and the people who have been part of it. Join us as we mark this special occasion with exciting events, stories, and celebrations throughout the year. See the events listed below and stay up to date with all the latest news and information right here!

https://www.menzies.edu.au/page/News_and_Events/Events_Seminars/



The launch of our brand new logo

This evolution, guided by our community, reflects our ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes through innovation, collaboration, and community-driven research.

Learn more: http://menzies.edu.au/page/About_Us/menzies-rebrand/

[click here for the Media Release](#)



The Open Day

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we're hosting an Open Day. This family-friendly event will feature engaging activities, lab tours, Race the Researcher, presentations, giveaways, and a community BBQ. We'd love to see you there - and for your help to spread the word.

Date: Thursday 22 May 2025

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Menzies School of Health Research, John Mathews Building

Register for this free event:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/O0UT4>

Menzies' 40th Anniversary *Gala Dinner*

Friday 20 June 2025

George Brown Darwin
Botanic Gardens

The Gala Dinner

Gather your friends for an unforgettable night in Menzies' 40-year history.

Event details:

When | Friday 20 June 2025, 6:30pm till late

Where | George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, The Gardens, Darwin, NT

Tickets | \$175 per person, or \$1750 per table of 10

[Purchase your tickets here](#)

For any queries, please contact events@menzies.edu.au

Acknowledgement

We sincerely thank our project partners, contributors and all involved for their unwavering support and collaboration. This project's success is a result of all of your dedication and expertise.

We look forward to continuing these partnerships, to work together to achieve sustainable health improvements through research, education and capacity development.



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