

Hep B PAST Partnership Project Bulletin

Welcome to Issue 3 of the Hep B PAST Bulletin!

With COVID19 having its impact on the delivery of primary care over the past couple of years, the project is pleased to report that all Hep B PAST partners are exceeding National Strategy Targets in all areas. This is a great success, and we hope to build on this momentum over the next year by collaborating with additional partners in the Northern Territory and nationally.

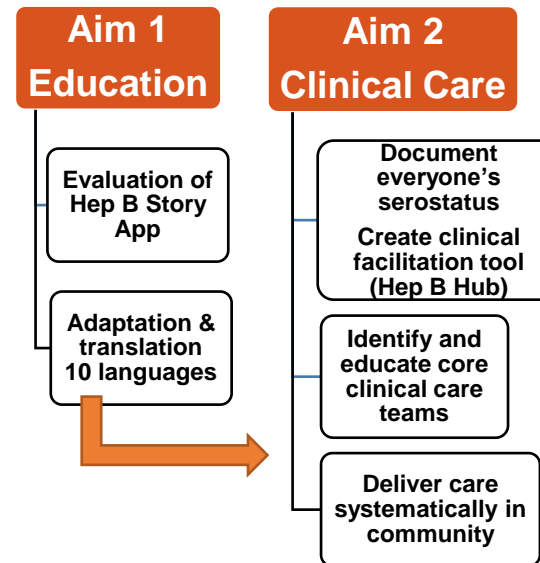
In line with the [2030 Accord](#)'s mission to eliminate viral hepatitis, the Hep B PAST Team advocates for the [VH2022 Action Plan](#) – seven important actions which can be taken in the next 12 months to contribute to the elimination of hepatitis B and C in Australia by 2030. The team has had the privilege of presenting our model of care and its progress towards elimination at various national and international conferences.

The Menzies Viral Hepatitis Team was very pleased to welcome everyone to Darwin for the Hepatitis B Colloquium on Friday August 12, 2022. It was a great lineup of speakers from all around the country and was a wonderful opportunity to connect and reinvigorate our efforts in eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat in our respective settings.

Wishing you all the very best,

The Hep B PAST Team

Project Goals & Progress



	Diagnosed	Engaged in care	On Treatment
2022 National Strategy Target	80%	50%	20%
NT 2018	61%	28%	7%
Hep B PAST partners 2021	86%	56%	19%
Hep B PAST partners 2022	92%	70%	22%

Progress against National Strategy Targets, June 2022

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Serocoding and continuous quality improvement

The project has analysed and allocated hepatitis B serocodes for all Top End Health Service (TEHS) Central Australia Health Service (CAHS), Miwatj and Katherine West Health Board (KWHB) clinics, including over 30,000 Aboriginal clients. Encouragingly all TEHS and CAHS clinics saw improvements in all targets from 2021 to 2022.

The focus will now be on supporting trained staff in community to take on CQI cycles and guideline-based care through the Hep B Hub. Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress) has become a partner in the project and are currently serocoding their clients. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this project upon its completion.

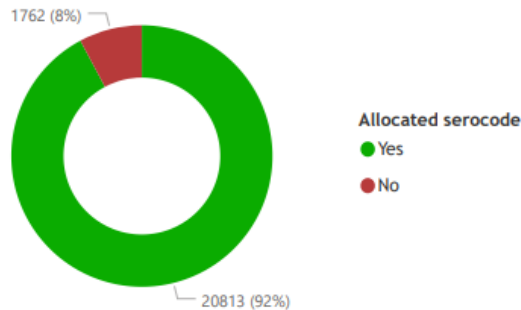
National targets	Data, June 2022	Population (Indigenous)	Allocated serocode*	Hep B infected	Engaged in care**	On treatment
Diagnosed 80%	TEHS & CAHS	22,573	20,813 (92%)	486 (2.2%)	380 (78%)	105 (22%)
Engaged in care 50%	Miwatj	7563	6967 (92%)	328 (4.5%)	183 (56%)	76 (23%)
On treatment 20%	KWHB	2210	1933 (87%)	34 (1.6%)	29 (85%)	8 (24%)
	Total	32,346	29,713 (92%)	848 (2.6%)	592 (70%)	189 (22%)

* Hepatitis B Serocodes:
 HepB: Fully Vaccinated; HepB: Immune by Exposure
 HepB: Non-Immune; Hep B: Infected on Treatment; Hep B: Infected not on Treatment; No data
 ** HBV DNA (viral load) in preceding 15 months

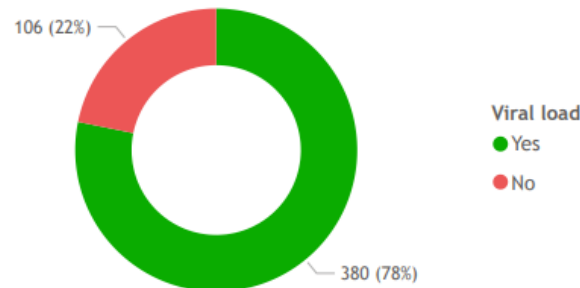
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 Summary of serocoding for Hep B PAST Partners

Below:
 Summary of Top End Health Service and Central Australia Health Service serocoding data

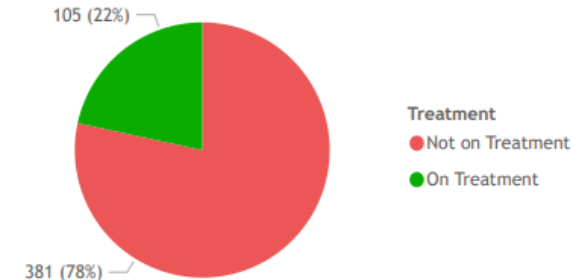
Serocode recorded on problem list (national target 80%)



Living with CHB had viral load in last 15 months (national target 50%)



On treatment (national target 20%)



Strengthening the health care workforce

In 2021 scheduled course delivery was postponed due to COVID19. In 2022 we have delivered two Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber and one Managing Hepatitis B for Aboriginal Health Workforce course.

Courses (2019-2022)	Health staff	Total trained (since 2019)
6	General practitioners, registrars, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners	142
8	Aboriginal health workforce	125

Upcoming courses-

Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course- July 29, Darwin. Register [here](#)
 Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course – September 27, Alice Springs
 Managing Hepatitis B Training for Aboriginal Health Workforce – September 28, Alice Springs



Participant reflections on the Managing Hepatitis B for Aboriginal Health Workforce course

“It was enjoyable and interesting enough to want to learn more about Hep B”

“I liked it because of the information about mob”

“Everyone had a chance to participate & share”

Throughout 2022 the Hep B PAST team has been invited to present at:

- Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference, Brisbane, May 2022
- ACH² Scientific Conference, Canberra, May 2022
- ASID Annual Scientific Meeting, Perth, June 2022
- World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Viral Hepatitis, Saskatoon, June 2022
- EASL International Liver Congress, London June 2022

Left: Managing Hepatitis B for Aboriginal Health Workforce training, Darwin, May 2022
 Below: Menzies Hep B PAST presenting in Brisbane for VH2022
 Right: Sylvia and Shiraline working on the Anindilyakwa translation of the Hep B Story app



Hep B Story App

The Hep B Story App has now been launched in eight languages. You can download it from the Google Play or Apple App store, or view it online here > <https://hepbstory.menzies.edu.au/>



Yolŋu matha	Complete
Kunwinjku	Complete
Tiwi	Complete
Arrernte	Complete
Warlpiri	Complete
Pitjantjatjara	Complete
Murrinh-Patha	Final stages
Burarra	Complete
Anindilyakwa	Complete
Kriol	Final stages
Gurindji	Translation in process