How HCV testing and care can be delivered through drugs service providers

Evidence-base, case studies and 'real life' implementation experiences

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Toolbox: HCV testing & referral to care

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Traditional models of care determined by interferon-based treatment regimens and based on referral of client to hospitals and other tertiary care settings. High loss to follow-up among PWID.

Need to bring HCV care to the community where PWID access services

Search for case studies from Europe illustrating new models of HCV testing and treatment that complement and replace traditional referral models.

Reference: Effective strategies to enhance testing, linkage to and retention in care and treatment for PWID. Treloar, C. & Grebely, J. 2019
Model of care dimensions (generic)

WHAT: The type of service delivered
WHERE: The setting where the service is delivered
WHO: The target population receiving the service
HOW: The organisation and actors required for delivering the service
Method

Search: published literature, conference proceedings, presentations EMCDDA expert network

Selection criteria:
- based in an EMCDDA member country;
- availability of implementation results documenting positive outcomes in improving access of PWID to hepatitis care (evaluation study; peer-reviewed publication);
- developed with funding from EU Health Programme;
- awarded a ‘best practice’ label in collections ECDC/WHO;
- and examples of innovative practice (grey literature).
Model of care dimensions (specific)

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EMCDDA compilation of case studies

Identify and document approaches to enhance HCV testing, referral to care and hepatitis C treatment among PWID in drug treatment settings;

11 case studies illustrating new Models of care … clearly documented results, impact, sustainability and transferability of the practice to guide their implementation in other countries and settings;

Collect ‘real life’ experiences to illustrate the implementation of these approaches (‘models of care’).
EMCDDA case study template

- Background (epidemiology, setting)
- Goal of the intervention and model of care
- Description of the intervention (objectives, actors, process)
- Results and evidence of impact
- Sustainability of the practice
- Partnerships and community participation
- Transferability
Joint survey on ‘real life’ implementation
Implementation experiences of 5 models of care

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- Obstacles and how they were overcome
- Strength – weaknesses – opportunities – threats of the approach
- Recommendations
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