

C the Whole Story Forum 2023: Hepatitis C in Housing and Homelessness, Mental Health and AOD Settings Forum Program

Thursday, 30 November 2023 | Delivered Online

Forum Time:

- WA: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm (AWST)
- NT: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm (ACST)
- QLD: 11:30 am – 3:00 pm (AEST)
- SA: 12:00 am – 3:30 pm (ACDT)
- ACT/NSW/VIC/TAS: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm (AEDT)

This one-day forum brings together nurses, community-based workers, NSP workers, and peer workers from around Australia to share their experiences, strategies for success, and innovative approaches to providing treatment to people living with hepatitis C in homelessness, mental health, and AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs) settings. The C the Whole Story Forum is coordinated by ASHM, a peak body representing healthcare workers in HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexual and reproductive health.

Learning Outcomes:

ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING	Discuss the unique challenges faced by individuals living with hepatitis C in housing and homelessness, mental health, and AOD settings.
INNOVATIVE APPROACHES	Examine innovative approaches and best practices that have been implemented in different regions of Australia.
EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY	Describe the needs of individuals living with hepatitis C in housing and homelessness, mental health, and AOD settings.
IMPLEMENTATION	Incorporate learnings to work with services and people who access them to reorient/reimagine current models of care for individuals living with hepatitis C in housing and homelessness, mental health, and AOD settings.

Recommended pre-forum activity:

A foundational understanding of hepatitis C is assumed knowledge. For attendees seeking to develop this knowledge, the following short set of modules (30-45 mins) is recommended to be completed in advance: [Clinical Foundations of Hepatitis C](#).

Forum Program:

The program is subject to change, with further details provided as the program is finalised. A digital Forum Participant Booklet will also be shared with attendees via email prior to the Forum.

Time	Topic	Speakers
12:30 pm	Opening	
12:30 pm	Acknowledgment of Country Forum Coordinator: Introduction Forum Chair: Opening of Forum	Brett Stevens , Project Manager, ASHM Jacqui Richmond , Program Manager, Burnet Institute
12:40 pm	Opening Address: Living/Lived Experience Perspectives	Lived Experience Speaker
12:50 pm	Opening Address: Hepatitis Australia	Carrie Fowlie , Chief Executive Officer, Hepatitis Australia
1:00 pm	'Better Together' – why collaboration is key to C	Dr Annie Madden , Executive Director, Harm Reduction Australia
1:10 pm	Q & A with Presenters	
1:20 pm	Models of Care	
1:20 pm	Expanding access to viral hepatitis care - a peer/nurse practitioner outreach model	Jane Dicka , Health Promotion and DOPE Coordinator, HRVic Sally Watkinson , Nurse Practitioner, Royal Melbourne Hospital

1:35 pm	Integrating NSPs in Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisations	<p>Mr Alvin Edney, Clinical Governance Manager, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service</p> <p>Dr Daniel Hunt, Deputy Medical Director, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service</p>
1:50 pm	Holding Space for Change	Sonia Martin , Founder and Director, OneBridge
2:05 pm	Q & A with Presenters	Facilitated by Jacqui Richmond
2:15 pm	Break	
2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions	
2.45 pm	Breakout Sessions	Facilitated discussion with attendees
3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions - Report back	Breakout Room Facilitators
4.00 pm	Live Spark Session	Jacqui Richmond , Program Manager, Burnet Institute
4.10 pm	Forum Wrap Up	Jacqui Richmond , Program Manager, Burnet Institute
4.30pm	Close	

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