



October Newsletter

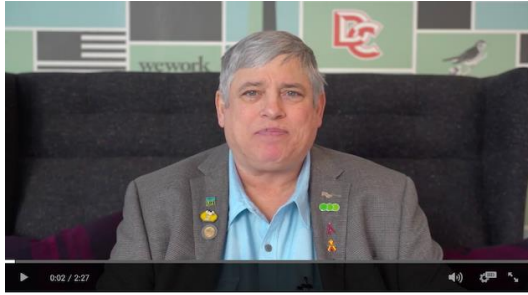
Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Help raise liver cancer awareness on social media, join NVHR at upcoming events, and read the latest in hepatitis news!

Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C are the **leading causes** of liver cancer across the world. In the U.S., rising rates of hepatitis C are also causing rising rates of liver cancer. However, only 25% of adults are vaccinated against hepatitis B and about 50% of those living with hepatitis C don't even know it. That's why the **CDC has updated their recommendations** to urge all adults to get a one-time hepatitis C test, and recommends that people with risk factors, including people who inject drugs, are tested regularly. Once diagnosed, hepatitis C can be cured in as little as 8-12 weeks.

*Two NVHR advocates, **Bill Remak** and **Karen Hoyt**, have shared their lived experiences with liver cancer as a result of hepatitis C infections. Check out their videos by clicking on the images below!*



Join us on [social media](#) to help raise awareness that hepatitis screening is also liver cancer prevention! [Click here for easy to share social media posts and join the conversation with #hepcancerprevention.](#)

Upcoming Hepatitis Events



NASTAD and **The AIDS Institute** are bringing together hepatitis and infectious disease advocates and patients from across the country for the first ever [Hepatitis Virtual Collaborative on Oct 22, at 11am EST](#) to connect with each other and learn about what jurisdictions are doing to combat viral hepatitis in their communities through presentations and conversations.

NVHR is excited to join the discussions:

- During Session I, **NVHR Medical Advisor Dr. Stacey Trooskin** will be featured a panel on elimination: *"Pennsylvania Viral Hepatitis Elimination Planning: Elevating Local Expertise"*
- During Session II, **NVHR Policy Manager Dr. Adrienne Simmons** will participate on a panel regarding marginalized communities: *"Centering*

Marginalized Communities to Address Viral Hepatitis Inequities - A Call to Action"

Registration is FREE so [sign up](#) and check out the [full agenda](#) for more details.

The Liver Meeting Digital Experience™ (TLMdX)

This year, AASLD is taking The Liver Meeting™ virtual from November 13 – 16. The program is jam packed with expert speakers, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, networking platforms, individual chats, and immersive sessions.

NVHR will present new research through several [poster presentations](#) and participate on a panel discussion for patients and advocates on getting more involved with advocacy.

Reduced pricing for patients and advocates is available until October 21.
Sign up today!

Patients & Patient Advocates:

- Select the “Patient” or “Patient Advocate” category during registration from now through October 21 to register for **just \$50**.
- Simply enter the code “**patient**” (code is not case-sensitive) to receive this early bird rate (the system will reflect a rate of \$100 but the promo code will reduce it to \$50).
- Please note that this promo code will only be valid through **October 21**; the rate will increase to \$100 for Patients and Patient Advocates October 22 onwards.
- Email tldmxdpatients@aaasld.org for any registration-related questions or concerns.
- Check out the curated patient and advocate sessions [here](#).

Recent NVHR News

NVHR and viral hepatitis continue being featured in the news. Check out the latest below!

- NVHR Policy Manager Adrienne Simmons and Treatment Action Group Director of Policy Strategy Annette Gaudino recently [spoke with David Lombardo](#), host of New York Public Radio's *the Capital Pressroom* about hepatitis C in New York. They talked about NY Medicaid's recent removal of prior authorization requirements and more about elimination efforts in the state. [Listen to the interview here.](#)
- [A recent study](#) by NVHR provider advocate Dr. Lynn Taylor demonstrates the success of co-locating HCV and substance use disorder treatment in a resource-limited setting. Findings show that people who initiated HCV treatment in an urban methadone maintenance program achieved high HCV cure rates.
- NVHR's Adrienne Simmons was also published in [Hep Magazine](#) advocating for CMS to delay a proposed Medicaid rule change that could negatively impact hepatitis patients.
- NVHR is hiring a Director! Check out the [job posting and requirements](#), and share with those who you think might be interested and qualified.
- NASTAD launched a [Hepatitis C Community Navigation Toolkit](#) to help improve care for people who use drugs and other impacted populations. The toolkit can be practically applied to implement and strengthen hepatitis navigation programs.
- The [2020 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#) was awarded to Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice this month for their contributions to the identification of the hepatitis C virus. Their contributions have been critical to developing the cure for hepatitis C and getting us on a path towards elimination.

What's Coming Up?

Make sure you're following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#), for the latest from the hepatitis community and check [our calendar](#) for upcoming events. Don't forget to register for upcoming events before prices increase or space runs out!



- The **BIO Patient and Health Advocacy Summit** is taking place digitally from **October 28-29, 2020**. The event will bring together patient advocacy organizations, academia, regulators, biotechnology industry, and other stakeholders for two days of robust programming to discuss timely policy issues and share best practices. [Get more information and register here.](#)
- Register for Hep B United's **8th Annual Hep B United Summit** by **November 6, 2020**! As in previous years, this event will offer the opportunity to engage with partners to discuss and collaborate on the successes and challenges of the past year, and on strategies to move forward toward the elimination of hepatitis B. For more information and to register, [check out their website.](#)
- Our next monthly grassroots call is on November 19. [Register today](#) to join us to learn about advocacy efforts across the country. Have an item to add to the agenda? [Please email Adrienne.](#)

Hepatitis C Screening is Cancer Prevention

The CDC recommends that **all adults** be screened for hepatitis C virus infection - the leading cause of liver cancer in the U.S.

Ask your provider for a hepatitis C test.

For more information, visit www.nvhr.org





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