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Today is World Hepatitis Day, a day to help raise awareness of viral hepatitis across the globe. Every 30 seconds, someone dies from a hepatitis-related illness - we cannot wait to act any longer. That's why this year's theme for World Hepatitis Day is "Hepatitis Can't Wait." You can take action today by forwarding this newsletter and additional resources to your friends and colleagues, and encourage them to act now in addressing this public health crisis. In this special edition newsletter, you'll find stories from viral hepatitis advocates, advocacy resources such as fact sheets and letter-writing tools, and events you can participate in to be active today. NVHR advocates across the country participated in the World Hepatitis Alliance Point to the Time Campaign to show that hep can't wait.





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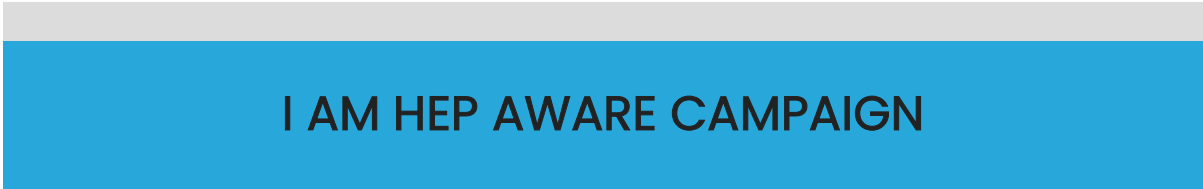
Urge your Governor to Commit to Eliminating Viral Hepatitis

Without adequate funding, coordination, and leadership in state programs that will eliminate viral hepatitis, we will fall short of the World Health Organization's goal to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030. On this World Hepatitis Day, we encourage you to write your state's governor to stand up for the hepatitis community.

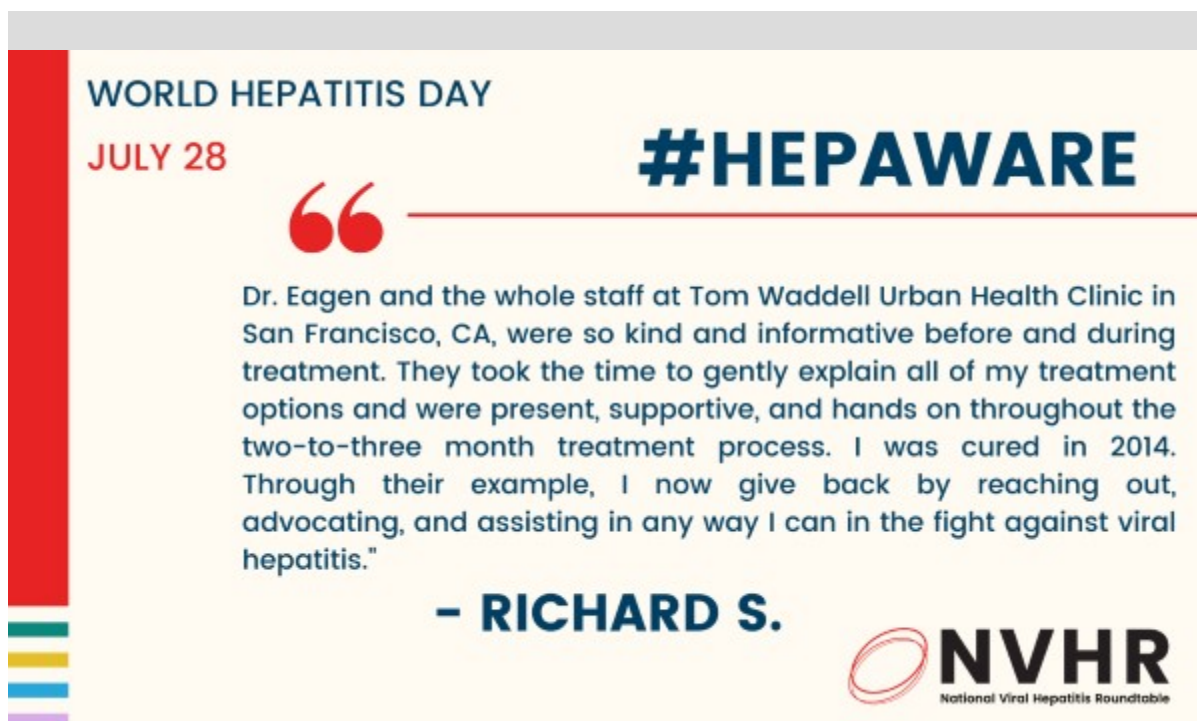
Take Action TODAY!

Submit your letter to your governor, urging them to make a steadfast commitment to eliminating this public health threat.

[Click Here to Write
Your Governor](#)



For the past several months, NVHR has collected stories from advocates in the hepatitis community about positive moments they have experienced with a person who was #HepAware. Read several of the submissions from advocates below, and be sure to visit NVHR's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages to read more stories. If you have not yet shared your story and are interested in doing so, you can submit your story [here](#). Thank you to those who have shared their inspirational stories so far, and we look forward to hearing from those of you who plan to share in the future.




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Dr. Eagen and the whole staff at Tom Waddell Urban Health Clinic in San Francisco, CA, were so kind and informative before and during treatment. They took the time to gently explain all of my treatment options and were present, supportive, and hands on throughout the two-to-three month treatment process. I was cured in 2014. Through their example, I now give back by reaching out, advocating, and assisting in any way I can in the fight against viral hepatitis.”

- RICHARD S.

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"I had a really hard time obtaining treatment after receiving my HCV diagnosis in 2014. My insurance would not cover treatment because... I wasn't sick enough to warrant them covering treatment. I was lucky enough to switch onto my wife's plan, and months later, was finally able to obtain the curative treatment I needed. Through this whole process, one of my biggest champions came from an unlikely place: the specialty pharmacist. He lamented the initial insurance denial, coached me through the appeals process, and even helped me draft and review some of the letters I wrote to local legislators, the insurance commissioner, and the insurance company. I consider [him] a hero."

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- JULIE F.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY ROUND-UP

Download NVHR's hepatitis delta fact sheet. Hepatitis D virus (HDV), also known as hepatitis delta virus, affects an estimated 12 to 60 million people globally and can lead to long term liver disease such as liver cirrhosis and cancer if left untreated. [Download our hepatitis delta fact sheet](#) to learn more and raise awareness.

Request a hepatitis B awareness toolkit from the Asian Health Foundation. Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) comprise about 50% of chronic hepatitis B cases, but only make up 6% of the total U.S. population. This is due in part by a low level of understanding of hepatitis B among the AAPI population and healthcare provider community. Request AHF's "I'll B There" toolkit to help raise awareness around hepatitis B in the AAPI community by emailing jjablonski@contacthmc.com.

World Hepatitis Day Proclamations Issued by Governors Across States. In observation of World Hepatitis Day, viral hepatitis advocates spearheaded an effort to submit proclamations to be issued by state governors to recognize the day and urge citizens to join in the special observance. Governors in California, Pennsylvania and Hawaii issued

proclamations, and numerous other states received proclamation requests. Thank you to those who made your voices heard for World Hepatitis Day!

MedStar Health Research Institute Releases Toolkit for World Hepatitis Day. MedStar Health Research Institute's [toolkit](#) includes practical steps health practitioners can follow related to screening, testing, workup, treatment and post-cure to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.

Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination launches a new initiative to develop National Hepatitis Elimination Profiles for 30 countries. The National Hepatitis Elimination profiles will bring together key data on the burden of disease, status of program delivery, and key policies. To kick off the initiative, the Coalition released profiles for six countries in the Americas, including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and the United States. Access the profiles [here](#).

HepVu hosts webinar on perinatal hepatitis B and C transmission in the United States. [Watch the recording](#) to learn about the current state of hepatitis B and C among pregnant persons and persons of childbearing age, underlying factors that contribute to perinatal hepatitis transmission, and strategies for prevention, including screening recommendations.

The O'Neill Institute, NVHR, and CHLPI release preliminary rubric to assess states' capacity for viral hepatitis elimination. The preliminary rubric was developed in consultation with more than 40 stakeholders, including advocates, clinicians, government partners, and people who have lived experience with viral hepatitis. It is subject to change, and grades and accompanying resources will be released in late 2021. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project and view the rubric.

Representatives Meng and Johnson re-introduce World Hepatitis Day Resolution. You can view the resolution [here](#). Rep. Meng also sat down with HepVu to discuss advocating for viral hepatitis funding. Check out the interview [here](#).

Earlier today, Michael Ninburg, Executive Director of the Hepatitis Education Project, appeared with the Global Liver Institute to discuss the importance of raising awareness about hepatitis on World Hepatitis Day.

Watch Michael's appearance in observation of World Hepatitis Day below.

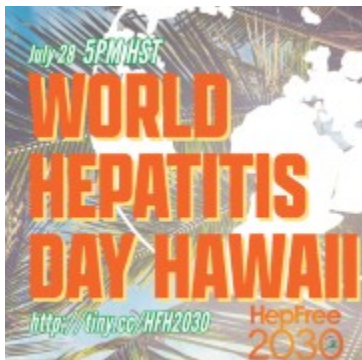
[Watch the Video](#)

FROM THE COMMUNITY



2021-2022 Vu Fellowship Announced
HepVu has recently launched the Vu Fellowship, a year-long fellowship program focused on empowering new voices and researchers in the fields of viral hepatitis and HIV. Applications for the fellowship are due **Tuesday, August 31 by 5 pm ET.**

[Apply Here](#)



World Hepatitis Day Hawaii

To commemorate World Hepatitis Day, Hep Free Hawai'i is hosting their annual Hep Free 2030 elimination meeting, where they will share updates and take insight on their priority areas.

Wednesday, July 28 at 5 pm HST

[Register Here](#)

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