



HEPATITIS C ELIMINATION
ROADMAP ONTARIO

META:PHI Webinar

Eliminating Hepatitis C: The role for addiction medicine providers

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Overview

- Provincial HCV Elimination: Implementing the HCV Elimination Roadmap in Ontario
- Course, Resources, Education
- Elimination in RAAM Clinics
- Testing and treatment
- Learn More, Contact Info

HCV Elimination Roadmap Ontario



Reduce new infections by **80%**



Diagnose **90%** of people living with hepatitis C



Begin treatment for **80%** of people living with hepatitis C

PART 1: ENABLING POLICY AND HEALTH SYSTEM CHANGE *outlines how Ontario can set the stage to implement the recommendations from this Roadmap*

PART 2: SEVEN PRIORITIES TO PUT ONTARIO ON THE ROAD TO ELIMINATION *includes high-impact strategies that Ontario must adopt to achieve elimination*

PART 3: POPULATION-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS *outlines specific recommendations based on the needs of the priority populations who experience the greatest burden of HCV in the province*

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Hepatitis C Priority Populations

- There are communities and people with intersecting identities who experience a disproportionate burden of HCV.
- Inequity, colonization, racism and marginalization increase risk and create barriers to care.



People who use drugs



People with prison experience



First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples

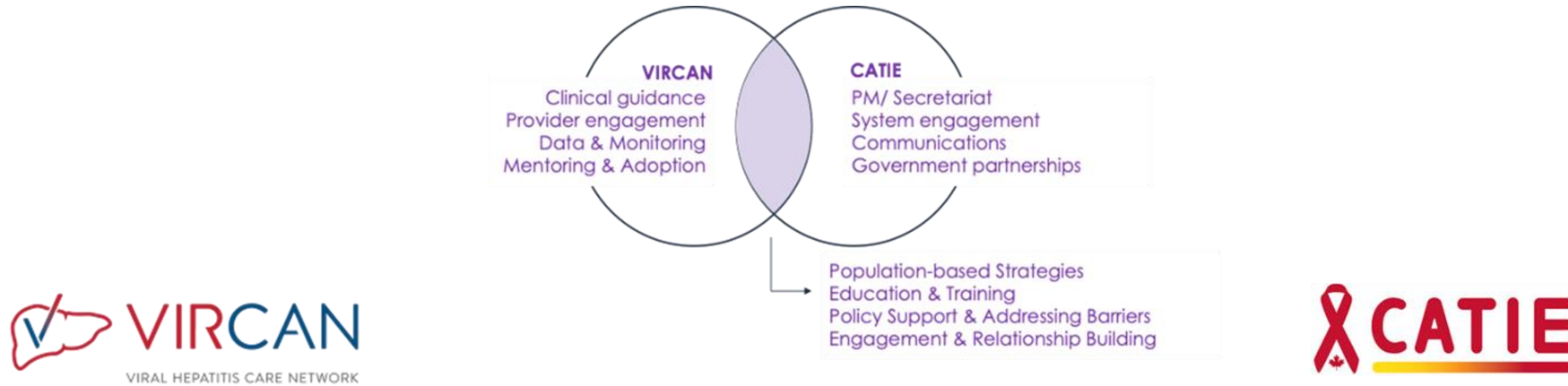


Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men



Immigrants and newcomers

Roadmap: Co-implemented and Co-led



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HCV Elimination: Central Actions and Objectives

The Hepatitis C Elimination Roadmap Ontario details seven key areas for action:

1. Use new testing approaches to eliminate delays in HCV diagnosis.
2. Expand HCV testing beyond risk-based screening.
3. Streamline HCV testing and treatment for new care settings.
- 4. Bolster harm reduction services to reduce new HCV cases.**
5. Increase the role of primary care in HCV.
6. Provide Universal HCV testing and linkage to care in prisons.
7. Raise awareness and link people and providers to HCV information.

Current and Upcoming Learning Offerings

Project ECHO



- Diagnose and manage your liver patients through interactive online medical education
- Didactic and case presentation
- Join sessions any time - new cycle in 2025

Clinical education course

Hepatitis C: ON to Elimination

START COURSE

- Three 30-minute courses on HCV treatment fundamentals
- Available for 1.5 CME credits in the new year

Elimination In RAAM Clinics

RAAM clinics in Ontario have both the positioning and potential to significantly enhance HCV Elimination efforts

- Developed relationships
- Engaged population with higher prevalence of HCV
- Widely distributed
- Relationship with pharmacies

Testing in RAAM Clinics

Current options:

- On-site phlebotomy
- Requisition provision
- Point of care testing
- Dried blood spot
 - Assisted and self-collected
- Treat or refer

Treatment: Over to Our Co-Speakers

- Three models of care presented tonight
 - **Ken Lee - London**
 - Virtual
 - **Emily Materick - CTC**
 - Referral off site
 - Shared care - Testing and treatment on site

Discussion Questions

How do we leverage successes to support elimination?

GOAL 1: Universal screening at intake (and every 6–12 months for those at ongoing risk)

- Can we support sustainable approaches that can reach all clients at intake?

GOAL 2: Adoption of successful models for testing and treatment

- There are many examples of successful implementation of HCV care.
- How can we promote new pilots, clinic champions, communities of practice, uptake of resources?

GOAL 3: Motivating widespread adoption across the province

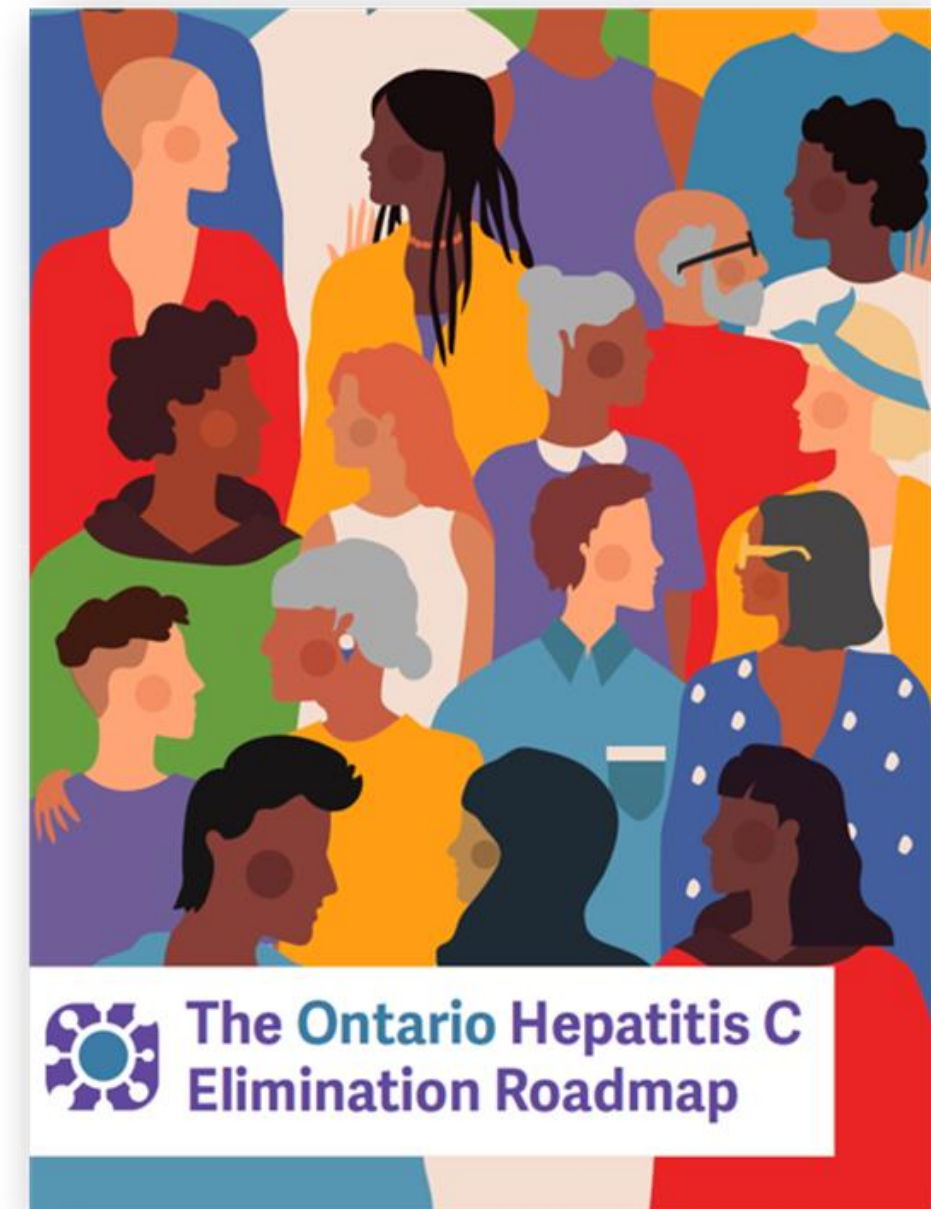
- To reach elimination, we need testers and treaters in every community.
- How do we motivate and facilitate action?

Course Offering: HCV Treatment

- **Hepatitis C Treatment in partnership with META:PHI Network**
- January 20 to February 19, 2025
- Online Meeting: February 19, 2025, 1:30–3:30 p.m. EST
- HCV Treatment focused, three distinct modules
- **Registration now!**
- Email with details and registration will be sent to the META:PHI Google Group this week.

Connect, Learn More

- Newsletter sign-up:
 - www.endhepc.ca
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- Education requests and direction
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Resource Page

- **Course:** Hepatitis C Treatment (CATIE) in partnership with META:PHI Network, January 20 to February 19, 2025: [Registration Page](#)
- **JAANP:** [Nurse Practitioners as primary care champions for the screening and treatment of hep C virus.](#)
- **Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction:** [Guidelines for partnering with people with lived and living experience of substance use and their families and friends](#)
- **INHSU** (International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users): [Intervention Toolkit for Hepatitis C](#)
- **INHSU:** [Global Guidelines for Viral Hepatitis Service Delivery in Prisons](#)