

# Viral hepatitis 101 Workshop

(Preconference workshop to the 10<sup>th</sup> Australasian Conference in Viral Hepatitis, Gold Coast 2016)

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**New treatments for hepatitis C are currently available** and can cure >95% of people living with hepatitis C, in a short time and with minimal side effects. **43% of people living with hepatitis B remain undiagnosed** and without appropriate care, up to 1 in 4 people will die from liver cancer or liver failure. Treatment is effective and available.

This workshop will outline the fundamentals of viral hepatitis for non-clinical professionals working in the sector. The workshop will start with a 1 hour basics session, including an overview of hepatitis B and the phases of chronic hepatitis B (CHB), as well as an overview of hepatitis C within the context of new treatments available. We will explore hepatitis from the perspective of people with lived experience of hepatitis, including challenges faced and advice going forward. The final session will focus on client conversations, including pointers on discussing the phases of CHB and new treatments for hepatitis C, as well as how to resolve barriers to communication and accessing care.

**Date:** Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
**Time:** 9.00am – 12.15pm (Registrations at 8.45am)  
**Cost:** FREE (Light breakfast and morning tea included)  
**Location:** Room 5 on Level 1, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

**At the end of this workshop, participants will have a better understanding of:**

- the functions of the liver and the impact of hepatitis on the liver,
- the differences between hepatitis A, B and C,
- current epidemiology and statistics regarding hepatitis B and C,
- which groups of people are at risk of hepatitis B and C,
- the purpose of screening and testing for hepatitis B and C,
- the difference between acute and CHB, and the phases of CHB,
- treatment options for hepatitis B,
- hepatitis C in the context of new treatments available,
- the ethical and legal issues relating to privacy, stigma and discrimination, and
- how to conduct sensitive conversations with clients about viral hepatitis.

**Target group, and prerequisites?**

Open to all delegates – non-clinical delegates are the primary target audience. Staff new to the sector and those looking for a refresher on the basics, will be welcome to attend. There are no prerequisites.

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This workshop will be run prior to the **10th Australasian Conference in Viral Hepatitis, Gold Coast 2016.**

For further information, go to the conference website: [www.hepatitis.org.au](http://www.hepatitis.org.au)