

Hepatitis WA

Regional Clinical Development Project

Supporting primary care practices to improve health outcomes for people with hepatitis C

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We trained and upskilled clinical staff in primary care clinics to conduct audits of their patient management systems, to enable them to identify people living with and at-risk of hepatitis C and link them to testing and treatment.

We provided patient and clinical resources on hepatitis C testing and treatment to improve knowledge.

Success Factors



Developed good rapport with practice managers.



Promoted the project as a remote support service.



Maintained the confidentiality of clinic and patient information.

Outcomes

32

primary care practices

were provided with hepatitis C resources



11

participating clinics

were in three regions in WA – Pilbara, Goldfields and the Wheatbelt



10

hepatitis C champions

were identified and trained across 11 practices



Participating clinics identified:

35

patients who presented to participating clinics with risk factors for hepatitis C and no previous testing



9

patients with a record of a positive hepatitis C antibody test and no subsequent hepatitis C RNA test



12

patients with a record of a positive hepatitis C RNA test and no record of initiating treatment



Applying our Learnings



Regional primary care clinics, who took part in the project will continue to receive clinical support from Hepatitis WA.



Hepatitis WA will continue to promote clinical data audits and support practices to improve the quality of data entry.

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