



HEPATITIS C RESOURCE GUIDE

A Directory of
Hepatitis C Services
in Los Angeles County

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WELCOME TO HCV RESOURCE GUIDE

Hepatitis C is a growing problem in Los Angeles County. At least 180,000 people live with the disease in Los Angeles, and most do not know they have it. Four times as many people have hepatitis C as have HIV, although many people are co-infected. Hepatitis C disproportionately affects people of color, veterans, injection drug users, the homeless and inmates.

The Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County (HCTF) is a group of private and public agencies, advocates and concerned individuals working in partnership and collaboration to prevent the spread of hepatitis C and to improve the quality of life of persons affected by Hepatitis C. The HCTF advocates for individuals regardless of their race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, age, national origin, familial status or disability.

The mission of the HCTF is to shape policy and advocate for the needs of people at risk for and living with hepatitis C infection. The goals of the HCTF are: (1) to develop and enhance systems of hepatitis C prevention, surveillance, testing, education, treatment, care and support; (2) to advocate for hepatitis C policies and funding; and (3) to increase public awareness of hepatitis C.

Membership is free and open to any individual or representative of a nonprofit, private or public organization. Interested persons are invited to attend Task Force meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm at the following location:

AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA)
The David Geffen Center
2nd Floor– Founders Room
611 S. Kingsley Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90005

For additional information, contact the Task Force:

www.HepCTaskForceLA.org

Brian Risley @ 213-201-1547

Danny Jenkins @ 818-985-8323

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Participating Agencies

AIDS Healthcare Foundation	JWCH Institute, Inc.
AIDS Project Los Angeles	LA City AIDS Coordinator's Office
American Liver Foundation	LA County – Department of Public Health
Antelope Valley Hope Services/APLA	♦Acute Communicable Disease Control Program
Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team	♦Alcohol and Drug Program Administration
BAART–Community Healthcare/BHS/ART	♦Office of AIDS Programs and Policy
Beacons of H.O.P.E.	ModernHEALTH, Ad–Rx Pharmacy and Px Drugstore
Beverly Hills Medical Plaza Pharmacy	MOMS Pharmacy
The Catalyst Foundation	Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center at UCLA
Center for Health Justice	Roche
Common Ground	Schering Plough
Cri–Help, Inc.	Tarzana Treatment Centers
Drug Policy Alliance	UCLA CARE Center
HARM Reduction Coalition	Walgreens
Hep C Aware	
Hollywood–Wilshire YMCA – A Brighter Future	

Homeless Health Care Los Angeles

Please note: All identified sites in this resource guide are subject to change. We advise that prior to visiting a site you telephone to verify the location, services and/or hours offered.

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HCV Task Force For Los Angeles County Resource Guide

HOW TO USE THE HCV RESOURCE GUIDE

HCV Resource Guide is intended to assist you in accessing the services you need quickly and effectively. You can find the services in the guide by looking at the Contents on Page 1, or you can see the types of services that are listed in this directory and where they can be found.

Essential Hepatitis C Services can be accessed regardless of your Ability to Pay (ATP). The services presented in this guide are mostly free or offered at low cost.

We recommend that you call prior to visiting the agency to ensure the information is accurate, if an appointment is needed and/or whether the agency's required services are rendered to registered clients only.

The information presented in the guide was reported to us by agencies throughout Los Angeles County and sections of California. If you discover inaccurate information, we encourage you to email your comments to hepctf@hhcla.org. We will make every effort to ensure that this information is accurate.

This guide may not include all services available in all categories.

Inclusion of an organization in the guide does not signify endorsement.

HEPATITIS C HOTLINES

American Liver Foundation	800-465-4837
California AIDS Hotline	800-367-2437
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	888-443-7232
Hepatitis C Connection	800-522-4372
Hepatitis Foundation International	800-891-0707
HIV / AIDS / Hepatitis C Nightline	800-273-2437
Latino Organization for Liver Awareness	888-367-5652
Los Angeles County Public Health Alcohol and Drug Program Administration - Help Line	800-564-6600
Veterans Affairs National Hepatitis C Program	800-827-1000

TESTING FACILITIES

If you have already **tested positive** for the Hepatitis C Virus or have been living with it for a while, you may be wondering what the next step is for you. Some of the agencies listed below can do the next set of tests. Ask them for a **viral load** and to have your **liver enzymes, ALT and AST** checked. This is a good way to start following your Hepatitis C. Please call agencies first, as information changes.

<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 9436 E. Slauson Pico Rivera, CA 90660 562-949-6069, Lab, appt. Hepatitis Panel \$79 The price may be reduced if patient qualifies.</p>	<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 5427 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-869-5450 HIV related Hepatitis C 323-869-1900 - General public Hepatitis A, B and C testing, Hepatitis A and B vaccinations Medi-Cal, insurance or minimum \$30 consultation fee based on sliding scale for the uninsured Monday - Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm</p>
<p>Arroyo Vista Family Health Center SPA 4 6000 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90042 323-254-5221 Hepatitis A, B and C testing, Hepatitis C viral load and genotype, Low cost lab, Educational handouts Medi-Cal, Medicare, Ability to Pay (ATP) Mon - Fri 8:00am - 7:00pm and Walk-in clinic Sat 8:00am - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Bay Area Addiction, Research & Treatment SPA 4 BAART/ART/BBHS 1926 W. Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 213-607-2010 Hepatitis A, B and C testing Medi-Cal or private partnership if eligible Mon - Fri 5:30am - 1:30pm</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>Bell Gardens Family Medical Center – Family Planning Centers of Greater LA SPA 7 6501 S. Garfield Ave. Bell Gardens, CA 90201 562-928-9600 Appointment line Education, Hepatitis B testing Medi-Cal, most insurance (call to verify), low income programs Walk-ins or Call for appointment Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm, Sat 8:00am – 1:00pm</p>	<p>Care Station Carson SPA 3 21501 S. Avalon Blvd. #100 Carson, CA 90745 310-835-6627 *Must be a current patient</p>
<p>California Family Care Medical Group SPA 4 1414 S. Grand, #100 Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-742-6200 Free Testing for Hepatitis A & B Sliding Scale Payment for Office Visit Mon – Sat 8:00a.m – 5:00pm</p>	<p>The Catalyst Foundation SPA 1 44758 Elm Ave. Lancaster, CA 93534 661-948-8559 Free Hepatitis C testing Free Hepatitis C treatment excluding labs, if eligible</p>
<p>The Children’s Clinic SPA 8 455 E Columbia St Suite 201 Long Beach, CA 90806 562-933-0400 Low income program to those who qualify Test for Hepatitis A, B and C By appointment only Mon – Fri 9:00am – 4:00pm</p>	<p>China Town Service Center SPA 4 767 N. Hill St. #200 Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-808-1718 Hepatitis A, B and C testing Medi-Cal, Medicare, HMO or free County programs if eligible Appointments / Walk-ins based on availability Mon & Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>Clínica Medica Familiar SPA 3 1410 N. Garey Ave. Pomona, CA 91767 909-868-1620 Medi-Cal or Medicare Testing for Hepatitis A and B Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm</p>	<p>Clínica Oscar Romero SPA 4 123 S. Alvarado St. Los Angeles, CA 90057 213-989-7700 Treatment for Hepatitis A and B. Antibody testing for Hepatitis C. Medi-Cal, Medicare or Ability to Pay (ATP). Call for an appointment. Existing patients only.</p>
<p>Durfee Family Medical Group SPA 3 2006 Durfee Ave. El Monte, CA 91733 626-442-5015 Hepatitis A, B and C testing Walk-ins or Call for appointment</p>	<p>East Los Angeles Health Task Force SPA 4/SPA 7 2120 E. 6th St. Los Angeles, CA 90023 323-881-1112 Hepatitis C Testing Educational Handouts No Cost, General Relief, Medi-Cal</p>
<p>Edward Roybal Comprehensive Health Center SPA 7 245 S. Fetterly Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-780-2373, after hours 323-780-2433 Lab, Educational Handouts</p>	<p>El Dorado Community Service Center SPA 8 4023 Marine Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260 310-675-9555 Call for appointment</p>
<p>El Monte Comprehensive Health Center SPA 3 10953 Ramona Blvd. El Monte, CA 91731 800-383-4600 Lab, Education Handouts</p>	<p>H. Claude Hudson SPA 4 2829 S. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90007 213-744-4716, 800-383-4600 Lab, Educational Handouts Insurance accepted, Ability to Pay (ATP) Mon - Sat 8:00am - 5:00pm Tues - Fri 8:00am - 8:00pm Sat 8:00am - 3:00pm, Appointment Only</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>Hawaiian Gardens Health Center – Family Planning Centers of Greater LA SPA 7 22310 Wardham Ave. Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 562-420-2433 Appointment line Education, Hepatitis A, B and C testing Medi-Cal, most insurance (call to verify), low income programs Walk-ins or Call for appointment Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm</p>	<p>Harbor-UCLA Medical Center SPA 8 1000 W. Carson St. Torrance, CA 90509 Office: 310-222-5696 Cell: 310-720-8663 Fax: 310-212-7483 Pager: 310-501-1758 Lab \$60 per visit Call first, then Fax referral for appointment to the attention of Reiko Navarro</p>
<p>High Desert Health Systems SPA 1 44900 N. 60th St. West Lancaster, CA 93536 661-945-8365 Hepatitis A, B, and C testing All insurance accepted including Medi- Cal and Medicare, also Ability to Pay (ATP)</p>	<p>The Hope Clinic (Antelope Valley) SPA 1 45120 N. 60th St. West Lancaster, CA 93536 (661) 945-8448 Must be Co-infected HIV+ /AIDS and Hepatitis Hepatitis A, B, and C testing Medi-Cal, Medicare, Ability to Pay (ATP), ORSA</p>
<p>Hubert H. Humphrey CHC SPA 6 5850 S. Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90003 800-383-4600 Test for Hepatitis A, B and C Ability to Pay (ATP) or no charge Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm By appointment only, Primary Care</p>	<p>JWCH Institute, Inc. SPA 4 The Center for Community Health 522 S. San Pedro Los Angeles, CA 90013 213-622-2639 213-353-1115 323-291-5154 FREE Test for Hepatitis B and C only Mon – Fri 7:30am – 4:30pm Walk-ins @ 7:30am and 1:00pm Appointments @ 7:30am</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>Long Beach Dept. of Health Services Immunizations SPA 8 2525 Grand Ave. Long Beach, CA 90815 562-570-4221 Hepatitis A test = \$16 Hepatitis B test = \$43 Hepatitis C test = \$23 Office Visit \$15 By appointment only</p>	<p>North East Community Clinic SPA 4 5564 N. Figueroa St. Highland Park, CA 90042 323-256-3884 Test for Hepatitis A, B and C Hep A and B vaccine for children only. Qualify for various programs, Accepts Medi-Cal Insurance. Free if no medical insurance. Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm Sat 8:30am - 2:00pm</p>
<p>North East Valley Health Corp. SPA 2 Homeless Healthcare Project (NEVHC- HHCP) 7843 Lankershim Rd. North Hollywood, CA 91605 818-765-8656 FREE Screening/Testing for Hepatitis A, B and C ONLY for those who qualify for the Homeless Program - No insurance, limited income. Mon, Tues & Thurs 8:30am - 5:00pm Wed 11:30am - 8:00pm Fri 8:30am - 4:00pm Accepts Medi-Cal, Medicare, No HMO or private insurance</p>	<p>Orange County Health Care Agency— Orange Co. 1725 W. 17th St. Santa Ana, CA 92706 714-834-8787 Special Diseases FREE Test for Hepatitis B and C No Appointment necessary Walk-ins welcomed Mon 8:00am - 4:00pm Tues 10:00am - 5:30pm Wed - Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm Closed for Lunch Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 11:30am - 1:00pm</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>Pediatric & Family Medical Center SPA 4 1530 S. Olive St. Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-747-5542 Antibody Test for Hepatitis C Hep A and B vaccine available. Mon – Sat 8:00am – 4:30pm Mon, Wed & Thurs only – Adult Clinic open 8:00am – 7:00pm Clients are referred out to Los Angeles County for Hepatitis services. Tues 8:00am – 4:30pm Thurs – Sat 8:00am – 4:30pm Mon & Wed Adult clinic 8:00am – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Pomona Clínica Medica Familiar SPA 3 1410 N. Garvey Ave. Pomona, CA 91767 909-868-1620 Hepatitis A, B and C testing; Educational handouts Medi-Cal, Medicare and other insurance New patients and walk-ins welcomed daily</p>
<p>San Fernando Health Center SPA 2 1212 Pico St. San Fernando, CA 91340 818-837-6969 Hepatitis A, B and C testing per doctors orders Hep A and B Vaccine given free to clients who are in the family planning program only. Clients seen only by appointment Limited Walk-ins available Mon – Thurs 7:30am – 8:30pm Fri 7:30am – 5:00pm</p>	<p>South Health Center SPA 6 1522 E. 102nd St. Los Angeles, CA 90002 323-563-4053 FREE Testing for Hepatitis C for Adults & Children Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8:00am – 10:30am & 12:30pm – 2:30pm Wed 10:00am – 12:30pm & 2:30pm – 4:30pm. First 20 patients per session</p>

TESTING FACILITIES – cont.

<p>St. John's Well Child Center SPA 4/SPA 6 515 West 27th St. Los Angeles, CA 90007 213-749-0947 Testing for Hepatitis A, B and C Donations accepted at time of services Adults and Children walk-ins Mon & Wed 9:00am – 5:00pm, Tues & Thurs 11:00am – 7:00pm, Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm Sat 8:00am – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Tarzana Treatment Center SPA 1 907 W. Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534 661-723-4829 Test for Hepatitis A, B and C Low income program for those who qualify, Does not accept HMO and HMO Medi-Cal, Accepts Straight Medi-Cal only Mon – Fri 8:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm</p>
<p>Torrance Health Center SPA 8 711 Del Amo Blvd. Torrance, CA 90501 310-354-2300 FREE Hepatitis A, B and C Testing, if at risk, through the STD department</p>	<p>Western University Medical Center SPA 3 887 E. 2nd St.. Ste. C Pomona, CA 91766 909-865-2565 Hepatitis A & B vaccinations available Viral Hep C testing Hep B Vaccine – \$40 Insurance, Medi-Cal, Medicare or \$65 for new visit plus lab work \$40 established patients Clients are referred to specialist Mon – Fri 9:00am – 6:00pm</p>
<p>Wilmington Health Center SPA 8 1325 Broad Ave. Wilmington, CA 90744 310-518-8800 Facility refers to Torrance Health Center 310-354-2300</p>	

FREE HEPATITIS A, B & C SCREENING

JWCH Institute, Inc. Multiple Morbidity Mobile Testing Unit

LOCATIONS AND TIMES MAY CHANGE. PLEASE CALL FOR CURRENT LOCATIONS AND TIMES.

213-291-5154

<p>Monday: Location: Midnight Mission (6th & San Pedro) Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm SPA 4</p>	<p>Tuesday: Location: San Julian Park (between 5th & 6th Streets) Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month: Location: T.H.E. Clinic Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm SPA 4</p>
<p>Wednesday: Every 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the Month: Location: Weingart Center (6th & San Pedro) Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm Every 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month: Location: Safe Harbor Women's Center (5th & Stanford) Time: 1st & 2nd Wed 2:00pm – 4:30pm 4th Wed 2:00pm – 5:00pm</p>	<p>Thursday: (1) Location: Homeless Health Care LA (340 N. Madison) Time: 9:30am–2:00pm (2) Location: Clean Needles Now Needle Exchange (Santa Monica & Sycamore) Time: 6:00am – 10:00pm</p>

FREE HEPATITIS A, B & C SCREENING – cont.

Wednesday:

Every 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the Month:

Location: Weingart Center
(6th & San Pedro)
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Every 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month:

Location: Safe Harbor Women's
Center (5th & Stanford)
Time: 1st & 2nd Wed 2:00pm –
4:30pm
4th Wed 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month:

Location: Prototypes
(845 E. Arrow Hwy, Pomona, CA)
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Every 4th Wednesday of the Month:

Location: United American Indian
Involvement, Inc.
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

SPA 4

Every 4th Thursday of the Month:

Location: Asian American Drug
Abuse Program (AADAP)
Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

SPA 4

FREE HEPATITIS A, B & C SCREENING – cont.

Friday:

Location: Oasis House

Time: 1st, 2nd & 4th Fri 9:30am –
4:00pm

3rd Fri 9:30am – 4:00pm

Every 2nd Friday of the Month:

Location: Alibis East

(225 S. San Antonio Ave.,
Pomona, CA 91766)

Time: 9:00pm – 1:00am

Every 3rd & 4th Friday of the Month:

Location: Van Ness Recovery
Home

Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

SPA 4

TREATMENT FACILITIES

The Catalyst Foundation **SPA 1**

44758 Elm Ave.

Lancaster, CA 93534

661-948-8559

Hepatitis C testing \$80-90

Free Hepatitis C treatment excluding
labs if eligible

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center **SPA 8**

1000 W. Carson St.

Torrance, CA 90509

310-222-2477

TREATMENT FACILITIES – cont.

<p>High Desert Hospital SPA 1 44900 N. 60th St. West Lancaster, CA 93536 661-945-8365</p>	<p>LAC-USC Medical Center Dept. 5P51 SPA 4 Liver Clinic 1520 San Pablo St. Los Angeles, CA 90033 323-442-5100</p>
<p>Olive View Medical Center SPA 2 14445 Olive View Dr. Sylmar, CA 91343 818-364-3184</p>	<p>Screen Actors Guild- Bob Hope Health Center SPA 4 335 N. La Brea Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036 SAG members & motion picture industry workers only 323-634-3850</p>
<p>United American Indian Involvement, Inc. SPA 4 1125 W. 6th St., Ste. 103 Los Angeles, CA 90017 213-202-3970 Outpatient counseling, HIV testing and risk reduction counseling, advocacy, case management, substance abuse outpatient counseling; Prop 36</p>	<p>VA Medical Center/ABC Clinic SPA 8 5901 E. 7th St. Long Beach, CA 90822 562-826-8000 x2944 Hepatitis A, B and C testing Hepatitis A, B and C treatment Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Hepatitis research studies available for eligible Veterans and non-veterans</p>

TREATMENT FACILITIES – cont.

West LA VA Medical Liver Center **SPA 5**
 11301 Wilshire Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90073
 For Veterans only
 310-478-3711, ext. 41682

Westside Neighborhood Clinic **SPA 8**
 2125 Santa Fe Ave.
 Long Beach, CA 90810
 562-432-9575
 Hepatitis A, B and C testing
 Hepatitis C Viral load, genotype and
 liver panel
 Low income program
 Accepts Regular Medi-Cal
 If patient does not qualify for low
 income program \$30 charge for
 Hepatitis test
 & \$30 charge for lab
 Mon - Fri 8:00am - 11:00am & 1:00pm
 -4:00pm

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINATIONS FOR ADULTS

JWCH Institute, Inc. **SPA 4**
 Weingart Medical Clinic
 515 East 6th St.
 Los Angeles, CA 90013
 213-622-2639
 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccine

Long Beach Health Department **SPA 8**
 2525 Grand Ave., Rm. 145
 Long Beach, CA 90815
 562-570-4221
 Travel Dept. (By appointment only)
 Hepatitis C testing = \$38 Fridays only
 Hepatitis A - \$30 each (2 shots total)
 Hepatitis B - \$35 each (3 shots total)
 A&B (Twinrix) \$50 each (3-4 shots)

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINATIONS FOR ADULTS – cont.

<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital SPA 6 12021 Wilmington Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059 310-668-4321 Hepatitis A, B, and C – \$50 each visit (\$75 a visit if through the emergency room) Ability to Pay (ATP) also available</p>	<p>Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC): Homeless Clinic SPA 2 7843 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91605 818-765-8656 No cost if eligible for Hepatitis A and B</p>
<p>North East Valley H. C. (NEVHC) Pacoima SPA 2 12756 Van Nuys Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331 818-896-0531 Current Clients only \$144 for Hepatitis A & B series. No cost, if you qualify.</p>	<p>North East Valley H. C.(NEVHC) San Fernando SPA 2 1600 San Fernando Rd. San Fernando, CA 91340 818-365-8086 Current Clients only Hepatitis A – \$65 each (2 shots total) Hepatitis B – \$65 each (3 shots total)</p>
<p>Oasis SPA 6 1221 Wilmington Los Angeles, CA 90059 310-668-4213 No cost if HIV+, Hepatitis A & B vaccine and no cost Hepatitis C test</p>	<p>Pasadena Public Health Clinic SPA 3 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena, CA 91103 626-744-6000 Hepatitis A vaccine – \$65each (2 shots total) Hepatitis B vaccine – \$50 each (3 shots total) Hep A & B vaccine (Twinrix) – \$50 each (3 shots)</p>
<p>South Central Family Health Center SPA 4/SPA 6 4425 Central Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90011 323-908-4200 Hepatitis A & B – \$50 per shot Walk-ins Mon – Sat 7:00am – 11:00am</p>	<p>St. John’s Well Child Center SPA 4/SPA 6 514 West 27th St. Los Angeles, CA 90007 213-749-0947 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccine & No cost Hepatitis C testing <i>for the uninsured</i></p>

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINATIONS FOR ADULTS – cont.

<p>USC Family Practice SPA 4 1400 Grand Ave., Ste. 101 Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-744-0801 x253 Hepatitis A – \$142 Hepatitis B – \$63</p>	<p>Venice Family Clinic SPA 5 604 Rose Ave. Venice, CA 90291 310-392-8636 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccine if HCV+ only</p>
<p>Common Ground – The Westside HIV Community Center SPA 5 2012 Lincoln Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90405 310-314-5480 Hepatitis A – free Hepatitis B – free</p>	<p>LA County Immunization Program 313 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles</p>
<p>Aids Healthcare Foundation 1300 N. Vermont Los Angeles</p>	<p>Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center 1625 N. Schrader Blvd. Los Angeles</p>
<p>Herald Christian Health Ctr. 923 S. San Gabriel Blvd. San Gabriel</p>	<p>Asian Pacific Liver Center 2200 West 3rd Street, Ste 500 Los Angeles</p>
<p>Tzu Chi Buddhist Free Clinic 1000 S. Garfield Ave. Alhambra</p>	<p>Asian Pacific Healthcare Venture 1530 Hillhurst Ave, Ste 200 Los Angeles</p>
<p>The LA Mission 311 Winston St. Los Angeles</p>	<p>Homeless Healthcare L.A. 2330 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles</p>
<p>Homeless Healthcare L.A. 512 East Fourth Street Los Angeles</p>	<p>Tarzana Treatment Center – Tarzana 18646 Oxnard Street Tarzana</p>
<p>Tarzana Treatment Center – Northridge 8330 Reseda Blvd. Northridge</p>	<p>Tarzana Treatment Center – Lancaster 907 W. Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster</p>
<p>BAART (Beverly) 2200 West 3rd Street, Ste 500 Los Angeles</p>	<p>BAART (Southeast) 4920 S. Avalon Blvd. Los Angeles</p>

BAART (Lynwood) 11315 S. Atlantic Blvd Lynwood	BAART (La Puente) 15229 E. Amar Rd. La Puente
Andrew Escajeda Clinic 1845 N. Fair Oaks Avenue Ste 112 Pasadena	Passageways 1020 S. Arroyo Parkway Pasadena
PPHD Travel/Adult Iz Clinic 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena	Union Station Homeless 825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena
Bill Moore Community Health Clinic 1460 N. Lake Ave Ste 107 Pasadena	Community Health Alliance of Pasadena 1855 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena
Planned Parenthood of Pasadena 1045 N. Lake Ave Pasadena	CalTech- Young Health Center Mail Code 1-8 (Cal Tech Campus) Pasadena
Pasadena City College 1570 E. Colorado Blvd Pasadena	Impact House 1680 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena



STD CLINIC REGISTRATION SCHEDULE October 2009

Please note, all schedules are subject to change. Patients should be advised to call the STD clinic to confirm that a particular session is being held. Patients are seen on a first come, first served (walk-in) basis. In general, it is advisable for patients to arrive as early as possible to improve the likelihood of being seen.

No fees are charged for services in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health STD clinics.

ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTH CENTER		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.		8:00-10:30			
	P.M.		12:00-3:30			

335-B EAST AVENUE K-6, LANCASTER, CA 93535 *Between Division Street & Gingham Avenue*
Business Office (661) 723-4526

CENTRAL HEALTH CENTER <i>*There are no afternoon STD services every 4th Thursday of the month. **No AM sessions on 10/16, 10/23 and 10/30</i>		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	**8:00-10:30
	P.M.	12:00-3:00	12:00-3:00		*12:00-3:00	

241 N. FIGUEROA STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 *Just S of Temple Street* (213) 240-8203/Clinic or (213) 240-8225

HOLLYWOOD-WILSHIRE HEALTH CENTER <i>*No AM sessions on 10/22 & 10/29</i>		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	7:30-10:30	10:30-2:00	7:30-10:30	*7:30-10:30	7:30-10:30
	P.M.	12:00-3:30	3:45-6:15	12:00-3:30		

5205 MELROSE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038 *At Wilton Place* (323) 769-7932/Clinic

MONROVIA HEALTH CENTER		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.			10:00-12:30		
	P.M.	12:30-3:00			12:30-3:00	

330 W. MAPLE AVENUE, MONROVIA, CA 91016 *Between Magnolia Avenue & Mayflower Avenue* (626) 256-1600/Clinic

NORTH HOLLYWOOD HEALTH CENTER *No sessions on Mondays and Fridays starting on 10/12 thru the rest of October		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	*8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	
	P.M.	*11:30-3:30	11:30-3:30	11:30-3:30	11:30-3:30	*11:30-3:30 Closed 3 rd Fri

5300 TUJUNGA AVE., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601 *Between Weddington Street & Chandler Boulevard* (818) 766-3982 or (818) 766-3983/Clinic

POMONA HEALTH CENTER *On 10/20, 10/27 and 10/28 there will be no sessions.		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.				10:00-12:30	
	P.M.		*12:30-3:00	*12:30-3:00		

750 S. Park Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766 *South of Mission Blvd. at 7th Street* Clinic (909) 868-0235

SIMMS/MANN/BU RKE HEALTH CENTER Note: Public-private partnership clinic; the County operates a free STD clinic on site at times shown.		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.		8:00-10:30			
	P.M.		12:00-2:30			

2509 PICO BLVD. (3rd Floor), SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 *At 25th Street* (310) 998-3203/Nursing

SOUTH HEALTH CENTER *Starting on 10/19- Wed AM registration time is 8-10:30 am & no pm session; Thurs. and Fri. no sessions		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	8:00-10:30	8:00-10:30	*8:00 --	*8:00-10:30	*8:00-10:30
	P.M.	12:30-3:00	12:30-3:00	5:00	12:30-3:00	

1522 E. 102ND STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90002 *Between Success Avenue & Compton Avenue* (323) 563-4112/Clinic

RUTH TEMPLE HEALTH CENTER <u>*No pm session starting on 10/21;</u> <u>**No sessions on Thurs. & Fri. starting on 10/22</u>		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	7:30-10:30	7:30-10:30	7:30-10:30	**10:00-12:30	**7:30-10:30
	P.M.	12:00-2:30	12:00-2:30	*12:00-2:30	2:00-5:00	
3834 S. WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 <i>Between Exposition and M L King Boulevard</i> (323) 730-3576/Clinic						

TORRANCE HEALTH CENTER		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.					
	P.M.	2:00-5:00				12:00 – 3:00 Closed 3 rd Fri
711 W. DEL AMO BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90502 <i>Between Vermont Avenue and 110 Freeway @ Hamilton Avenue</i> Business Tel (310) 354-2300						

CURTIS TUCKER HEALTH CENTER		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.	7:45-10:30	9:45-12:30	7:45-10:30		7:45-10:30
	P.M.	11:45-3:30	1:45-5:30	11:45-3:30	11:45-3:30	
123 W. MANCHESTER BOULEVARD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 <i>West of La Brea at Fir Street</i> (310) 419-5362/Clinic						

WHITTIER HEALTH CENTER <u>*Please call ahead before referring patients.</u>		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	A.M.					
	P.M.	12:00-3:00	12:00-3:00	12:00-3:00	4:00-6:00	
7643 S. PAINTER AVENUE, WHITTIER, CA 90602 <i>Between Mar Vista Street & Whittier Boulevard</i> (562) 464-5350/Clinic						

**Submit changes to Ana Delia Hernandez at (213) 744-3057; FAX (213) 749-9605
Los Angeles County STD Program**

For more information on STDs or a referral to other low- or no-cost clinics in Los Angeles County,
please call the STD Hotline at **1-800-758-0880**

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 6901 S. Atlantic Blvd. Bell, CA 90201 323-562-6700 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Call for appointment</p>	<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 3 10454 E. Valley Blvd. El Monte, CA 91731 562-949-6069 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Call for appointment</p>
<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 3945 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-265-1998</p>	<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 5427 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90022 323-869-1900 No cost Hepatitis B vaccination</p>

HEPATITIS A & B VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN - cont.

<p>Alta Med Health Services SPA 7 9436 E. Slauson Ave. Pico Rivera, CA 90660 562-949-6069</p>	<p>Arroyo Vista Family Health Center SPA 4 6000 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90042 323-254-5221 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations if under 18 years of age. 21 years and up is \$9 per vaccine Walk in clinic: Mon - Fri 8:00am - 3:00pm</p>
<p>Broadway Family Health Center SPA 2 519 E. Broadway Blvd. Glendale, CA 91205 818-409-3020 No cost Hepatitis B vaccinations Appointments only</p>	<p>California Family Care Medical Group SPA 4 1414 S. Grand Ave., # 100 Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-743-9000 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Appointments only</p>
<p>California Medical Center SPA 4 1338 S. Hope St. Los Angeles, CA 90015 213-748-2411 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations</p>	<p>Central Health Center SPA 4 241 N. Figueroa Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90012 213-240-8231 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations</p>

<p>(Note: doctor visit required prior to shot \$45/doctor visit) Appointments only</p>	<p>Walk in clinic hours: Mon – Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm</p>
<p>Clínica Oscar Romero SPA 4 125 S. Alvarado St. Los Angeles, CA 90057 213-989-7700 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Walk-ins available for children only</p>	<p>Curtis Tucker Health Center SPA 8 123 W. Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301 310-419-5374 No cost Hepatitis A & B vaccinations Walk-ins available</p>

SUPPORT GROUPS

<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 2 Northridge Hospital (Garden Conference Room) 18300 Roscoe Blvd. Reseda, CA 91325 Wed, Twice Monthly, 6:30pm – 8:00pm 310-670-4624 1-866-9ALF-FGLA or 1-866-925-3452</p>	<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 5 West Los Angeles VA Hospital Wadsworth Grounds Conference Room 114 Eisenhower St., Bldg. 114 Los Angeles, CA 90073 Mondays, 5:00pm – 6:30pm 310-670-4624 1-866-9ALF-FGLA or 1-866-925-3452</p>
<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 3 Methodist Hospital 300 W. Huntington Dr., Classroom # 4 Arcadia, CA 91007 4th Tues. of each month, 5:00pm – 6:30pm 310-670-4624 1-866-9ALF-FGLA or 1-866-925-3452</p>	<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 2 Kaiser Inglewood Medical Offices 110 N. La Brea Ave., 4th Floor Conference Room Inglewood, CA 91301 Call 310-670-4624 for more info. 1-866-9ALF-FGLA or 1-866-925-3452</p>
<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 3/SPA 7 Garfield Hospital 525 N. Garfield Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754 Second Thurs 6:00pm – 8:00pm Chinese speaking support group 310-670-4624 1-866-9ALF-FGLA</p>	<p>American Liver Foundation SPA 8 V.A. Hospital 5901 E. Seventh St., 5th floor Main Hospital Building, Conference Room Long Beach, CA 90822 First Mon 5:30pm – 7:30pm 310-670-4624 1-866-9ALF-FGLA or 1-866-925-3452</p>
<p>Beacons of H.O.P.E. SPA 3 For persons on treatment West Covina, CA Second and Fourth Sundays, 7:00pm 626-332-3509</p>	<p>Beacons of H.O.P.E. SPA 3 Pomona, CA Every Tuesdays, 7:00pm 626-332-3509</p>

SUPPORT GROUPS – cont.

Saddleback Hep C Support Group— Orange Co. Saddleback Church, Room # 307 1 Saddleback Pkwy. Lake Forest, CA 96230 Third Tues 6:30pm	
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LOS ANGELES NEEDLE EXCHANGE SITE AND TIMES

DAY	Address/Location	Provider	Community	Time
Sunday	Santa Monica & Sycamore	CNN	Hollywood	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Monday	627 San Julian St. – Downtown 1926 Beverly Bl. (BAART Methadone Clinic) 117 E Harry Bridges & Avalon (@ The Clinic) 512 E. Fourth St. ***2012 Lincoln Blvd. 11700 Block of Borden (Under 118 Freeway Overpass) Arroyo Glen & Avenue 64 7500 Block of Valjean (Between Sherman Way & Saticoy)	CNN HHCLA Bienestar HHCLA Common Ground TTC Bienestar TTC	Los Angeles Los Angeles Wilmington Los Angeles Santa Monica Pacoima Highland Park Van Nuys	9:00 am – 12:00 pm 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:00 am – 11:30 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	32 nd & Broadway 512 E Fourth St Santa Monica & Sycamore ***2012 Lincoln Blvd. 130 Manchester 717 Lincoln Blvd.	AADAP HHCLA CNN Common Ground Bienestar Common Ground	South Los Angeles Los Angeles Hollywood Santa Monica Los Angeles Venice	6:30 am – 9:00 am 8:30 am – 4:00 pm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	119 th & Avalon 512 E Fourth St 8741 Laurel Canyon Bl (off of Roscoe Bl. Between Peoria St & Wicks St.) 14515 Hamlin St. Suite 100 (off Van Nuys & Victory) Alley between Fickett & Mathews (South of Chavez) 604 Rose Ave. (Ask for Common Ground at Security Desk) Wilshire & Burlington	AADAP HHCLA TTC TTC Bienestar Common Ground CNN	South Los Angeles Los Angeles Sun Valley Van Nuys Boyle Heights Venice Pico Union	7:30 am – 9:30 am 8:30 am – 4:00 pm 9:30 am – 11:00 am 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday	512 E Fourth St ***2012 Lincoln Blvd. 11700 Block of Borden (Under 118 freeway Overpass) Alhambra & Johnston St. (Under Bridge) Sycamore & Santa Monica Bl	HHCLA Common Ground TTC Bienestar CNN	Los Angeles Santa Monica Pacoima Lincoln Heights Hollywood	8:30 am – 4:00 pm 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday	512 E. Fourth St. 627 San Julian St. – Downtown Alley between Fickett & Mathews (South of Chavez) 717 Lincoln Blvd.	HHCLA CNN Bienestar Common Ground	Los Angeles Los Angeles Boyle Heights Venice	8:30 am – 4:00 pm 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 10:30 am – 12:30 pm 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Information is subject to change without notification. Toll Free Schedule Line: 888-LANEX-85 **Please call to verify:**
TTC (Tarzana Treatment Centers) (818) 342-5897; **MAP (Minority AIDS Project)** (323) 936-4949 ext 122; **CNN (Clean Needles Now)** (323) 857-5366;
AADAP (Asian American Drug Abuse Program) (323) 294-4932; **HHCLA (Homeless Health Care Los Angeles)** (213) 342-3114;
Bienestar (323) 752-3100; **Common Ground** (888) 554-5459
***City of Los Angeles funds limited to City of Los Angeles residents

LOS ANGELES NEEDLE EXCHANGE SITE AND TIMES – cont.

DAY	Address/Location	Provider	Community	Time
Monday	5326 E. Beverly Blvd.	Bienestar	East Los Angeles (SPA 7)	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	1748 E. 120 th (at Spectrum Clinic at Drew University)	CNN	Watts (SPA 6)	5 to 7 p.m.
Tuesday	4450 W. Century Blvd. (at Inglewood Medical and Mental Health Services)	Common Ground	Inglewood (SPA 8)	9 to 11 a.m.
	8400 Eton Ave.	TTC	Canoga Park (SPA 2)	9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
	5326 E. Beverly Blvd.	Bienestar	East Los Angeles (SPA 7)	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	12178 San Fernando Rd.	TTC	Sylmar (SPA 1)	1 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday	431 W. Compton (at Another Chance Ministries drop in center)	AADAP	Compton (SPA 6)	6:30 to 8 a.m.
	5326 E. Beverly Blvd.	Bienestar	East Los Angeles (SPA 7)	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	1748 E. 120 th St. (at Spectrum Clinic at Drew University)	CNN	Watts (SPA 6)	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	4450 W. Century Blvd. (at Inglewood Medical and Mental Health Services)	Common Ground	Inglewood (SPA 8)	9 to 11 a.m.
	22127 Sierra Highway	TTC	Sylmar (SPA 1)	10 a.m. to 12 noon
	5326 E. Beverly Blvd.	Bienestar	East Los Angeles (SPA 7)	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Friday	11315 S. Atlantic Ave. (at BAART Lynwood Clinic)	AADAP	Lynwood (SPA 6)	6 to 8 a.m.
	5326 E. Beverly Blvd.	Bienestar	East Los Angeles (SPA 7)	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	No services provided at this time			
Sunday	No services provided at this time			

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**Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP, Inc.) (323) 294-4932; Bienestar (323) 752-3100; Clean Needles Now (CNN) (323) 857-5366;
Common Ground (310) 314-5480; Tarzana Treatment Centers (TTC) (818) 342-5897**

PHARMACIES SPECIALIZING IN HCV

<p>AD-RX Pharmacy SPA 4 6240 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048 323-936-8221 www.modernhealthinc.com</p>	<p>AIDS Healthcare Foundation SPA 5 West Side Pharmacy 99 N. La Cienega Suite #200 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 310-854-2330</p>
<p>Central Care Pharmacy SPA 2 Dr. Tihana Skaricic, Pharm D., Hepatitis Specialist 16260 Ventura Blvd., Suite # 100 Encino, CA 91433 818-386-1888 Fax-818-386-1188 www.Central-care.com</p>	<p>ITSRx SPA 4 5310 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90022 800-511-5144 www.itsrx.com</p>
<p>Option Care - Walgreens SPA 1 Lancaster, Palmdale and surrounding areas 866-628-1820</p>	<p>PX Drugstore SPA 2 5160 Vineland Ave., Suite # 101 North Hollywood, CA 91601 818-769-0313 www.modernhealthinc.com</p>
<p>Walgreens Pharmacy SPA 4 5843 West Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90019 323-692-0506</p>	<p>Walgreens Pharmacy SPA 2 23925 Newhall Ranch Rd. Santa Clarita, CA 661-255-7551†</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">To find pharmacies participating in the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project, visit www.helpstophepc.com</p>	

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

<p>Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum 450 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA 94108 415-954-9988 www.apiahf.org</p>	<p>Association of Asian Pacific Community Health 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Oakland, CA 94612 510-272-9536 www.aapcho.org</p>
<p>Latino Organization for Liver Awareness P.O. Box # 842 Throggs Neck Station Bronx, New York 10465 718-892-8697 or 888-367-5652 English and Spanish information for people with liver disease www.lola-national.org</p>	<p>Office of Minority Health Resource Center P.O. Box # 37337 Washington D.C. 20013-7337 800-444-6472 TDD 301-251-1432 Fax 301-251-2160 Information and referral services for minorities in English and Spanish www.omhrc.gov</p>
<p>The National Alliance for Hispanic Health The Su Familia Hispanic Health Helpline 1501 16th St., NW Washington DC 20036 1-866-783-2645 (1-866-Su Familia) 202-387-5000 Information on health issues affecting health Information, materials and referrals available in Spanish & English www.hispanichealth.org</p>	<p>United American Indian Involvement, Inc. SPA 4 1125 W. 6th St., Ste. 103 Los Angeles, CA 90017 213-202-3970 Outpatient counseling, HIV testing and risk reduction counseling, advocacy, case management, substance abuse outpatient counseling, Prop 36 www.uaii.org</p>

HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED

<p>Center for Disease Control and Prevention National HIV/AIDS Hotline for the Hearing Impaired TDD 800-243-7889 Call if you have HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>US Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Disability Rights Section - NYAV 950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington D.C. 20035-6738 800-514-0301 TDD 800-514-0383 Provides guidance regarding disability rights issues www.ada.gov</p>
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WOMENS' GROUPS

<p>National Women's Health Network 514 10th St., N.W., Ste. # 400 Washington D.C. 20004 202-347-1140 202-628-7814 health information www.nwhn.org</p>	
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HEALTH ORGANIZATION LINKS

AIDS Project Los Angeles www.apla.org

American Association for the Study of Liver Disease www.aasld.org

American Association of Gastroenterology www.gastro.org

American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association www.aarda.org

American Liver Foundation www.liverfoundation.org

California AIDS Hotline www.sfaf.org/aboutsfaf/hotline.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/hepatitis

Cedars–Sinai Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation www.cedars-sinai.edu/643.html

Department of Health Services Los Angeles County www.ladhs.org

Disease Prevention Demonstration Project www.helpstophepc.com

Dr. C. Everett Koop's web site www.dr.koop.com

The Dumont UCLA Transplant Center
<http://www2.healthcare.ucla.edu/transplant/liverhome.html>

Food and Drug Administration www.fda.gov

Food Safety and Shellfish Education www.issc.org

Harm Reduction Coalition www.harmreduction.org

Health Finder www.healingwell.com/hepatitis/

Health Touch www.healthtouch.com/level1/menu.htm

Hepatitis C Connection www.hepc-connection.org

Hepatitis C Support Project www.hcvadvocate.org

Hepatitis Central www.hepatitis-central.org

Hepatitis Foundation International www.hepfi.org

HIV and Hepatitis.com www.hivandhepatitis.com

HEALTH ORGANIZATION LINKS – cont.

Immunization Action Coalition www.immunize.org

Latino Organization for Liver Awareness www.lola-national.org

Life saving Alternatives to Blood Transfusions www.noblood.com

Los Angeles Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles www.hepctaskforce.org

Los Angeles Public Health--Immunization www.lapublichealth.org/ip

National Center for Complimentary & Alternative Medicine
www.nccam.nih.gov/health/hepatitisc/

National Council on Patient Information & Education www.talkaboutrx.org/index.jsp

National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive, & Kidney Diseases
<http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/chronichepc/index.htm>

National Institute of Health – Hepatitis C
<http://medlineplus.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hepatitisc.html>

National Library of Medicine www.nlm.nih.gov

St. Vincent Medical Center Transplant Center
<http://www.organtransplants.com/Kidney/index.shtml>

UCI Division of Transplantation—Liver www.ucihealth.com/transplant/default.htm

United European Gastroenterology Federation www.uegf.org

United Network for Organ Sharing www.unos.org

USC Liver Transplant Program/Center for Liver Disease www.livertransplant.org

Veterans Affairs National Hepatitis C Program www.hepatitis.va.gov

World Health Organization www.who.org

CLINICAL TRIALS

Center Watch www.centerwatch.com

HEALTH ORGANIZATION LINKS – cont.

Clinical Trials Information www.veritasmedicine.com

Clinical Trials Registry www.clinicaltrials.gov

UCLA Care Center www.uclacarecenter.org

EXERCISE & FITNESS

Health & Fitness Tips www.health-fitness-tips.com

Yoga for Beginners www.abc-of-yoga.com

MENTAL HEALTH

Center for Mental Health Services www.mentalhealth.org

Mental Help Net www.mentalhelp.net

National Institute of Mental Health www.nimh.nih.gov

TRAVEL INFORMATION

CDC Healthy Travel Information www.cdc.gov/travel

To Find a Travel Medicine Specialist www.istm.org/clinic_frame_redirect.html

World Traveler Hepatitis Information www.travelsafely.com

HEPATITIS FACT SHEET

National Overview

- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is the most common chronic blood-borne viral infection in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- HCV, formerly known as non-A non-B hepatitis, was first identified in 1988. It was estimated to have infected as many as 242,000 Americans per year during the 1980s.
- According to the CDC and HIV and Hepatitis organizations, an estimated 4.1 million Americans (1.6%) are infected with HCV.ⁱ
- Of the Americans infected with HCV, 3.2 million (78%) have chronic hepatitis C. These numbers are likely to be underestimated because certain populations at high risk for HCV, such as incarcerated persons, are not included in the statistical information.
- Hepatitis C is responsible for an estimated 8,000–10,000 deaths in the United States every year. That number is likely to triple within the next 10–20 years unless effective interventions are developed.ⁱⁱ

California Overview

- Currently, hepatitis C affects an estimated 650,000 people in the State of California.ⁱⁱⁱ This has increased from 598,000 in 1997. Of the people currently infected, an estimated 447,000 have chronic hepatitis C.
- Five thousand Californians are newly infected each year.

Los Angeles County Overview

- In Los Angeles County, an estimated 180,000 persons are infected with HCV, and rates of HCV infection in the general population are estimated at 1.8%.
- Rates of infection among some high-risk populations, such as injecting drug users, are much higher. For example, results from a CDC demonstration project in Los Angeles County show rates as high as 67.8% among injecting drug users.^{iv}
- Between 1997–2003, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) has received 70 reports of acute hepatitis C and 56,298 reports of chronic hepatitis C. Cases of chronic hepatitis are not confirmed because DHS, like

HEPATITIS C FACT SHEET – cont.

most health departments around the country, does not have the resources to investigate these reports.

- Underreporting of HCV cases is an issue for many reasons: persons may be unaware that they are infected, hepatitis C tests are expensive and hard to access, the definition of acute and chronic cases of HCV has changed and may be confusing to some health care providers, and not all health care providers are aware that chronic HCV is reportable.

Health Impacts

- HCV is transmitted by exposure to infected blood products. Sexual Transmission is possible, but not common (and is usually associated with drug driven unprotected sex).
- It is most common among people who have injected drugs at some point during their lives. People who have received blood transfusions prior to July 1992 are also at risk. Others at risk include children born to HCV-positive women, sexual partners of persons with HCV and health care or emergency workers.
- Many persons who have HCV are not aware they are infected. Most persons with acute infection (60%–70%) show no symptoms. Of those who do show symptoms, many show nonspecific symptoms such as abdominal pain. Only 20% to 30% of those who show symptoms have jaundice.
- After acute infection, most persons (75% – 85%) develop chronic HCV infection. Active liver infection develops in 60–70% of chronically infected persons. Chronic liver disease usually progresses at a slow rate without symptoms or signs in the majority of patients for 20 or more years after infection.
- Persons who do not know they have acute or chronic HCV infection may unknowingly transmit the disease to others. Also, they may unknowingly engage in behaviors that could further damage their liver, such as drinking alcohol.
- HCV is the leading cause of chronic liver disease in the United States. Persons chronically infected with hepatitis C are at risk for developing cirrhosis and liver cancer.
- Hepatitis C is now the leading cause of liver transplants in the United States.ⁱⁱ

HEPATITIS C FACT SHEET – cont.

- Hepatitis C virus can be “cleared” from the body. Some infected people may clear the virus without treatment after acute infection (approximately 15 – 20% of mono-infected people). Acute infection refers to the first six months of infection, when the body develops antibodies to the new viral infection. HIV/HCV+ people have a lesser chance of viral clearance on their own during acute infection (7 – 10% success rate). For those who do not clear the virus on their own, treatment is recommended during acute infection, because the chances are much better in this early phase of infection that the virus will respond to treatment and be cleared. During chronic infection (after six months and before one might progress over time to advanced liver disease, fibrosis or cirrhosis), if the virus is treated successfully, where there is a sustained virologic response (SVR), meaning the Hepatitis C viral load is undetectable six to 12 months post treatment, then the virus is considered “cleared” from the body.

HIV and Hepatitis C Co-infection

- Studies show that co-infection rates with Hepatitis C can be as high as 40%. An estimated 60 – 90% of people who contracted HIV from injection drug use also are infected with hepatitis C.
- The progression of hepatitis C appears to occur 2 – 5 times faster in HIV infected individuals than in people with hepatitis C mono infection.
- Once hepatitis C damages the liver, the liver has a harder time absorbing HIV medications. HIV and hepatitis C medications can also have negative interactions and can cause extreme side effects.
- The presence of hepatitis C may slow immune system recovery after HIV treatment is started. People on HIV protease inhibitors can also experience body changes, which result in higher fat in the liver.

Economic Impact

- The costs of acute and chronic Hepatitis C are high. It is estimated that over \$600 million are spent each year in the United States on HCV-related medical care and lost wages. In California, costs are estimated at over \$50 million per

HEPATITIS C FACT SHEET – cont.

year.ⁱⁱ Costs are expected to continue to grow in the future, as people infected 10 – 30 years ago begin to experience problems related to chronic liver disease.

- There is no cure for HCV, and treatments for those infected with HCV are very expensive and not very effective. There is currently no vaccine to prevent HCV.

Prevention

- Don't share drug-using equipment: water, needles, cookers, syringes, cottons, corks, or ties
- Tattoos and body piercings should be done only with sterilized or disposal be needles (and ink that is not contaminated)
- Don't share personal items like toothbrushes, razors, or clippers
- Avoid contact with anything that may be contaminated with blood

i Source: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III)

ii California Hepatitis C Strategic Plan

iii Based on the 2005 California census count

iv Department of Health Services Office of AIDS Programs and Policy unpublished data, 2003.



The Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County Participation Form

Yes, I would like to advocate for the needs of people at risk for and living with Hepatitis C infection. By filling out the form below I will be added onto the Hepatitis C Task Force email list. Please fill out the following information and fax to 213-201-1392.

ORGANIZATION: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ **FAX:** (_____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

I would like to refer the following individual/organization to be invited to your next meeting:

ORGANIZATION: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ **FAX:** (_____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

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Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County

Shaping policy and advocating for the needs of people at risk for and living with hepatitis C infection