Why is Hepatitis C everybody’s responsibility?

“We are responsible for each other and ourselves.”
– Kodiak Alutiiq Cultural Value

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention American Indian and Alaska Native people have the highest mortality rate from hepatitis C (HCV) of any race or ethnicity. Hepatitis C is treatable in our communities, by our own providers.

The Hep C Mask

This mask, from the exhibit “Aggravated Organisms,” was carved by Drew Michael (Yupik/Inupiaq) and painted by Elizabeth Ellis (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq) to represent hepatitis C.

This mask traveled through Alaska and the Seattle area to spread awareness before being burned in a traditional ceremony.

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board aims to raise awareness of the hepatitis C mask, the story of its modern creation, and its message of the importance of hepatitis C testing and treatment.

Register

Attend the free Hepatitis C clinical training focusing on the management & treatment of patients with hepatitis C. The 2-day training includes an opportunity to learn about the ECHO model of collaborative learning, present cases, receive recommendations from a specialist, engage in multiple didactic sessions, and become part of a learning community.

For more information:

- Text Window Rock to 97779, or
- Visit www.npaihb.org/hcv/#HCVclinicaltraining

Hepatitis C: Free Clinical Training

Hepatitis C can be cured and our IHS, tribal, and urban Indian primary care clinics have the capacity to provide this cure.

AfreetrainingforI/T/U facilities to provide a range of HCV services at the primary care level will take place May 3rd in Window Rock, AZ.
Hepatitis C has historically been difficult to treat, with highly toxic drug regimens and low efficacy (cure) rates. In recent years, however, medical options have vastly improved: current treatments have almost no side effects, are oral-only, and have cure rates of over 90%.

Curing a patient of chronic hepatitis C greatly reduces the risk of liver cancer and liver failure. These new drug regimens have made early detection and treatment of hepatitis C critical.

To learn about current FDA approved drug regimens visit hepatitisc.uw.edu