

Purpose

Lead the community response to the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat in South Australia by 2030

Values

- Participation of people affected by viral hepatitis
- Respect for diversity and the context of people’s lives
- Partnership
- Creativity and innovation
- Evidence-based practice
- Accountability and transparency

Guiding Principles

- Access and Equity
- Health Promotion
- Harm Reduction
- Human Rights
- Self Determination

Framework

The framework for the Hepatitis SA Strategic Plan 2020–2025 is based on the priority areas for action in the Third National Hepatitis B Strategy, the Fifth National Hepatitis C Strategy, and the Fifth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STI & BBV Strategy, and their South Australian Implementation Plans.

Priority Areas	Strategies
<p>1. Education & Prevention</p> <p><i>Improve knowledge and awareness of viral hepatitis in the general community and priority populations, to support prevention of transmission and engagement in testing, treatment and care</i></p> <p><i>Improve equitable access to prevention for all priority populations</i></p>	<p>1.1 Lead <i>World Hepatitis Day</i> activities in South Australia and participate in other community events / campaigns which raise awareness of viral hepatitis.</p> <p>1.2 Provide a hepatitis helpline, including access for prisoners</p> <p>1.3 Provide viral hepatitis education to priority populations</p> <p>1.4 Produce and distribute tailored viral hepatitis information resources in various formats, to priority populations</p> <p>1.5 Provide CNP peer education and support services to people who inject drugs</p> <p>1.6 Work in partnership with clinicians to facilitate hepatitis B vaccination clinics to key communities</p>

<p>2. Testing, Treatment & Management</p> <p><i>Maximise the number of people diagnosed</i></p> <p><i>Support innovative testing and care for people living with viral hepatitis</i></p>	<p>2.1 Support/promote innovative testing and care in community settings</p> <p>2.2 Work in partnership with clinicians to facilitate community based viral hepatitis screening clinics for high-risk communities, including people from high prevalence countries</p>
<p>3. Equitable Access & Care Coordination</p> <p><i>Continue to strengthen connections between priority populations, the healthcare workforce and community organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure equitable access to treatment and care for all priority populations...</i></p>	<p>3.1 In partnership with community-based viral hepatitis nurses, provide outreach hepatitis C treatment peer education and support to engage priority populations in HCV care/ treatment</p> <p>3.2 Participate in the South Australian Viral Hepatitis Nurse led Model of Care Reference Group and other advisory groups and processes aimed at improving equitable access and care coordination</p> <p>3.3 Promote / support equitable access to the full range of viral hepatitis services available in the community, for people in custodial services</p> <p>3.4 Pursue funding opportunities for an equitable response to HBV in South Australia (<i>compared to HCV</i>).</p>
<p>4. Workforce</p> <p><i>Facilitate a highly skilled, multidisciplinary workforce that is respectful of and responsive to people with viral hepatitis</i></p>	<p>4.1 Provide/support viral hepatitis workforce development to health, community and other relevant workforces.</p> <p>4.2 Produce and distribute viral hepatitis information resources for general practitioners and other targeted workforces</p> <p>4.3 Provide a helpline service for health and community workforces</p> <p>4.4 Build on relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and multicultural workforces to support their response to viral hepatitis.</p> <p>4.5 Build relationships with universities and training organisations to provide future workforces with opportunities to increase their knowledge and skills re viral hepatitis.</p>
<p>5. Addressing Stigma & Creating an Enabling Environment</p> <p><i>Minimise the impact of stigma and discrimination on the health of people with viral hepatitis</i></p> <p><i>Address legal, regulatory & policy barriers which affect priority populations and influences their health seeking behaviours</i></p>	<p>5.1 Challenge stigma and discrimination by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitating activities which support people affected by viral hepatitis to <i>speak</i> publicly about their experiences, • providing a positive image of viral hepatitis in the media and on social media, including correcting misinformation • assisting individuals to address discrimination related to viral hepatitis <p>5.2 Provide feedback to relevant parties / participate in consultation processes regarding structural barriers which affect access to viral hepatitis health services for priority populations</p>
<p>6. Data, Surveillance, Research & Evaluation</p> <p><i>Continue to build a strong evidence base for responding to viral hepatitis</i></p>	<p>6.1 Promote/support South Australian research and participation in national research studies</p> <p>6.2 Provide an online library which promotes current research</p> <p>6.3 Participate in the monitoring and review of the local implementation of the national viral hepatitis strategies</p>