

# **WHO @ THE GLOBAL HEPATITIS SUMMIT 2023**

25–28 April 2023

Paris, France & ONLINE

# Programme overview



## Pre-conference Hepatitis C Point of Care Testing Forum

Monday, 24 April, 14:20 – 15:00



## Plenary 2 Public health interventions in liver diseases

Wednesday, 26 April, 11:00 – 13:00



## Debate 1 Public health

Wednesday, 26 April, 14:00 – 16:00



## WHO symposium

Thursday, 27 April, 08:30 – 10:30



## NoHep Medical Visionaries Symposium

Thursday, 27 April, 16:30 – 18:30

## Updated global guidance on hepatitis testing, including point-of-care testing technologies

Philippa Easterbrook, Global Hepatitis Programme, WHO

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## Global achievements and failures in viral hepatitis elimination + Q&A

Meg Doherty, Director Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes, WHO

Moderator: Philippa Easterbrook, Global Hepatitis Programme, WHO

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## Improving screening and linkage-to-care in viral hepatitis B and C

Philippa Easterbrook, WHO &

Mark Thursz - Imperial College London

Chairs: Niklas Luhmann - WHO Switzerland &

Jason Grebely - The Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney

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## Viral Hepatitis Elimination

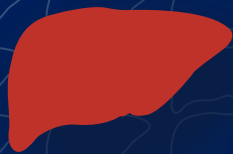
### What's new - What's next - What's missing in WHO guidance

Join us to learn about the innovative new WHO Global Health Sector Strategy on viral hepatitis (2022-2030), the global elimination pilots and its implications for high burden countries, new directions for hepatitis B and C service delivery and data for person centred care and participate in the exciting panel discussion on what's missing in the global response.

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Moderators: Olufunmilayo Lesi, Global Hepatitis Programme, WHO &  
Su Wang, USA

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# WHO symposium - Viral Hepatitis Elimination

**What's new | What's next | What's missing in WHO guidance**

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## Background

Chronic viral hepatitis B and C remain priority public health concerns and despite the considerable progress in the global viral hepatitis response, there were an estimated **3 million new cases and 1.1 million deaths in 2019**.

Over the last years, WHO in collaboration with key partners and Member States has shared and collated the most important lessons learned from early experience in all aspects of the national hepatitis response, to help guide the next generation of countries in scaling up of their national hepatitis response.

WHO continues to lead progress in guideline innovations with differentiated care and simplified service delivery models with progressive decentralization of diagnosis, care and treatment to primary care.

Global pilots from 7 countries show that although elimination is feasible, scale up of services and strengthening of hepatitis data and surveillance systems are critical and a specific Path-to-Elimination will be required for high burden countries.

This WHO symposium will be an opportunity to share updates on key recent developments as well as selected regional and country experience from across the world.

## Agenda

Co-chairs:

**Professor Margaret Hellard**, Deputy Director, Burnet Institute & Head, Hepatitis Services, Department of Infectious Diseases, The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Australia & **Dr Meg Doherty**, Director of Global HIV, Hepatitis & STIs Programmes, WHO, Geneva.

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**Setting the scene-what's new** - evolving global perspective and strategy for hepatitis - Meg Doherty, WHO

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**Measuring and defining viral hepatitis response** towards the 2025 and 2030 elimination targets - Olufunmilayo Lesi, WHO

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**What's new and what's next - HBV and HCV guidelines:** Simplified service delivery for adults & children- a public health approach, including reflex testing, self-testing, Upcoming HBV recommendations and evidence - Philippa Easterbrook, WHO

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**Reaching hepatitis elimination in key populations** and people who inject drugs - Niklas Luhmann

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Current and future data. Getting to person centered data, hepatitis cascade and sentinel surveillance to measure mortality impact - Catherine de Martel, WHO/IARC & Diana Faini, WHO

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Facilitated panel discussion: **Looking ahead to 2030: What's missing**

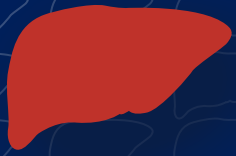
- Country perspectives: HCV self-testing in Pakistan - Dr Saeed Hamid
- Implementing partner: Dr Oriel Fernandez, CHAI
- Community perspectives: Dr Su Wang, World Hepatitis Alliance
- The financing gap: Finn Jarle Rode/Maria Salazar, The Hepatitis Fund
- Coordinated public health responses from Countries: Dr John Ward, CGHE
- Data to measure and drive progress: Dr Homie Razavi, CDA Foundation

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Closing reflections and way forward.  
Professor Margaret Hellard.

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# WHO's work on viral hepatitis

Fact sheets on hepatitis [A](#) | [B](#) | [C](#) | [D](#) | [E](#)

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[WHO hepatitis guidelines](#)

[Global Health Sector Strategies on viral hepatitis for the period 2022-2030](#)