

HCV Elimination beyond the clinic: Can elimination be achieved without Drug & Alcohol Communities?

Australian and international HCV Guidelines have long focused on the need for simplification and streamline of the HCV Care cascade as one of the key actions to increase diagnosis and linkage to care of HCV patients in general, and PWIDS in particular, in order to achieve the WHO 2030 objective of HCV elimination.

Join us at this virtual symposium as our experts share best practice and innovation in models of care, including point of care testing for people with Hepatitis C who use drugs. Act locally, think globally to achieve HCV elimination in Australia.

Date: Saturday 27th Feb **8:45 am – 9:45am (AbbVie Virtual Hepatitis C Symposium)**
Virtual iMIA 2021 National Conference – Online via OnAir Digital Platform

8:45 am: Online presentation starts. Chair welcome & Introductions : **A/Prof Joe Doyle**

8:50 am: **“Hepatitis C Test and Treat: Is point of care testing the way forward?”**

A/Prof Joe Doyle

Associate Professor Joseph Doyle is a clinician-researcher and dual-trained infectious diseases and public health physician. He has a particular interest in the epidemiology, management and prevention of blood borne viruses (HIV, HCV and HBV). He completed his MPH at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and his public health fellowship was undertaken at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory and Burnet Institute. His PhD at Monash School of Population Health was focused on the effectiveness of early HCV treatment.

Joseph is currently NHMRC Career Development Fellow and A/Prof in Department of Infectious Diseases at The Alfred and Monash University, clinical lead for Alfred Health Population Health Partnership, and jointly appointed as Deputy Director of Disease Elimination Program at Burnet Institute. He is a chief investigator the Elimination C Australia Partnership where he leads the Workforce Development and Health Service Delivery stream.

9.10am: **“The evolution of testing and treatment of HCV in a Medically Supervised Injecting Room”**

A/Prof Nico Clark

Associate Professor Nico Clark is an addiction medicine physician, Head of the Addiction Medicine Service at Royal Melbourne Hospital and Medical Director of the Medically Supervised Injecting Room at North Richmond Community Health. He completed an MPH at Monash University, and MD at Melbourne University focused on alternatives to methadone for the treatment of opioid dependence. He worked for the World Health Organization in the Management of Substance Abuse team in Geneva for 10 years and was clinical director of Drug and Alcohol Services in South Australia and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre at DASSA - University of Adelaide.

9:30-9:45 am: **LIVE Q&A**

How to join: On the day of the symposium just go into the program as you would for other sessions and click on the time slot for 8.45am Saturday 27th Feb

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