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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to send you the enclosed information about the 2012 People Living with Hepatitis Scholarship Program for the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference. The conference will be held on **March 20, 2012 at the City University of New York, 34th Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City**. We plan to award thirty-five (35) scholarships to persons living with hepatitis B, C or that have HCV or HBV/HIV co-infection who currently reside in New York State. **Please note: Individuals who are awarded scholarships and, without prior notification to Conference Staff, do not attend this conference, forfeit eligibility for a scholarship to the next scheduled conference.** Individuals not awarded a scholarship to the 2010 conference will be given first priority in 2012.

Scholarships cover the conference registration fee of \$100, only. Please refer to the enclosed document which describes the scholarship program in more detail.

If you are a person living with hepatitis B, C or that have HCV or HBV/HIV co-infection, please take this opportunity to submit an application to be eligible for one of the 35 scholarships.

Please complete the enclosed scholarship application and conference registration form. **Incompletely filled out application or registration forms, or a form not being enclosed, will result in your not being considered for scholarship eligibility.** Return both forms to:

Daniel Tietz, Consumer Advocate,
New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute, HIV Health Care & Policy
Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 412
Albany, New York 12237

or you may fax the completed application to Daniel Tietz at (518) 486-1315.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2012. All information provided will be kept strictly CONFIDENTIAL. Accepted applicants will be notified by March 1, 2012.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Scholarship Program, please call Daniel Tietz toll free at 877-874-0776 or via e-mail at det01@health.state.ny.us

Thank you for your interest in the NYSDOH 2012 Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference. Please share this letter and the enclosed information with others who may be eligible for a scholarship.

Sincerely,



Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS
Dir., Viral Hepatitis Section



Daniel Tietz
Consumer Advocate, HIV Health Care & Policy

2012 HEPATITIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA

I. Eligibility

- A.** Persons living with hepatitis C, B or that have HCV or HBV/HIV co-infection who currently reside in New York State.
- B.** Scholarships are intended for individuals who:
 - 1.** are active in hepatitis awareness or support activities in their community;
 - 2.** have working knowledge, background or strong interest in Hepatitis;
 - 3.** do not have a source of financial support to attend the conference; and
 - 4.** are able to participate in conference activities.
- C.** Individuals who are awarded scholarships and, without prior notification to Conference Staff, do not attend this conference, forfeit eligibility for a scholarship to the next scheduled conference.

II. Award Selection

- A.** Upon receipt, each application will be reviewed for completeness.
- B.** If there are more applications than scholarships, nominees will be chosen by lottery from among the total pool of applicants.
- C.** Thirty-five (35) scholarships will be awarded to reflect the diversity of persons living with hepatitis B, C or that have HCV or HBV/HIV co-infection in New York State to ensure broad representation among scholars. *Individuals not awarded scholarship to the 2010 conference will be given first priority in 2012.
- D.** Scholars will be notified by mail of their award following the selection process. Information and materials will be sent to each recipient, including the conference brochure and registration form.

III. Awards

Scholarships cover the conference registration fee only. This registration fee includes conference materials and breakfast and lunch during the conference. Scholars are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements, if needed.

**2012 STATEWIDE VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete one form per individual; photocopies accepted. **Application MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2012 in order to be considered.** Submission of the application does not guarantee a scholarship award. Please read the attached 2012 Viral Hepatitis Conference Scholarship Program Criteria for description of scholarship terms and benefits. HCV, HBV and HIV status information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL. Candidates should be able to participate in conference activities. Should the number of applicants for scholarships exceed available financial resources; scholarships will be awarded by lottery. **Individuals who are awarded scholarships and, without prior notification to Conference Staff, do not attend this conference, forfeit eligibility for a scholarship to the next scheduled conference.** *Individuals not awarded a scholarship to the 2010 conference will be given first priority in 2012.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED.

Name of applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone/Other: _____

E-mail address: _____ Alternate e-mail: _____

- I have read the scholarship criteria and I verify that I qualify for a scholarship.
- I applied for a scholarship in 2010 but did not receive one.

Signature

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This information will help us ensure a diverse representation among scholars. Thank you for your cooperation. All information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

GENDER

- Male
- Female
- Transgender

AGE RANGE

- Under 18 18-25
- 26-31 32-40
- 41-49 50-59
- 60 and above

RACE/ETHNICITY

- African American Native American
- Asian/Pacific Islander Latino
- Caucasian Other _____
Please specify

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2012:

BY MAIL TO:
DANIEL TIETZ
NYSDOH
ESP, CORNING TOWER ROOM 412
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12237
PHONE: 877-874-0776

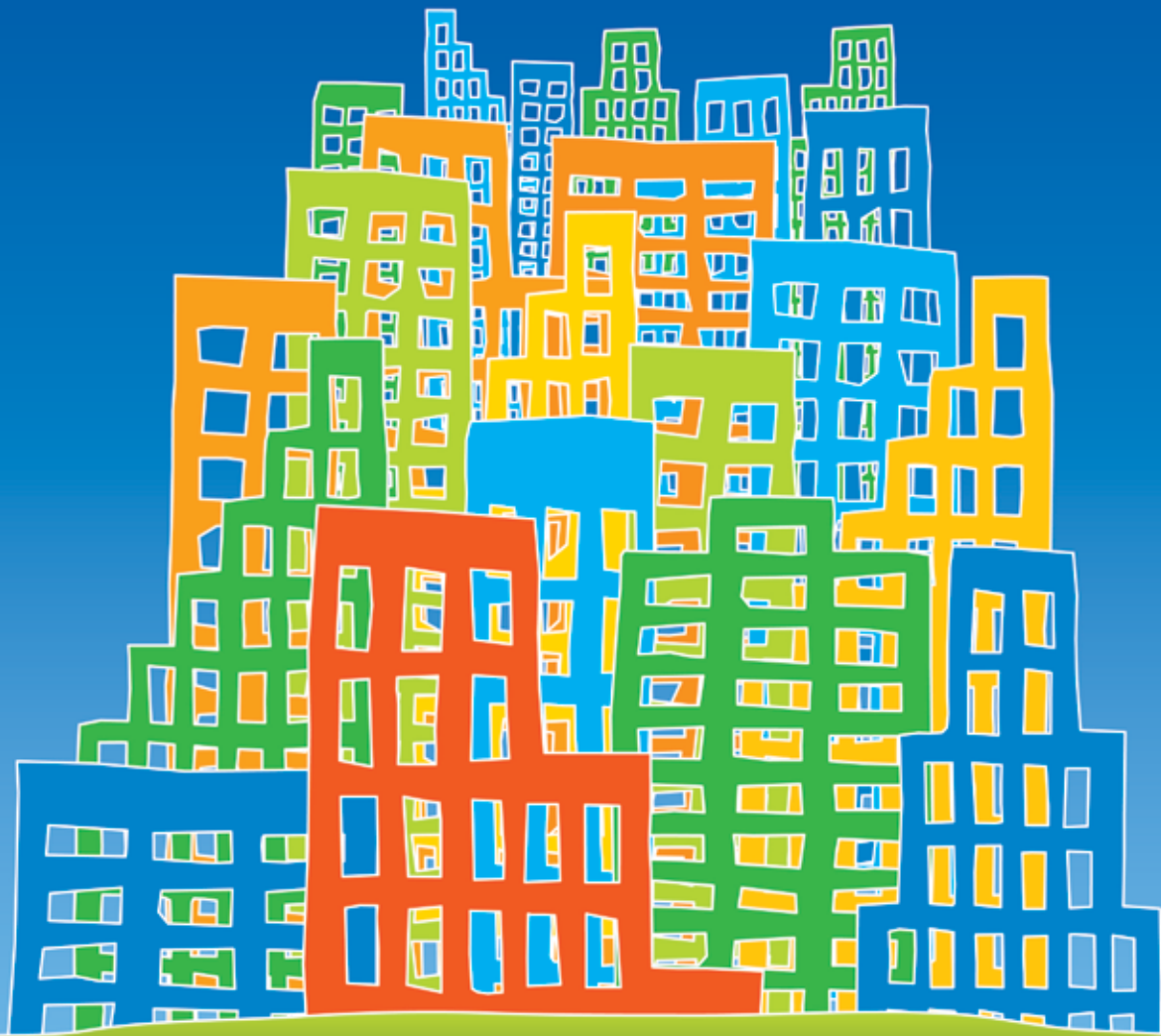
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New York State Department of Health

2012 Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference

City University of New York Graduate Center

March 20, 2012



Supported by Health Research, Inc. and New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center

9:00 am–9:15 am		WELCOME	
9:15 am–10:15 am		Opening Plenary Public health challenges for hepatitis C prevention, treatment and care Gregory Dore, PhD Head, Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program The Kirby Institute Australia	
Session A	10:15 am–11:15 am	Track #1	Putting the Direct Acting Antiviral (DAAs) into practice – Case studies Ira Jacobson, MD Medical Director, Center for the Study of Hepatitis C Weill Cornell Medical College
		Track #2	Promoting hepatitis awareness through social media Val Jones, MD CEO, Better Health, LLC.
		Track #3	Hepatitis B virus – From pre-treatment evaluation through treatment Albert D. Min, MD Professor of Clinical Medicine Director of Hepatology, Division of Digestive Diseases Beth Israel Medical Center
11:15 am–11:30 am		BREAK	
Session B	11:30 am–12:30 pm	Track #1	Use of the DAAs in HIV/HCV coinfecting patients – Efficacy and safety Mark Sulkowski, MD Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Center in the Divisions of Infectious Diseases and Gastroenterology/Hepatology John Hopkins University School of Medicine
		Track #2	Care and treatment of HBV and HCV patients with cirrhosis Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD Chief, Digestive Diseases Section - VA CT Healthcare System Director, Clinical and Translational Core - Yale Liver Center
		Track #3	Replicating ECHO – A model to expand access to primary care treatment of viral hepatitis Sanjeev Arora, MD Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine University of New Mexico John D. Scott, M.D., M.Sc. Assistant Professor, Medicine Hepatitis and Liver Clinic Harborview Medical Center
12:30 pm–1:30 pm		LUNCH	
Session C	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Track #1	Burden of Hepatitis B and C in New York Rachel Hart Malloy, MPH New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute Katherine Bornschlegel, MPH Research Scientist New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
		Track #2	Hepatitis B and C screening strategies Bryce Smith, PhD Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Viral Hepatitis Ponni Perumalswami, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine, Liver Diseases Mount Sinai Medical Center
		Track #3	Hepatitis care and treatment models – Integrating into primary care settings Su Wang, MD Assistant Director of Medical Affairs Charles B Wang Community Health Center Christine Kerr, MD Hudson River Health Center
Session D	3:00 pm–4:00 pm	Track #1	Drug User Health Sharon Stancliff, MD Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition
		Track #2	Screening, diagnosis and treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (HBV and HCV) Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH Chief, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Chief, Clinical Epidemiology and Outcomes Baylor College of Medicine
		Track #3	Hepatitis C virus - A guide to pre-treatment evaluation David Bernstein, MD Chief, Digestive Disease Institute, Division Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition North Shore University Hospital/LIJ
4:00 pm		AJOURN	

March 20, 2012 Full Day Conference Agenda

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is pleased to announce the 2012 Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference to be held Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in New York City.

The purpose of this conference is to provide the most up-to-date information on hepatitis B and C epidemiology, diagnosis, management, treatment and prevention, which will assist health and human service providers to offer the most effective care to persons infected with HBV and HCV. It is our hope that, by promoting collaborations and the sharing of knowledge, ideas and experience, we can continue to make advances in the prevention and management of HBV and HCV infections.

By the end of the HBV and HCV conference, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the impact of a national strategy on creating an effective HCV service delivery system.
2. Discuss the appropriate uses of Boceprevir and Telaprevir for HCV genotype 1 infected patients.
3. Describe the benefits of using social media web sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to promote hepatitis awareness among the general public.
4. Identify the procedures conducted during the pre-treatment evaluation of a patient with chronic HBV.
5. Discuss the efficacy and safety of the Direct Acting Agents in the HIV/HCV coinfecting populations.
6. Identify the early signs of cirrhosis secondary to HBV and HCV.
7. Describe the core elements of the Extension for Community Health Care Outcomes (ECHO) model.
8. State the burden of hepatitis B and hepatitis C disease in New York City and New York State.
9. Describe new screening strategies to identify persons infected with HBV and HCV.
10. Describe the infrastructure necessary to support hepatitis care and treatment in primary care settings.
11. Describe ways to enhance access to health care services for substance users.
12. Describe the process for screening for and diagnosing hepatocellular carcinoma.

Conference Format

The 2012 Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference takes place on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 beginning at 8 a.m. with registration. The opening plenary will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by multiple break out sessions. The conference will end at 4 p.m.

Continuing Education Credits

CME: Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) through the joint sponsorship of School of Public Health, University at Albany, and NYSDOH CEI (Clinical Education Initiative). The School of Public Health, University at Albany, is accredited by the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CME: Credit Designation Statement

School of Public Health, University at Albany, designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing: Continuing Education Units

This program has been submitted for continuing education hours to the School of Public Health, University at Albany, an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New York State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Substance Abuse Counselor: Continuing Education Units

This conference has been approved by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) and satisfies the requirements for CASAC, CPP and/or CPS initial credentialing and/or renewal clock hours

Policy on Faculty & Sponsor Disclosure

It is the policy of MSSNY and the New York State Nurses Association that the faculty and sponsor disclose real or apparent conflict of interest relating to the topics of this educational activity, and also disclose discussions of unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or devices during their presentation(s). Detailed disclosure will be made in the course handout materials.

Registration

The conference is open to anyone who is interested. Early registration is recommended. The conference fee is \$100 and includes the cost of tuition and materials, a non-refundable registration fee of \$35, and meals (i.e., continental breakfast, refreshment break and lunch). Should you cancel your registration up to 72 hours prior to the conference, you will be refunded the entire conference fee with the exception of the \$35 non-refundable registration fee. No refunds will be made after that time.

Payment at the door is \$125 and the student fee is \$75. College ID must be presented at registration on the day of the conference to be eligible for the student fee.

Registration Deadline

March 6, 2012

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for persons living with hepatitis B and C who require assistance with attending the 2012 Statewide Viral Hepatitis Conference. It is recommended that persons requiring assistance explore other institutions before requesting scholarship funding. Conference scholarships will pay for the full-day conference registration fee of \$100.

Contact

Applications may be obtained by contacting Daniel Tietz at the NYSDOH at (518) 486-7302.

Application Deadline for Scholarships

February 3, 2012

Conference Location & Hotel Reservations

Conference Location

The conference will be held at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY. For more information, please visit their web site at: www.gc.cuny.edu

Hotel Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Affinia Manhattan, 371 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY. The room rate is \$204 per night, plus tax. The hotel will release the block of rooms to the general public on February 20, 2012. Please call the hotel directly at (866) 233-4642 to make reservations. To receive the special room rate, please mention the "Hepatitis Conference" to the reservation staff.

Additional Information

Attendance Confirmations

Each conference registrant will receive an e-mail confirmation. If you do not have e-mail, please call (518) 486-6806. Please do not make any travel arrangements until confirmation has been received.

Parking and Driving Directions

Parking and driving directions to the conference location are available at www.gc.cuny.edu

Further Information

Additional conference information may be found by contacting Colleen Flanigan at (518) 486-6806 or by email at hcvconf@health.state.ny.us or by accessing the NYSDOH web site at www.nyhealth.gov

Exhibitors

If you are interested in being an exhibitor at the conference, please contact Megan Tesoriero at 518-486-6806 or mat03@health.state.ny.us

Registration Form (Please Print)

First Name	Last Name	Degree(s)
Title		
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Fax	Email Address*

*Note: An email address is required for confirmation.

Please check the appropriate boxes in each section below.

Registration Fees

- Early Registration: \$100 (with registration form received on or before March 6, 2012)
- Late Registration: \$125 (for registration forms received after March 6, 2012)
- Student Registration: \$75 (with college ID presented at registration on the day of the conference)

Payment Information

- Check # _____. Check is to be made payable to **Health Research, Inc.**
- Check will be mailed prior to the conference (post-mark date by: March 6, 2012)
- Purchase Order
- Money Order
- I am a commercial supporter or exhibitor
- I am applying for a scholarship (scholarship application must be included with this form).
- Credit Card: _____ VISA _____ Master Card

Name on Card

Card Number Expiration Date Card Verification Number (3 digit number on back of card)

Conference Track Information

Indicate the track number of each session you plan to attend. The session and track numbers are list on the conference agenda.

Session A: _____ Session B: _____ Session C: _____ Session D: _____

You May Register By Mail, Fax or Phone

Mail: Viral Hepatitis Conference Registration, NYSDOH, Corning Tower, Room 429, Albany, NY 12237

Fax: (518) 474-2749 (only for payment by credit card or payment at door)

Phone: (518) 486-6806 (only for credit card payments).

Please call Colleen Flanigan at (518) 486-6806 or email hcvconf@health.state.ny.us with any questions.