



# National Viral Hepatitis Elimination Strategy

# Purpose:

- Create National Strategy to Eliminate Viral Hepatitis in the United States
- Goal: to reduce the incidence of infection, morbidity and mortality from viral hepatitis in the US

# Method:

- Convened key players
- Recruit diverse group
- Government, private, public, payers, payees, CBO's, CHC's

# Create the Unified Voice

- Convened national meetings
- Created work groups:
  - Care and treatment
  - Prevention
  - Research
  - Education/Outreach
  - Testing

# Increased Communication

- Established [www.nvhr.org](http://www.nvhr.org)
- Held working groups conference calls
- Drafted recommendations
- Created versions 1- 9 of plan

# Accomplishments

- Over 120 members convened
- Developed recommendations for plan
- Issued a number of policy position papers
- Challenged ACIP Adult Hepatitis B Recommendations
- Gained recognition of NVHR

# Need

- Implementation plan
- Involve many people
- Create unified voice
- Influence congress

# Plans for 2006

- Recruit Sign Ons for National Strategy
- Kick off event
- Issue Press Release
- Create NVHR List serve
- Create plan to engage the grassroots
- Conduct advocacy trainings
- Develop a NVHR Communications Plan

# Plans for 2006(cont.)

- Work at state level as well as federal level
- Take the Strategy to the Hill and to the district offices (repeatedly)
- Take advantage of Hepatitis Awareness Month
- Make the cost effectiveness argument

# Support Needed

- Health policy expertise
- Media training for NVHR members
- Support for grassroots efforts
  - Increase awareness
  - Engage stakeholders
  - Activate the community
  - Hill Day Events

# 2005-2006 Directors

- Marie Bresnahan, American Liver Foundation
- Molli Conti, Hepatitis B Foundation
- Steven Graham, Hepatitis Ed. Project
- Michael Ninburg, National Hep C Advocacy Council
- Trish Parnell, PKIDS
- Daniel Raymond, Harm Reduction Project
- Laurie Schowalter, NASTAD
- L.J. Tan, Amer. Medical Assn.
- Andi Thomas, Hep C Alert

# Annual Direct and Indirect Cost of Viral Hepatitis in the United States, 2004\*

Hepatitis A            \$353 million

    Medical            \$92

    Work Loss        \$261

Hepatitis B            \$886 million

    Medical            \$368

    Work Loss        \$518

Hepatitis C            \$824 million

    Medical            \$272

    Work Loss        \$552

\*Estimates from the articles below updated to 2004 dollars

Hepatitis A: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prevention of Hepatitis A Through Active or Passive Immunization: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). MMWR 1999; 48(RR-12): 1-39.

Hepatitis B and C: Alter M. Epidemiology and Burden of Hepatitis B and C. Antiviral Therapy 1996; 1(Suppl 3): 9-14.