

Come Together, Right Now Integrating Viral Hepatitis into HIV/STD Programs

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What's Our Mission?

...prevention, treatment, care and
surveillance of infections
transmitted primarily through
sexual contact or injection drug
use.....

Words vs Services

- Integration or Collaboration
 - structural
 - client or field level
 - Hep C or viral hepatitis

Why Integrate Hep into STD/HIV?

- Similar behavioral risks and target populations
- Populations may be hard to access (no missed opportunities)
- Hepatitis may be door to STD/HIV prevention
- Neg. clinical consequences of Hep, STD and HIV co-infection
- Hep C is an OI infection in HIV+ people w/HIV
- Hep B is an STD
- Hep A and B are vaccine preventable!

Hawaii's (almost) One Stop Services

Attempting to:

- integrate STD/HIV/Hep assessment
- integrate/link data bases
- integrate counseling and informed consent

Implement opt out panel of HIV, STD, viral hepatitis services based on risk

- HIV, syphilis, CT/GC, hep C counseling and testing
- Care/treatment or referral for follow up + tests
- Hep A and B vaccination

Steps to Integrate Viral Hep into HIV/STD Services

- Planting the seed, what's our mission?
- Involve staff and stake holders
- Hep C Coordinator is your best ally
- Sharing information/education
- Assessing epi and risk profile across diseases
- Who needs services and who isn't getting served

Steps to Integrate Viral Hep into HIV/STD Services ²

- Who will do what? Strategic Planning
- Integrated staff training and cross training
- Identifying public and private partners for support and funding of hepatitis services
- Building hepatitis/STD services into prevention for positives... linking care and prevention
- New standing orders, protocols for services

Integration Challenges

- Jack of all trades or master of none
- Forms, data systems (PEMS, STDMMIS), reporting requirements not integrated
- Multiple risk assessments and counseling
- Funding, often categorical and always limited
- Structure, attitude, cross training, QA, supervision
- Referral for Hep C treatment

Benefits of Integration

- Increases the focus on clients, increasing accessibility for clients to meet more needs
- Often the same clients are at risk, co-infected
- Hep. services can draw clients to STD/HIV services
- Helps programs develop new partners and allies
- For HIV+, STD and Hep services are critical

Mahalo!

Thank you

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