

Registration and Information

# HEPATITIS C

Turning up the volume on our response

**March 25, 2008**

New York State Department of Health  
2008 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference  
City University of New York-Graduate Center  
New York, New York

Supported by: Foundation for Health Living,  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,  
New York State Nurses Association,  
New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center



## Conference Overview

*The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is pleased to announce the 2008 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference to be held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in New York City.*

The purpose of this conference is to provide the most up-to-date information on hepatitis 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 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 HCV infection.

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

- Describe the burden of HCV disease in the United States and its impact on healthcare-associated costs;
- Evaluate whether attaining sustained viral response to HCV treatment constitutes a cure;
- Apply the HIV advocacy experience to the hepatitis C epidemic;
- Analyze the benefits of treating acute hepatitis C infection;
- Describe the utility and effects of holistic therapies on chronic HCV infection;
- Describe the New York State system for providing continuity of HCV treatment for newly released inmates;
- Evaluate the role of peers in engaging injection drug users to seek care for hepatitis C;
- Describe two emerging therapies for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B;
- Explain the benefits and disadvantages of HCV treatment in the co-infected HIV/HCV population;
- Describe the behaviors some injection drug users employ in order to remain uninfected with hepatitis C; and,
- Describe interventions effective for health care providers to reduce stigma associated with being infected with HCV.

## Conference Co-Sponsorships

The NYSDOH is pleased to co-sponsor this conference with the Foundation for Healthy Living, Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY), New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York State Nurses Association and New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center.

## Conference Format

The 2008 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference takes place on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Three plenary sessions will be offered from 9:15 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. Participants will be able to choose two concurrent sessions to attend from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 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 Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the NYSDOH and MSSNY. MSSNY is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

### **CME: Credit Designation Statement**

MSSNY designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. 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 contact hours to 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 11, 2008

## Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for persons living with hepatitis C who require assistance with attending the 2008 Statewide Hepatitis C 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 8, 2008

## 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](http://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 \$244 per night, plus tax. The hotel will release the block of rooms to the general public on February 25, 2008. Please call the hotel directly at (866) 233-4642 to make reservations. To receive the special room rate, please mention the "Hepatitis C 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.

### Parking and Driving Directions

Parking and driving directions to the conference location are available at [www.gc.cuny.edu](http://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](mailto:hcvconf@health.state.ny.us) or by accessing the NYSDOH web site at [www.nyhealth.gov/hepcconference](http://www.nyhealth.gov/hepcconference)

# Program for 2008 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference: Turning Up the Volume on Our Response

## March 25, 2008 Full Day Conference Agenda

		8:00 am–9:00 am	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
		9:00 am–9:15 am	<b>Welcome</b>
		9:15 am–10:15 am	<b>Plenary Session 1</b> Estimating the Future Burden of Hepatitis C Disease John Ward, MD Director, Division of Viral Hepatitis Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Atlanta, GA
		10:15 am–11:15 am	<b>Plenary Session 2</b> Hepatitis C: It is Curable? David Bernstein, MD, FAGA, FACP, FACG Chief, Digestive Disease Institute North Shore University Hospital/Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New York, New York
		11:15 am–11:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>
		11:30 am–12:30 pm	<b>Plenary Session 3</b> Applying the HIV Experience to Hepatitis C Laura Hanen Director of Government Relations, National Alliance for State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), Washington, DC
		12:30 pm–1:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
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<b>Medical Management and Treatment</b>	Track# 1	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	<b>Outcomes of and Strategies for Treating Acute Hepatitis C</b> Kathleen Corey, MD, MPH Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA
	Track# 2	3:00 pm–4:00pm	<b>Holistic Approaches to Hepatitis C Treatment</b> Leonard Seeff, MD National Institutes of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease National Institutes of Health
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<b>Best Practices Track</b>	Track# 3	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	<b>NYS Hepatitis C Continuity Program</b> Lester N. Wright, MD, MPH Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer NYS Department of Correctional Services Albany, NY
	Track# 4	3:00 pm–4:00 pm	<b>Engaging, Educating, Retaining and Treating Injection Drug Users: The Role of Peers</b> Diana Sylvestre, MD Executive Director Organization to Achieve Solutions in Substance Abuse Oakland, CA
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<b>Hepatitis and HIV Track</b>	Track#5	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	<b>Chronic Hepatitis B: Emerging Therapies</b> Albert D. Min, MD Director Hepatitis Research Beth Israel Medical Center New York, NY
	Track#6	3:00 pm–4:00 pm	<b>HIV/Hepatitis Co-Infection</b> Douglas T. Dieterich, MD Professor of Medicine Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York, NY
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<b>Prevention Track</b>	Track#7	1:30 pm–2:30 pm	<b>Injecting Drug Users: Staying Safe, Staying Negative</b> Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, PhD Co-investigation and Project Director National Development Research Institutes, Inc. New York, NY
	Track#8	3:00 pm–4:00 pm	<b>Stigmatization of Hepatitis C – Infected Persons</b> Steven Zacks, MD Division of Gastroenterology and Hematology University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

## Registration Form for Hepatitis C: Turning Up the Volume on Our Response - Tuesday, March 25, 2008

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 11, 2008)
- Late Registration: \$125 (for registration forms received after March 11, 2008)
- 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 11, 2008)
- Purchase Order
- Money Order
- Complimentary registration/commercial supporter/exhibitor
- I am applying for a scholarship
- Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

Name on Card	
Card Number	Expiration Date

### Conference Track Information

Indicate the session number of the workshops you plan to attend. Select ONE workshop for each time period.  
See program

1:30 p.m. session: # \_\_\_\_\_                      3:00 p.m. session: # \_\_\_\_\_

### You May Register By Mail, Fax or Phone

Mail: Hepatitis C 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: (516) 488-6100 (x 302 or x 412) (only for payment by credit card)

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