Hepatitis C
Rising to the Challenge

New York State Department of Health 2009 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference
March 24, 2009 • The City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center, New York, NY

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 Objectives

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is pleased to announce the 2009 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference to be held Tuesday, March 24, 2009 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:

1. Estimate the future burden of hepatitis C disease in the United States.
2. Summarize the advances in HCV treatment and their future impact.
3. Cite the accomplishments of the hepatitis C advocacy community in New York.
4. Identify management strategies for persons who were previously treated with interferon-based and ribavirin therapy.
5. Describe the management of common side effects associated with hepatitis C anti-viral therapy.
6. Discuss the impact of racial disparities on accessing HCV care and treatment for African Americans.
7. Describe the epidemiology, natural history of chronic hepatitis C, and efficacy of anti-HCV therapy in Latinos infected with HCV.
8. Recognize the serologic interpretation for hepatitis B virus infection.
10. Describe the factors that facilitate transmission of HCV in HIV-infected men having sex with men (MSM).

Conference Format

The 2009 Statewide Hepatitis C Conference takes place on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 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)™. 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 10, 2009

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available for persons living with hepatitis C who require assistance with attending the 2009 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 6, 2009

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 $285 per night, plus tax. The hotel will release the block of rooms to the general public on March 2, 2009. 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. 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 hcconf@health.state.ny.us or by accessing the NYSDOH web site at www.nyhealth.gov/hepcconference

Exhibitors
If you are interested in being an exhibitor at this year’s conference, please contact Nancy Brandt at 518-473-7542 or nab01@health.state.ny.us
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<td>Hepatitis C Treatment Challenges&lt;br&gt;Track #5&lt;br&gt;Treatment Options for Non-responders&lt;br&gt;Michael W. Fried, MD Professor of Medicine Director of Hepatology Deputy Director, Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</td>
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<td>Track #6&lt;br&gt;Managing the Side Effects of Hepatitis C Treatment&lt;br&gt;Maya Gambarin- Gelwan, MD Center for the Study of Hepatitis C Weill Cornell Medical College Diane Rudnick Lenore Levy</td>
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<td>Track #8&lt;br&gt;Sexually Transmitted Acute HCV in HIV-Infected MSM&lt;br&gt;Daniel Fierer, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases Mount Sinai School of Medicine</td>
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Registration Form for Hepatitis C: Rising to the Challenge - Tuesday, March 24, 2009

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 10, 2009)
❑ Late Registration: $125 (for registration forms received after March 10, 2009)
❑ 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 10, 2009)
❑ Purchase Order
❑ Money Order
❑ Complimentary registration/commercial supporter/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 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: (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.