



About

The New York State (NYS) Hepatitis C (HCV) Patient Navigation Program aims to increase the number of people who inject drugs (PWID) who know their HCV status and are linked to medical care and treatment.

This five-year initiative is funded under [New York State’s first-in-nation strategy to eliminate HCV](#).

What is HCV Patient Navigation?

HCV Patient Navigation is a comprehensive intervention that provides targeted outreach to PWID, HCV testing, linkage to HCV care and treatment, support to address patient- and systems-level barriers to care, and reinfection prevention.

How to Access the Program

Participants must receive services at an Upstate Drug User Health Hub, have a reactive HCV antibody test, and need navigation through HCV care, treatment, and cure. Individuals may enter the program by:

- Receiving a reactive antibody test through the [HCV Rapid Testing Program](#); or
- Knowing they are HCV antibody or RNA positive.

**HCV Patient Navigation Program
Core Services**

- Outreach and Enrollment
- HCV Rapid Testing
- HCV Education and Health Promotion
- Treatment Readiness and Adherence
- Linkage to HCV Medical Care and Treatment
- Referrals and Assistance in Accessing Supportive Services
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Program Locations

The NYS HCV Patient Navigation Program is embedded in all seven Upstate [Drug User Health Hubs](#).*

Drug User Health Hubs are an expansion of NYS Syringe Exchange Programs and are intended to improve the availability and accessibility of an array of health, mental health, and medication assisted treatment services for people who use drugs.

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Northeastern NY	Hudson Valley
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* HCV Patient Navigation services are available in New York City through the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [Check Hep C Patient Navigation](#) and [Peer Navigation](#) programs.