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HEPATITIS
5TH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE

IMPROVING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE + PREVENTION + RESOURCES + TREATMENT

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MONDAY 20 – WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2006

THE SYDNEY MASONIC CENTRE, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**FULL
CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2006

5TH AUSTRALASIAN VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE	
MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2006	
11.00am - 1.30pm	Registration
Opening Plenary & Conference Overview	
Grand Lodge	
Chairs: Graeme Macdonald and Eric Gowans	
1.30pm - 1.40pm	Welcome to the Land by Allen Madden - Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
1.40pm - 1.45pm	Official Welcome by Minister Abbott - Australian Minister for Health and Ageing
1.45pm - 2.10pm	Graeme Macdonald - Associate Professor, Centre For Diabetes And Endocrine Research, University Of Queensland Overview of Conference and Theme of 'Increasing Access'
2.10pm - 2.35pm	Brian McMahon - Clinical Hepatologist, Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, AK United States Guidelines on Management of CHC and CHB
2.35pm - 3.00pm	Damon Brogan - Manager of the Victorian Drug User Organisation From HIV Activism to HCV Fatalism
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea - Level 1 Foyer
Plenary - Challenges in Viral Hepatitis	
Grand Lodge	
Chairs: Carla Treloar and Geoff McCaughan	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Daniel Tarantola - Professor of Health and Human Rights, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW, Australia Stigma, Discrimination and Barriers to Treatment
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Holly Hagan - Director of the Research Methods Core, Center for Drug Use and HIV Research at the National Development and Research Institutes, USA Protective Factors for HCV Infection
4.00pm - 4.30pm	Graeme Cooksley - Professorial Research Fellow in the Discipline of Medicine, University of Queensland, Australia Hepatitis B in Australasia
4.30pm - 5.00pm	
5.00pm - 6.30pm	Welcome Drinks and Posters - Sydney Masonic Centre, Banquet Hall

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7.30am Registration					
9.00am - 10.30am	Concurrent Session - Nurse Led Models of Care	9.00am - 10.30am	Concurrent Session - Indigenous Responses	9.00am - 10.30am	Public Health & Prevention - Hepatitis C Interventions (Sponsored by NSW Health)
9.00am - 10.30am	Grand Lodge Chairs: Jacqui Richmond and Tracey Jones	9.00am - 10.30am Chair: Chris Cunningham	Ionic Room Chair: Chris Cunningham	9.00am - 10.30am Chair: Heidi Drummer	Doric Room Chair: Heidi Drummer
9.00am - 9.30am	Dunn S - Nurse Practitioners: Pioneers in Difficult Times	9.00am - 9.20am	Cairnduff S, Alexander N - Increasing Aboriginal Community Access to BBV Services In NSW	9.00am - 9.30am	Day C - Can Hepatitis C Treatment Play a Role in Prevention?
9.30am - 9.50am	Totten L - Improving Access to Hepatitis Treatments and Support for Primary Care Providers and Patients in the South West and Lower Great Southern Health Regions of WA	9.20am - 9.40am	Cunningham C - Māori Development in New Zealand	9.15am - 9.30am	Watson K - Treating Hepatitis C (HCV) In Prison: Modelling Epidemiology, Disease Outcomes and Cost-Effectiveness
9.50am - 10.10am	Pritchard-Jones J	9.40am - 10.00am	Van den Dungen J - The Connection - An Indigenous Peer-based Youth Program	9.30am - 9.50am	White B - Methadone Maintenance Treatment Reduces Mortality, Re-Incarceration and Hepatitis C Among Inmates
10.10am - 10.30am	Panel Discussion with Mary Fenech	10.00am - 10.20am	Waples-Crowe P - Self-Determining Hep C	9.45am - 10.00am	Hagan H - Injecting Alone Among Young IDUs in 5 US Cities: Benefits and Risks
		10.20am - 10.30am	Discussion	10.00am - 10.15am	Heiland M - Australian Trial In Acute Hepatitis C (ATAHC): Baseline Behavioural Data
				10.15am - 10.30am	Nguyen O - Recruitment and Follow-up of Injecting Drug Users in the Setting of Early HCV Treatment: Insights from the ATAHC Study
					Discussion
					Shackel N - Microarray Analysis of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell (PBMC) Messenger RNA in Treated HCV Infection
					Watson J - Hepatitis C Virus RNA Quantitation and Degradation Studies in Whole Blood Samples

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10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea - Banquet Hall			
11.00am - 12.30pm	Plenary - Basic Science Grand Lodge Chairs: Eric Gowans and Ed Gane	11.00am - 12.30pm	Workshop - Community and Social Research Ionic Room Chairs: Carla Treloar and Helen Tyrrell	
11.00am - 11.30am	Raffaie de Francesco - Senior Director at the Research Institute in Molecular Biology (IRBM), Rome, Italy What's in the HCV Drug Therapy Pipeline?			
11.30am - 12.00pm	Geoff Farrell - Director of the Storr Liver Unit, Westmead Millennium Institute, Australia Pathogenesis of Hepatitis C Liver Injury: The Interface Between Basic Science and Clinical Management	11.00am - 12.30pm	Braunstein R, Llewellyn-Smith D - Closing the Loop: Models of Research Participation and Knowledge Transfer for Hepatitis C Communities and Social Research Partnerships	
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Heidi Drummer - The Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health Ltd The HCV Glycoproteins, Their Interactions with the Viral Entry Receptor CD81 and Membrane Fusion			
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch - Banquet Hall			
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Social Research - Prevention Grand Lodge Chairs: Susan Carruthers and Heidi Coupland	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Concurrent Session - Shared Care Ionic Room Chairs: Graeme Macdonald and Leanne Totten	Symposium - Basic Science - An HBV Smorgasbord Doric Room Chairs: Eric Gowans and Nicholas Shackel
1.30pm - 1.45pm	O'Brien M - Health Promotion and Hepatitis C: Implications in the Making of Identities for Young People	1.30pm - 1.50pm	Crooks L - Outcomes from the GP Think Tank on HCV Care in the Community	1.30pm - 1.45pm
1.45pm - 2.00pm	Treloar C - Broadening Discussions of "Safe" in Hepatitis C Prevention: Analysis of Video Recordings of Injecting Practice	1.50pm - 2.10pm	Hill S - Responding to Challenges Encountered in the Hepatitis C Community Prescribing Pilot	1.45pm - 2.00pm
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2.00pm - 2.15pm	Black E - What Injecting Drug Users Don't Understand About Hepatitis C	2.10pm-2.30pm	Mellor K - Achieving Equity of Access to Treatment for Hepatitis C Virus: Evaluation of a Patient-Triggered Model of Shared Care	2.20pm - 2.40pm	Dore G (Nguyen V) - Highly Endemic Hepatitis B Infection in Rural Vietnam	2.00pm - 2.15pm	Chang J - The Specificity and Phenotype of Intrahepatic and Circulating HBV-specific T-cells Differ in Chronic HBV Infection
2.15pm - 2.30pm	O'Brien M, Madden A - Research, Relationships And Knowledge Making	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Fenech M - Shared Care in QLD: 5 years on			2.15pm - 2.30pm	Bartholomeusz A - Molecular Modelling of Hepatitis B Virus Polymerase: Comparison of Adefovir, Entecavir and Lamivudine Resistance
2.30pm - 2.45pm	Frances M and Gill P - Trusted Information: Hepatitis C Related Information Sources Of Injecting Drug Users	2.50pm - 3.00pm	Discussion	2.40pm - 3.00pm	Wood N, Heron L - Long Term Persistence of Hepatitis B Immunity in Children who Received Hepatitis B Vaccinations in Infancy	2.30pm - 2.45pm	Yuen L - SEQHEPB: A Sequence Analysis Program And Relational Database System For Chronic Hepatitis B
2.45pm - 3.00pm	Bryant J - Hepatitis C and Injecting Related Discrimination in New South Wales					2.45pm - 3.00pm	Discussion
Afternoon Tea - Banquet Hall							
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Symposium - Developing Strategic Responses (Sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing) Grand Lodge Chairs: Daniel Tarantola and Julianne Quaine	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Symposium - Prison Awareness Ionic Room Chair: Michael Levy	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Symposium - Clinical Medicine - The Management of Viral Hepatitis Co-infection Corinthian Room Chairs: Greg Dore and Joe Sasadeusz	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Symposium - Basic Science - Immunity and Pathogenesis Doric Room Chairs: Heidi Drummer and Peter Revill
3.30pm-3.50pm	Tyrrell H - Planning for Hepatitis Services in 2020	3.30pm - 3.50pm	Baley R - Update of Cessnock Prison Experience Reporting Barriers to Optimal Care in a Corrections Setting	3.30pm-3.50pm	Sasadeusz J - HBV/ HCV Co-infection	3.30pm-3.50pm	Shackel N - Expression of the Chemokine CXCL-10 (IP-10) in Hepatitis C (HCV) Liver Injury
3.50pm - 4.10pm	Madden A - Front & Centre - Supporting People Who Inject Drugs to Take a Strategic Role in the Response to Hepatitis C	3.50pm - 4.10pm	Lloyd A - Enhancing Hepatitis C Prevention, Treatment and Care in Prison Populations	3.50pm - 4.10pm	Dore G - HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-infection: Insights From Case Studies	3.50pm-4.10pm	Elliott L - HCV-Specific Cellular Immune Responses in HCV Exposed Individuals With Thalasassaemia

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4.10pm - 4.30pm	Caris S - Strategic Issues for Smaller Communities	4.10pm - 4.30pm	Read V - Meeting the Challenge of Developing Prison Based Hepatitis C and Other Blood-Borne Viruses Education Programs	4.10pm - 4.30pm	Cooksley G - HBV/ HDV Co-infection	4.10pm - 4.30pm	Gowans E - GBV-B/HCV P7 And HVR1 Chimeric Genomes are Infectious In VIVO
4.30pm - 4.50pm	Paljor S, Luisi B - The National Hepatitis C Project for People From Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Backgrounds	4.30pm - 4.50pm	Boonwaat L - A Review of the Outcomes of Hepatitis C Treatment in New South Wales	4.30pm - 4.50pm	Benhamou Y - HCV/HIV and HBV/HIV Co-infections	4.30pm - 5.00pm	
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5.00pm - 5.30pm		5.05pm - 5.30pm	Launch of the 'Aboriginal Women Prisoners and Hepatitis C' Video				
7.00pm - 11.00pm	Conference Dinner - The Dockside						

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7.30am Registration							
9.00am - 10.30am	Concurrent Session - Social Research Living with Hepatitis C Grand Lodge Chairs: Leanne Totten and Meredith Temple-Smith	9.00am - 10.30am	Concurrent Session - Clinical Medicine - Treatment Related Issues Corinthian Room Chairs: Graeme Macdonald and Jacqui Richmond	9.00am - 10.30am	Concurrent Session - Epidemiology Doric Room Chairs: Campbell Aitken and Holly Hagan	9.00am - 10.30am	Oral Poster Session Banquet Hall Chairs: Robert Batey and Margaret Hellard
9.00am - 9.15am	Winter RJ - Responses to Diagnosing Reactions Amongst Injecting Drug Users on Discovery of an HCV, HBV or HIV Positive Diagnosis	9.00am - 9.15am	Dore G - Australian Trial in Acute Hepatitis C (ATAHC): Preliminary Findings	9.00am - 9.10am	Amin J - Causes of Death Following Diagnosis of Hepatitis B or C Infection: A Large Community Based Linkage Study	9.00am - 9.10am	Oral Poster Session Introduction
9.15am - 9.30am	Harris M - I Think There is No Support At All: You are a Total Lone Wolf: The Importance of Social Supports in Coping with Hepatitis C	9.15am - 9.30am	Dore G - Cognitive and Mood Effects of Pegylated Interferon ALFA-2A and Ribavirin Combination Therapy in HCV Monoinfected and HIV/HCV Co-Infected Individuals	9.15am - 9.30am	Copland J - Hepatitis C Virus Infection in South Australia: Duration of Infection and Burden of Disease Estimates	9.10am - 9.15am	Higgs P - Continuity and Engagement: Follow Up With IDUs in a HCV Social Networks Study
9.30am - 9.45am	Harris M - Biographical Disruption and Hepatitis C	9.30am - 9.45am	Hallinan R - Referral for Chronic HCV Treatment Among Patients on Opioid Replacement Therapy	9.30am - 9.45am	Brunton C - Viral Hepatitis and HIV in NZ Injecting Drug Users: The Impact of Access to Needle Exchange 1997-2004	9.15am - 9.20am	Pittam D - Hepatitis C Services Review: Improving Client's Access to Hepatitis C Services in the NSW Correctional Environment
						9.20am - 9.25am	Tapping L - Increasing Access to Blood-borne Virus Services: Innovative Strategy for Partners and Families of People in Prison
						9.25am - 9.30am	Tenison F - Establishing Integrated Hepatitis Services in Opioid Substitution Therapy Settings: A Service Development and Partnership Initiative in the SWAHS
						9.30am - 9.35am	Gao J - Efforts to Increase Awareness of Hepatitis C Among Arabic-speaking Background General Practitioners in NSW

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9.45am - 10.00am	Klein G - My Whole Life Gives Me Stress. The Experience of Being HCV Positive, Symptomatic and in Opioid Replacement Treatment	9.45am - 10.00am	Sasadeusz J - Pegylated Interferon Alfa-2A Plus Ribavirin For Patients With Chronic Hepatitis C (CHC) on Drug Dependency Treatment: Interim Analysis From The Methadone Study	9.45am - 10.00am	Hagan H - Self-reported Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Status And Risk Behavior In Young Injectors	9.35am - 9.40am	Jewell S - "Fits Plus" AIVL's New Approach to Preventing Hepatitis C Amongst Young Injectors
10.00am - 10.15am	Olsen A - Before You Know It You Have Slipped Into The Under Class, You Are Not Even The Working Class Anymore, Women, Inequality and Hepatitis C	10.00am - 10.15am	Strasser S - Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B and Hepatocellular Carcinoma	10.00am - 10.15am	Li J - Hepatitis C Virus Seroprevalence and Risk Behaviours Among Indigenous Australian IDUs 1995-2004	9.50am - 9.55am	Aitken C - Hepatitis C Virus Immunovirology in a Social Network of Injecting Drug Users
10.15am - 10.30am	Coupland H - Increasing Access and Uptake of Hepatitis C treatment by Indo-Chinese Injecting Drug Users	10.15am - 10.30am	Macdonald G - Specialists Medical Practitioners and Knowledge of Hepatitis C: Results of a Queensland Survey	10.15am - 10.30am	Polis S - National Surveillance for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Australian Children	10.00am - 10.05am	Lim M, Nguyen O - Use Of A Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Surveillance System For Recruitment of Patients With Newly Acquired HCV Into A Clinical Trial
						10.05am - 10.10am	Matthews G - Reversal Of End Stage Liver Disease In Patients With HIV/HBV-Related Cirrhosis Treated With Tenofvir
						10.10am - 10.15am	Lambert S - General Practitioners And Hepatitis C: Results Of The Queensland Statewide Survey
						10.15am - 10.20am	Donohue W - Improvements in Health in Hepatitis C Antibody Positive Participants in a Health Programme
						10.20am - 10.25am	Brener L - Measuring Attitudes Towards Injecting Drug Users and Hepatitis C
							Brener L - Implicit and Explicit Attitudes of Health Care Workers Toward their Clients with HCV: Are These Related to Treatment Experiences?

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Plenary - Clinical Trials						
11.00am - 12.30pm	Grand Lodge Chairs: Robert Batey and Helen McNeill					
11.00am - 11.30am	Eric Gowans - Senior Principal Research Fellow, Macfarlane Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia Novel Cell Therapy for HCV Infection - Progress Towards the Melbourne Clinical Trial					
11.30am - 12.00pm	Fiona Tito-Wheatland - ANU Research School of Social Sciences Consumers and Clinical Trials - The Good, The Bad and the Unfortunate					
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Yves Benhamou - Professor of Hepatology in the Department of Hepatology and Gastroenterology, Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris New Anti-HCV Drugs Currently in Clinical Trials					
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1.30pm - 1.45pm	Harris M - I Was Told That I Have Five Years To Live: Hepatitis C And The Medical Encounter	1.30pm - 1.45pm	Shackel N - Hepatitis C Viral Load Monitoring Predicts Development of Early Sub-acute Liver Failure Post Liver Transplant	1.30pm - 1.40pm	Morrison M - Stigma and Discrimination	
1.45pm - 2.00pm	Frances M - Hepatitis C Treatment Related Information: Perspectives of People With Hepatitis C	1.45pm - 2.00pm	Wang A - High molecular Weight Adiponectin Correlates with Insulin Sensitivity in Patients With Hepatitis C Genotype 3, But Not Genotype 1 Infection	1.40pm - 1.50pm	Gill P - Hep C and Me	
2.00pm - 2.20pm	Temple-Smith M - Considering Treatment for Hepatitis C	2.00pm - 2.15pm	Levy M - HBV in the Antenatal Setting: The Role of the More Sensitive PCR Amplification Based HBV DNA Assay	1.50pm - 2.00pm	O'Reilly M - A Patient's Perspective on Treatment & The Decision Process	
2.20pm - 2.40pm	Hopwood M - Strengths-Based Assessment, Social Support and Resilience During Treatment for Hepatitis C Infection	2.15pm - 2.30pm	Sasadeusz J - Surveillance of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Mutations During Tenofvir (TDF) Treatment in HIV and HBV Co-Infected Individuals	2.00pm - 2.10pm	Block J - Pregnancy, Childbirth and Babies	

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2.40pm - 2.50pm	Redsull L - How Individuals Cope: A Study of Side Effects and Coping Strategies Adopted During Treatment for Hepatitis C Infection	2.30pm - 2.45pm	Singh K - HIV-HBV Co-Infection: Analysis of Resistance Mutations in the Hepatitis B Virus Polymerase Selected During Therapy in Two Patients With Fulminant Liver Disease Receiving Tenofovir	2.10pm - 2.20pm	Poeder F - I've Got Hep C and You're Suggesting I Breast Feed - No Way Jose
2.50pm - 3.00pm	Discussion	2.45pm - 3.00pm	Lang C - Presence of Symptoms Clusters and Quality of Life in People Living with Chronic Hepatitis C Infection	2.20pm - 3.00pm	Panel Discussion
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea - Banquet Hall				
Closing Plenary					
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Grand Lodge				
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Chairs: Graeme Macdonald and Levinia Crooks				
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Conference Committee Panel Discussion - Graeme Macdonald, Eric Gowans, Campbell Aitken, Helen Tyrrell, Carla Treloar				
4.00pm - 4.25pm	Wrap up of Streams and Discussion of Theme of Conference				
4.25pm - 4.40pm	Conference Committee with International Speakers Panel Discussion - Yves Benhamou, Brian McMahon, Holly Hagan, Raffaele De Francesco, Chris Cunningham				
4.25pm - 4.40pm	Panel Discussion - Increasing Access and Future				
4.40pm - 5.00pm	Robert Batey - Chair of Hepatitis C Council				
4.40pm - 5.00pm	MACASHH and the Future for Viral Hepatitis in Australia and the Region				
5.00pm	Graeme Macdonald - Associate Professor, Centre For Diabetes And Endocrine Research, University Of Queensland				
5.00pm	Conference Wrap Up				
5.00pm	Close				