

SAVE THE DATE

NCID, Division of Viral Hepatitis announces: National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference

Prevention of Viral Hepatitis through the Life Stages
Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
December 5-9, 2005

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Focus will be on prevention of viral hepatitis through every stage of life (perinatal, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood). Attendees will receive the latest updates on science related to hepatitis A, B, and C, including epidemiology, surveillance, diagnosis, treatment, and follow up. In addition, attendees will be able to attend workshops addressing the challenges of providing services to high risk individuals including injection drug users and men who have sex with men; addressing health disparities; designing, implementing, and evaluating successful outreach, education, and counseling activities; identifying and overcoming barriers to integrating hepatitis activities into existing program settings, including obtaining funding and other resources. The conference will provide scientific and programmatic updates, training and networking opportunities for public health and other professionals working with persons in need of viral hepatitis prevention services. Multiple networking opportunities to share materials, methods, program successes, products, and other resources will be available throughout the conference.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Public health professionals, counselors, administrators, health policy makers, educators, and others interested in the prevention and control of viral hepatitis in persons at any stage of life, from perinatal through adulthood. Persons working in any of the following areas should plan on attending: perinatal programs, immunizations, STD, HIV, correctional health care, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and any other programs or areas serving persons at risk for viral hepatitis.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

As a result of attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- Outline strategies for hepatitis prevention for infants, children, adolescents, and adults.
- Identify specific intervention strategies that address the needs of individuals in high risk groups including (but not limited to) infants born to HBsAg positive mothers, clients engaged in IDU/substance abuse, clients in STD/HIV clinics, men who have sex with men, inmates in correctional settings.
- Identify specific intervention strategies that address the viral hepatitis prevention needs of individuals in groups with health disparities including (but not limited to) Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, African-American adolescents and young adults.
- Describe methods for integrating viral hepatitis prevention into existing programs.
- Identify and access communications, education, and training needs and available resources for viral hepatitis prevention and control.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, see the website: www.cdc.gov/hepatitis which includes the Call for Abstracts (including instructions), draft Conference Agenda, and hotel information. Additional information (e.g., registration) will be forthcoming on this site. For further assistance contact Wendy Watkins, 404-371-5966, dmw7@cdc.gov