

## **Treating Hepatitis C in General Practice Forum**

**Prior to the Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference** 

**ashm** Supporting the HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Workforce



Date: Sunday, 12 August 2018

Venue: Adelaide Rockford, 164 Hindley St, Adelaide SA 5000 Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm (registrations open at 8:30am)

This one day forum will bring together general practitioners from around Australia to share their experience with treating Hepatitis C. Delegates will learn from practices and localities that are achieving success in treating people with Hepatitis C in a range of primary care and priority settings.

## The forum's theme is: **Empowering Primary Care**

Registration is free. Scholarships are available for interested GPs to attend the forum and, subsequently, the 11th Australasian Viral Hepatits Conference.

More than 30,400 Australians were cured of hepatitis C in the nine months following the introduction of direct acting antiviral (DAA) treatments onto the PBS on 1 March 2016. The proportion of individuals being prescribed DAA treatment by General Practitioners (GPs) has dramatically increased from 8% in March 2016 to 39% in June 2017.

Hepatitis C elimination by 2030 will require sustained DAA uptake, at around 20,000 people per year. To ensure treatment rates are sustained and to engage harder to reach populations, it is important to maintain and broaden the community prescriber base, ensuring treatment is accessible in a range of primary care settings including (but not limited to) General Practice, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services, alcohol and other drug services, mental health services, and correctional settings.

Abstract submission, scholarship application, and registration at:

www.ashm.org.au/training

Abstract Submissions Close: Monday, 30 April 2018

Scholarship Applications Close: Thursday, 17 May 2018

Registrations Close: Sunday, 5 August 2018

For further details contact: Liagh Manicom

T 02 8204 0723

E <u>Liagh.Manicom@ashm.org.au</u>

ASHM is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct and is committed to the principles of the Ottawa Charter for health promotion and the Jakarta Declaration on health promotion.