This comprehensive course is designed to strengthen the capacity of clinical staff working in primary care settings to effectively diagnose, assess, manage and treat hepatitis C.

This course is delivered in 2 parts:
Part 1 consists of an eLearning component of approximately 2.5 hours' duration.
Part 2 consists of an interactive face-to-face workshop that builds on the knowledge and skills gained in Part 1 through case study discussions facilitated in small groups.

Learning Outcomes
- Screen at risk patients, order and interpret tests appropriately to diagnose chronic hepatitis C infection
- Perform the recommended baseline assessment including assessing liver disease severity and screening for potential drug-drug interactions, evaluate patient treatment readiness and manage any associated comorbidities
- Explain approved antiviral treatment options and duration of therapy for all HCV genotypes based on prior treatment experience and cirrhotic status
- Prescribe HCV antiviral therapy in accordance with PBS patient and prescriber eligibility criteria
- Recognise risk factors, clinical signs, symptoms and complications of advanced liver disease and manage or refer to specialist care appropriately

Oral direct-acting antivirals (DAAs) offer cure rates greater than 95% with shorter therapy duration and reduced toxicity. There are now regimens available effective across all genotypes of hepatitis C.

The target of eliminating HCV in Australia by 2028 can be achieved by increasing treatment uptake in primary care.

Medical Practitioners and Authorised Nurse Practitioners experienced in hepatitis C treatment can prescribe DAAs independent of specialist approval.

Date: Saturday, 10 August 2019
Venue: Mercure Melbourne Treasury Gardens | 13 Spring St, Melbourne VIC
Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm (Registration from 9:30am)
Cost: This course is FREE. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Register at: http://www.ashm.org.au/training/
Registrations Close: Friday, 2 August 2019
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