BLOCK HIV/HCV: Bringing Local Communities Together to Eliminate Coinfection Through Knowledge and Partnerships

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BLOCK HIV/HCV: Bringing Local Communities Together to Eliminate Coinfection Through Knowledge and Partnerships is designed to educate a multidisciplinary audience including community-based infectious disease specialists and other human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) treaters, gastroenterology/hepatology clinicians, mental health specialists, substance abuse specialists, correctional health care professionals, public policy/public health officials, hepatitis C virus (HCV) and HIV advocacy groups, payers, and clinical office staff who are engaged in the care of patients with HIV and/or HCV.

Approximately 25% of all individuals infected with HIV are coinfected with HCV.1 Of critical significance, HIV increases the rate of progression of HCV-related hepatic fibrosis, and HCV is associated with a 3-fold increase in HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART)–induced liver toxicity.2 The BLOCK HIV/HCV initiative will provide community-based infectious disease specialists and other HIV treaters with foundational information and practical resources needed to prepare local stakeholders—both clinical and nonclinical—to collaborate in efforts to eliminate HCV within their communities.


The Steering Committee for the BLOCK HIV/HCV series is comprised of Dr. David L. Wyles (Course Chair), Dr. Andrew Aronsohn (Chicago Co-Chair), Dr. Nancy Reau (Chicago Co-Chair), Dr. Jennifer Price (Oakland, Co-Chair), Dr. Andrew J. Muir (Asheville Co-Chair), Dr. Ricardo Franco (Birmingham Co-Chair), Dr. Takako S. Schaninger (Richmond Co-Chair) and Dr. Stacey Trooskin.

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Describe epidemiologic trends in HCV monoinfection and HIV/HCV coinfection within at-risk populations, including men who have sex with men (MSM), people who inject drugs (PWID), and incarcerated individuals
- Provide guideline-based treatment for HCV monoinfection and HIV/HCV coinfection
- Identify patient, provider, and health care system barriers to effective management of HCV monoinfection and HIV/HCV coinfection
- Implement strategies to overcome risk-cohort–specific challenges to the treatment of HCV monoinfection and HIV/HCV coinfection
Meeting Dates, Locations, and Highlights:

The upcoming meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- Monday, June 24, 2019 in Chicago, IL
- Friday, September 13, 2019 in Oakland, CA
- Monday, September 23, 2019 in Asheville, NC
- Friday, October 18, 2019 in Birmingham, AL
- Friday, November 15, 2019 in Richmond, KY

To register for one of these live CME/CE programs or for any other questions, please visit http://www.blockhivhcv.com or call us at 512-708-4678.

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