

National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

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*Prevention and Control of Viral Hepatitis
Infections in The United States*

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NVHR Mission

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable is dedicated to developing, implementing and maintaining a national strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis in the United States.



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- Founded in 2003, NVHR is a coalition of more than 75 organizations working to eliminate viral hepatitis in the United States.
- NVHR is the only **national coalition** focused on all aspects of viral hepatitis.



NVHR Member Organization Profile

- Hepatitis B organizations
- Hepatitis C organizations
- General hepatitis organizations
- HIV/AIDS/hepatitis co-Infection organizations
- Harm reduction organizations
- Medical Professional organizations
- General health and public health organizations

Other Partners

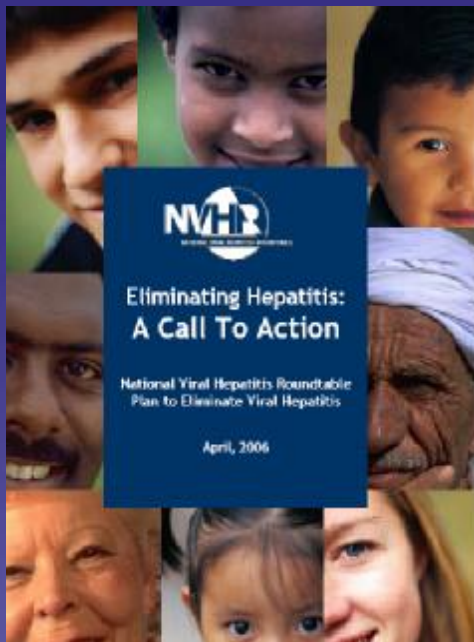
- Federal, State and Local agencies
- Pharmaceutical/Vaccine industry



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Sometimes it takes only a thoughtful moment to act quickly and avert a tragedy. Sometimes, preventing a tragedy requires a long-term commitment followed by skill, passion, education help, and substantial resources. Viral hepatitis demands both.

It is the fight against viral hepatitis, quite frankly, is possible. We know how to prevent it and to treat it. Before you finish reading this paragraph you can take action by deciding to learn about how hepatitis can damage your liver and destroy your life. You can resolve to learn what you can do to prevent it. You can determine whether to target more, more distributed efforts at work, in schools, in health care, and critical clinical care don't reach all those who are hardest to reach. This and real outcomes still in the making.

You can help and together we can make history by preventing a disease that has already devastated far too many people. We can offer hope to those who already suffer from viral hepatitis. We can protect those who are not already infected, saving lives from the disease that has people of every ethnicity and race that lives. Getting so viral hepatitis a coordinated action plan with the dedicated, collaborative efforts of people in both public health and the private sector. We have developed the plan and will support the performance.

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable has spent years that two years developing and adopting the best way to prevent the unnecessary suffering and death caused by viral hepatitis, and now, with our action plan in place, we need your help. Our greatest fear is that the strength and resources of the collective membership and the country's existing healthcare system, it can be done. Here's how:

Our comprehensive goals and objectives with national experts have tested four recommendations:

- Build the capacity to address the challenges of viral hepatitis.
- Mobilize resources to eliminate hepatitis preventable viral hepatitis
- Counsel, test and refer persons at risk for viral hepatitis to inform them about how to reduce their risks
- Care for persons with chronic hepatitis and help them participate in the management of their condition.

You can help us to make history by eliminating a disease that has already devastated far too many people.

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Who We Are: A Coalition to Eliminate Viral Hepatitis

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable[®], a coalition of more than 100 organizations working to end viral hepatitis in the United States, is the only national coalition focused on all aspects of viral hepatitis. Membership includes advocacy groups, medical and nursing associations, public health agencies, drug treatment programs, AIDS and STD networks, nontraditional organizations, insurers and biopharmaceutical companies. We promote research and prevention, integration of public health and clinical care and improved health care for infected persons.

Now is the time to ensure that the available public-education, vaccines, antiviral medicines, medical care and mental health and substance abuse treatments are appropriately used and that new tools are developed to end the devastating impact of viral hepatitis.

Our goals are achievable. We have already succeeded in dramatically reducing hepatitis A and hepatitis B infections. Through childhood immunization programs and new therapies we are increasingly effective in treating viral hepatitis B and hepatitis C, improving and saving the lives of those already infected.

- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B adult immunization can increase to be effective.
- Outreach and educational efforts can help prevent hepatitis C infection.
- New research will discover more treatments and even cures.

Our interest in eradicating viral hepatitis remains the top priority of the human blood donor program, many functions that are essential to the vital infections can change the best test results, personal training, test tubes, liver cancer and death. More yet, because early-stage liver disease means reduced symptoms or symptoms with chronic hepatitis may not risk treatment until their system is far advanced or they have liver failure. *—Robert King, MD, Director, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable*

Nevertheless, challenges remain. Over the past 20 years a number of government advisory committees and professional medical organizations have developed recommendations to prevent, control and treat viral hepatitis and chronic liver disease. Unfortunately, many of these recommendations have not been implemented. Perhaps clinical, public health, and regulatory policy decision-makers were not aware of the scope and direction of the disease, or of how recommendations could be integrated into America's healthcare system. As a result, few people know that viral infections can cause hepatitis and most do not know how to protect themselves. Immunizations did not reaching all those who needed

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NVHR Plan Goals

- Goal 1: Build the capacity to eliminate viral hepatitis
- Goal 2: Vaccinate America
- Goal 3: Counsel, test, and refer persons at risk for chronic disease
- Goal 4: Care for persons with chronic hepatitis



Raising Awareness in the U.S.

- Existing recommendations have not been implemented.
- Polio, smallpox, and measles have been virtually eliminated.
- The same can be true of viral hepatitis.



The Institute of Medicine
report will help us
leverage the power of
our **collective** voice.



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Priorities to Consider

- Identify strategies for preventing new HBV and HCV infections
- Assess the type and quality of data needed from state and local viral hepatitis surveillance systems to guide and evaluate prevention services



Priorities to Consider (cont.)

- Address disparities that affect prevention, education and care
- Identify strategies for reducing morbidity and mortality from chronic HBV and HCV infections



FY08 Federal Funding to CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis

- Viral Hepatitis: \$17.6 million
 - Adult viral hepatitis coordinators
 - average award ~\$90,000
 - VH-NET Cooperative agreements:
 - 6 nationally @ \$150,000 per year
- HIV/AIDS: \$692 million
- STD: \$152 million
- TB: \$140 million



Currently, there is no funding for:

- National HBV or HCV counseling, testing and referral
- National adult HAV/HBV vaccination program
- National chronic viral hepatitis surveillance system
- National viral hepatitis public awareness campaign



Currently, there is no funding for:

- National viral hepatitis training program for the public health workforce or medical providers
- National HBV or HCV treatment program for un/underinsured persons
- Sufficient coverage of HBV and HCV treatments in the Ryan White Program for HIV co-infected persons



The IOM report will provide NVHR with a needed tool to build the **political will** to eliminate viral hepatitis in the U.S.

“We need a bigger hammer”



Using the Report

- Advocacy and Education Efforts
 - Hepatitis C Appropriations Partnership (HCAP)
 - National Hepatitis C Advocacy Council
 - Hepatitis C Advocates UNITED!
 - National Task Force on Hepatitis B
 - HONORreform
 - Other advocacy organizations
- Giving strength to the voices of persons impacted by viral hepatitis
- Raising the profile of viral hepatitis



Thank you

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- Committee Members
- Presenters
- Colleagues Providing Public Comment
- NVHR Membership



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