

ADDRESSING HEPATITIS C IN NTP SETTINGS

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Background

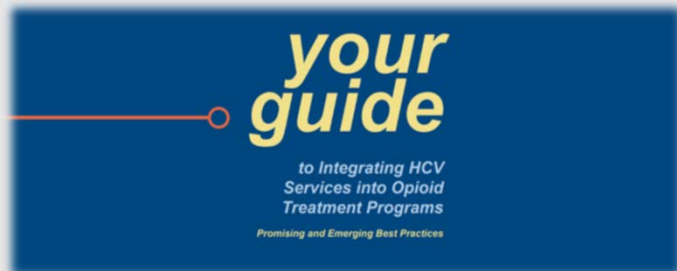
- The opioid epidemic has resulted in significant increases in Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) among people who inject drugs, **accounting for 23% of new infections.**
- HCV is **completely curable**, and **testing and treatment** are the path to cure.
- Narcotic/Opioid Treatment Providers (NTPs/OTPs) play a critical role in comprehensive approaches to **addressing HCV.**

HCV Current

- HCV Current is a national initiative of the ATTC Network to increase hepatitis C (HCV) knowledge among medical and behavioral health professionals.
- Featured products include:
 - [HCV RNA Provider Card](#)
 - [Hepatitis C Infographic and Initiative Overview](#)
 - [Motivational Interviewing to Address Hepatitis C](#)
 - [Your Guide to Integrating HCV Services into Opioid Treatment Programs](#)



Your Guide to Integrating HCV Services into OTPs



- Your Guide to Integrating HCV Services into Opioid Treatment Programs can help build the capacity of publicly funded OTPs to integrate HCV prevention and treatment services into their programs. This guide may also be useful for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), community and healthcare coalitions, nonprofit organizations and other substance use disorder and HCV treatment providers.

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Free Training!

- Free, 90-minute online course providing an overview of HCV. The four self-paced modules cover: populations at risk, overview of HCV, screening processes, and treatment options. Continuing education is available.
- Register for the course at: HealtheKnowledge.org



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