

Report Back from National Conferences

Harm Reduction Conference

- Involve the community
 - Nothing for us, without us!
- Educate our communities
 - Expand safer injection education
- Fight stigma
 - Drug users are people first!
- More resources for hepatitis C services
- Impact of health care reform
 - Using data better
 - Agencies need to learn the lingo of reform

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National Summit on HIV and Viral Hepatitis

- Impact of health care reform
 - How will it effect Ryan White programs?
 - How will it improve access to hepatitis services?
- Need for better hepatitis data
 - Prove scope of the problem and impacted communities
 - Evidence-based models (ECHO)
- Need for awareness and education
 - From risk groups and patients to providers
- Collaboration and integration

USPSTF: Hep C Testing Recommendations

What is the USPSTF?

- US Preventive Services Task Force
- An independent panel of non-Federal experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine
- Conduct scientific evidence reviews of a broad range of clinical preventive health care services (such as screening, counseling, and preventive medications) and develops recommendations for primary care clinicians and health systems.

USPSTF Grades

Table 1. What the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Grades Mean and Suggestions for Practice

Grade	Definition	Suggestions for Practice
A	The USPSTF recommends the service. There is high certainty that the net benefit is substantial.	Offer/provide this service.
B	The USPSTF recommends the service. There is high certainty that the net benefit is moderate or there is moderate certainty that the net benefit is moderate to substantial.	Offer/provide this service.
C	The USPSTF recommends against routinely providing the service. There may be considerations that support providing the service in an individual patient. There is moderate or high certainty that the net benefit is small.	Offer/provide this service only if other considerations support offering or providing the service in an individual patient.
D	The USPSTF recommends against the service. There is moderate or high certainty that the service has no net benefit or that the harms outweigh the benefits.	Discourage the use of this service.
I statement	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of the service. Evidence is lacking, of poor quality, or conflicting, and the balance of benefits and harms cannot be determined.	Read clinical considerations section of USPSTF Recommendation Statement. If the service is offered, patients should understand the uncertainty about the balance of benefits and harms.

USPSTF: Current Hepatitis C Recs

The USPSTF recommends **against** routine screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in asymptomatic adults who are not at increased risk (general population) for infection.

Grade: D

The USPSTF found insufficient evidence to recommend for or against routine screening for HCV infection in adults at high risk for infection. **Grade: I**

USPSTF: New Hepatitis Recs

B Grade



C Grade

