Hepatitis C

- The most common blood borne infection in the United States
- HCV kills more people in the US than the 60 most common infectious diseases combined
- It is curable!

CDC, 2016
How is hepatitis C transmitted?

- Injection drug use with equipment contaminated with HCV
- Blood transfusion prior to 1992
- Needle stick injuries
- Tattooing or piercing in unregulated settings with equipment contaminated with HCV
- High risk sex with an HCV positive partner
- Perinatal transmission
- Sharing toothbrushes or razors
Philadelphia is the city of brotherly and sisterly love.
Philadelphia has the highest overdose death rate of the top 10 largest U.S. cities

The New York Times Magazine

FEATURE

Trapped by the ‘Walmart of Heroin’

A Philadelphia neighborhood is the largest open-air narcotics market for heroin on the East Coast. Addicts come from all over, and many never leave.

NYT magazine, October 10, 2018
HepCAP: A one of a kind coalition

City wide collective dedicated to improving the continuum of hepatitis C prevention, diagnosis, care, and support services with the goal of eliminating hepatitis C from the City of Philadelphia

www.hepcap.org
HepCAP advocates for the elimination of barriers to treatment access
Disease Severity Restriction

CHLPI and NVHR at https://stateofhepc.org/.
Sobriety Requirement

2014

2018

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Prescriber Requirement

2014

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We still have work to do!

• Philadelphia can be the first city to be hepatitis C free!
• Tonight, help us eliminate hepatitis C
  • Share your ideas
  • Share your experiences
  • Help us develop Philadelphia’s hepatitis C elimination strategy