

LIVER & HEPATITIS

**FREE lunchtime webinars on liver disease
& viral hepatitis for GPs and practice nurses**

February

WEEK 1: Liver Cancer Screening – A/Prof Jessica Howell
Tuesday 20th February: 12:30pm - 1:10pm

We are opening the webinar series with a presentation to set context for the rest of the sessions - Liver Cancer Screening. This session will be presented by Associate Professor Jessica Howell, who is a Gastroenterologist and NHMRC Principal Research Fellow in the Department of Gastroenterology, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne/University of Melbourne and Burnet Institute.

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WEEK 2: Viral hepatitis serology explained - Dr Jacqui Richmond
Tuesday 27th February: 12:30pm - 1:10pm

Week 2 is all things blood - that is what the heck do those pathology results mean?! Surface antigens, antibodies, PCR?! Dr Jacqui Richmond is here to help. Jacqui has worked in the viral hepatitis sector for the last 22 years & currently works at the Burnet Institute as the Program Manager, Workforce Development and Health Service Delivery

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March



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WEEK 3: Hepatitis C Treatment – A/Prof Jacinta Holmes **Tuesday 5th March: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

In week 3 Dr Jacinta Holmes will focus on Hepatitis C treatment. Dr Jacinta Holmes is a full-time senior staff specialist in the Gastroenterology Department at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne.

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WEEK 4: Liver cirrhosis 101 - Prof Alex Thompson **Tuesday 12th March: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

In week 4 of our series, Dr Alex Thompson delves into cirrhosis of the liver. Alex Thompson is Professor-Director of the Department of Gastroenterology at St Vincent's Hospital, Professor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne & NHMRC Practitioner Fellow.

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WEEK 5: Hepatitis B Treatment – Dr David Iser **Tuesday 19th March: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

We've gone over Hepatitis C treatment, so now it's Hepatitis B's turn. Dr David Iser will help us navigate the sometimes tricky world of Hepatitis B treatment. David Iser is a Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist and has appointments at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & other metro and regional hospitals.

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WEEK 6: Viral Hepatitis Mapping Project – Jennifer MacLachlan **Tuesday 26th March: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

In week 6, Senior Epidemiologist Jennifer MacLachlan will update us on the latest Viral Hepatitis Mapping Project, which gives us a comprehensive understanding of viral hepatitis in Australia. Jennifer has appointments at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Viral Hepatitis at The Doherty Institute and at the University of Melbourne.

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April



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WEEK 7: Injecting practices that lead to poor health outcomes

Jane Dicka

Wednesday 3rd April: 12:30pm - 1:10pm

We are going to switch gears and focus on how all this clinical information relates to the real world. Jane Dicka is going to talk about injecting practices that can lead to viral hepatitis & other poor health outcomes. Jane Dicka is the Health Promotion Team Manager at Harm Reduction Victoria.

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WEEK 8: Update on AOD and viral hepatitis – Dr Adam Pastor

Tuesday 9th April : 12:30pm - 1:10pm

Drug and alcohol use places people at particular risk for viral hepatitis and other liver disease. In week 8 of our series, Dr Adam Pastor will provide an update on this important topic. Dr Adam Pastor is an Addiction Medicine Specialist and General Physician at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne.

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WEEK 9: Pregnancy & Viral Hepatitis – Dr Naomi Whyler

Tuesday 16th April : 12:30pm - 1:10pm

In week 9 of the series Dr Naomi Whyler will talk us through the testing and management of viral hepatitis in the setting of pregnancy. Dr Whyler is a Consultant in Perinatal Infections the Western Hospital. Dr Whyler is also doing a PhD at Monash Uni in postpartum care after high-risk conditions.

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**WEEK 10: HIV & Viral Hepatitis Coinfection – Mieken Grant & Kirsty Owen
Tuesday 23rd April: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

Owing to their similar transmission patterns, viral hepatitis and HIV coinfection can occur in some populations & can complicate the natural disease courses. Mieken Grant is the Victorian Viral Hepatitis Nurse Educator at St Vincents Hospital. Kirsty Owen is the HIV & The Green Room Clinical Coordinator at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre

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**Innovative approaches to Viral Hepatitis – Anne Cragie
Tuesday 30th April: 12:30pm - 1:10pm**

In our final webinar, we will gather all the information we have learnt about the ins and outs of viral hepatitis & liver disease, and look at examples of innovative approaches to screen and treat those affected. Anne Cragie is a Hepatology Nurse Practitioner at St Vincents Hospital Melbourne and leads a dedicated team of nurses to provide hepatitis clinical care to people in custody.

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