



ST VINCENT'S
HOSPITAL
MELBOURNE

Hepatitis B & C training in your workplace.

Why is education about viral hepatitis important?

- The fastest rising cause of cancer death is from liver cancer, primarily caused by untreated chronic hepatitis B & C.
- Understanding the need for long term management of hepatitis B and C is essential to reduce rapidly increasing rates of cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.
- Nearly 450,000 Australians are living with chronic hepatitis C or hepatitis B
- Hepatitis B and C treatments are available. Hep C treatments are curative, effective, taken for short duration and have few unwanted effects. Hep B treatments reduce the risk of liver cancer.
- 60% of Australians have poor health literacy. How can we ensure clients understand their illness and engage in healthcare? What questions should we ask?

Who is the professional development for?

- All health care professionals in Victoria; nurses, midwives, GPs, allied health, health students, aged care, Indigenous health, mental health, community health, dentists, pharmacists, Needle & Syringe Program, AOD workers.

What type of education is provided?

- Evidence – based, responsive, interactive
- Provided by Registered Nurse/Midwife with background in refugee health, drug and alcohol, indigenous health, sexual health, public health, health inequities.
- Service based at St Vincent's Hospital, Gastroenterology Department
- Funded by the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services. No cost for many health services.

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Hepatitis education - St Vincent's

Cost

Education sessions are
FREE for many

Where

Education sessions are
provided *anywhere in Victoria*

When

Time to suit the audience
(including some evenings)

Duration

A minimum *one hour*
education session is
preferable, but sessions can
be tailored as required

