Leveraging a Data to Care Approach to Cure Hepatitis C within RWHAP

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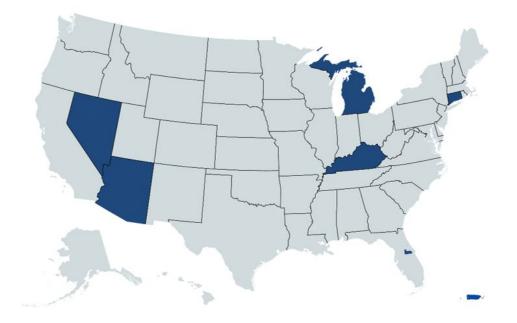


Project Overview

 Two-year HRSA HAB initiative with third year no cost extension

Goals

- Create sustainable methodologies for jurisdictions to create their own HCV clearance cascades for HIV/HCV co-infected persons
- Improve existing collaboration between jurisdictional HCV surveillance programs and RWHAP care providers
- To link people with HCV within the RWHAP to care, by leveraging existing public health surveillance and clinical data systems



Two Main Project Components

Health Departments Jurisdictional clearance cascades

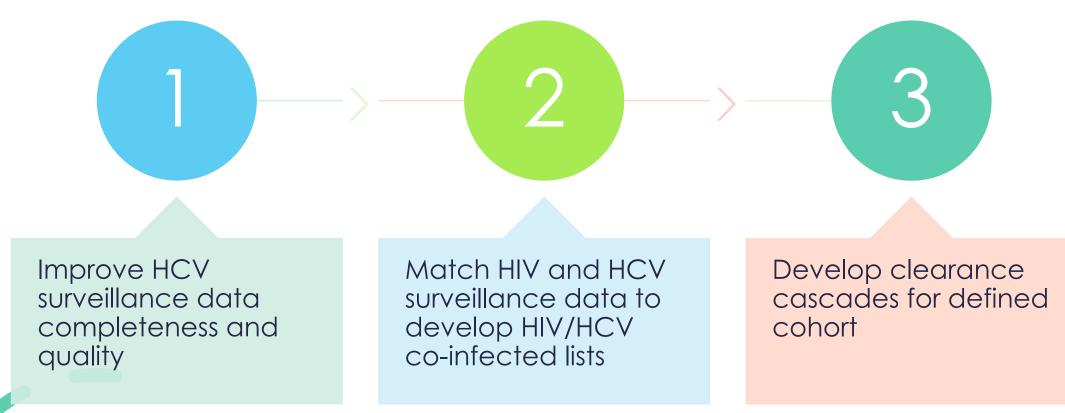
HIV Clinics Outreach and Linkage to Care Jurisdictional Viral Clearance Cascade

Importance for Jurisdictional HCV Clearance Cascade

- Clearance cascade is a <u>tool</u> to help jurisdictions visualize diagnosis and treatment milestones
- Identify gaps in care
- Monitor micro-elimination efforts
- Key step in 2025 National Hepatitis Strategy



Jurisdictional Clearance Cascades for HIV/HCV Co-infected Persons Using Surveillance Data: Core Steps



Creating the HCV Clearance Cascade: Key Steps



- Define base period (cohort) and follow-up period
- Assign individuals' dispositions based on HCV surveillance labs
- Select demographic characteristics to inform subpopulation analysis
- Populate Excel template (see tool)
- Review and analyze cascade
- Implement action steps (D2C)

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Clearance Cascade Example The figure below details the CDC's HCV clearance cascade and steps Data to Care No viral test Opportunities performed 2a Undetermined infection status Cured/Cleared At start of cascade 3a Persisten timeframe 5a infection or reinfection Not cured/Cleared Viral test 2b During cascade performed timeframe 3b Infection present Cured/Cleared At start of cascade 4b During cascade timeframe Persistent timeframe infection or 5b reinfection 1. Ever infected 2. Viral testing 3. Initial infection 4. Cured or cleared 5. Persistent infection or Any reported anti-HCV+ 2a. No viral test reported 3a. Initial reported viral test 4a. All reported viral test(s reinfection RNA+, detectable during follow-up period (-) during follow-up period (+) during follow-up period genotype, or Ag+ during 2b. Any viral test reported 3b. Initial reported viral test 4b. Any reported viral test Any viral test (+) after ever-infected period

Abbreviations: anti-HCV+, antibody positive; Ag+, antigen positive; RNA+, ribonucleic acid positive

during follow-up period

Note: Viral testing includes any HCV RNA, HCV genotype, or HCV core antigen test. (+) is defined as detectable HCV RNA or antigen; (-) is defined as undetectable HCV RNA or antigen.

(+) during follow-up period

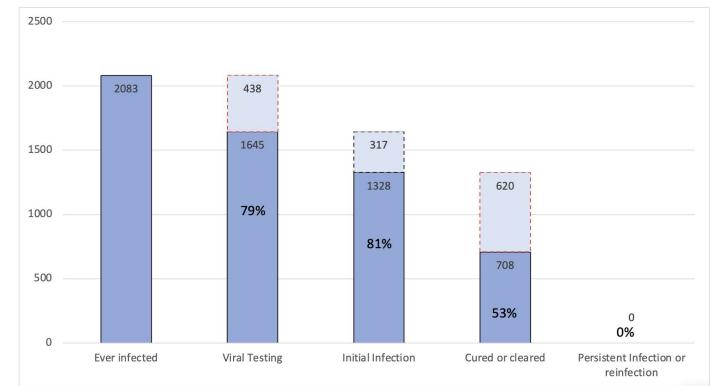
(-) after initial viral test (+)

during follow-up period

previous viral test (-) during

follow-up period

HCV Clearance Cascade for HIV/HCV Coinfection Connecticut (Cohort as of 12/31/2019 and status as of 12/31/2021)

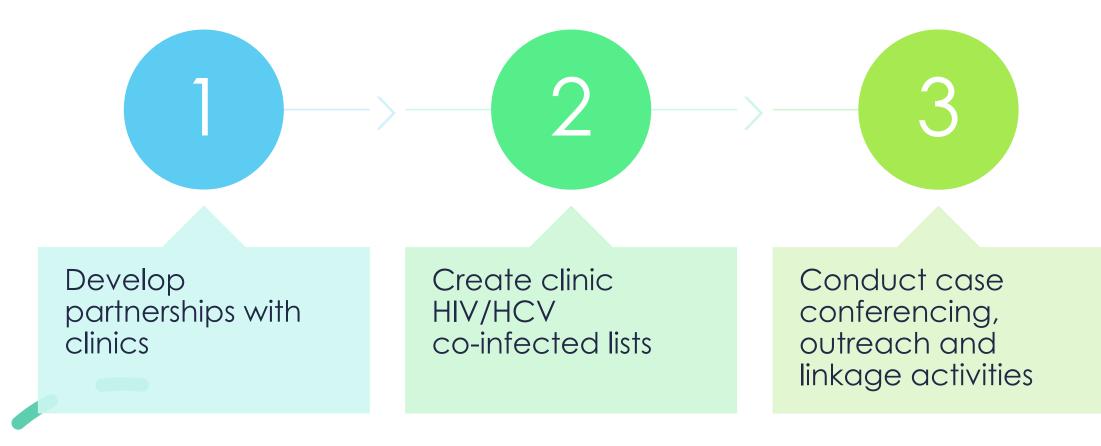


Noted gaps in viral testing (79% of ever infected tested) and clearance (53% of initial infection)

Montgomery et. al. Public Health Reports, 2023

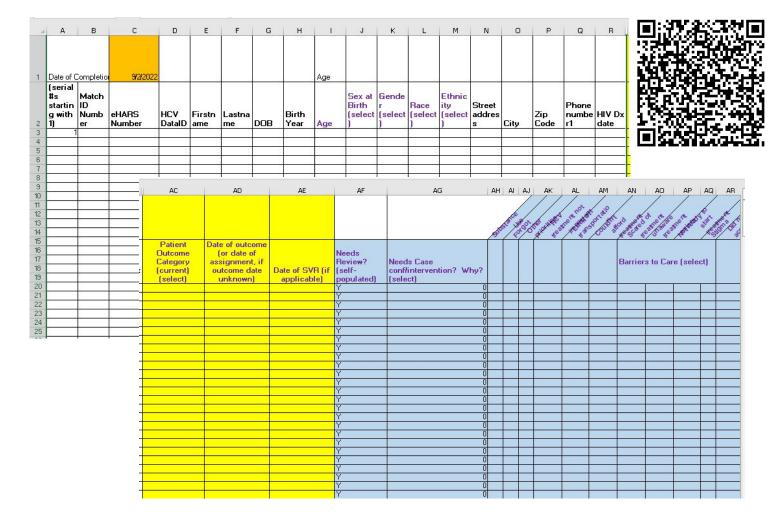
Clinic Cascade of Care – Outreach and Linkage

Outreach and Linkage: Key Steps to Approach to Data to Care

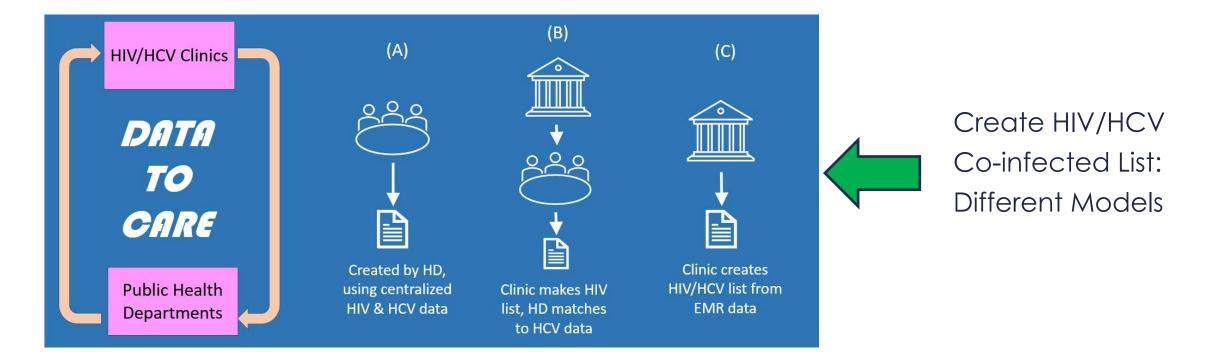


Review of Case Conference Methodology & Tool

- Case Conferencing Data Tool
 - Demographics (for ID matching), Treatment Status, Barriers to Care
- Data Tool automatically generates cascades
 - More granular than CDC viral clearance cascades
- Yellow fields are minimum needed for cascade creation

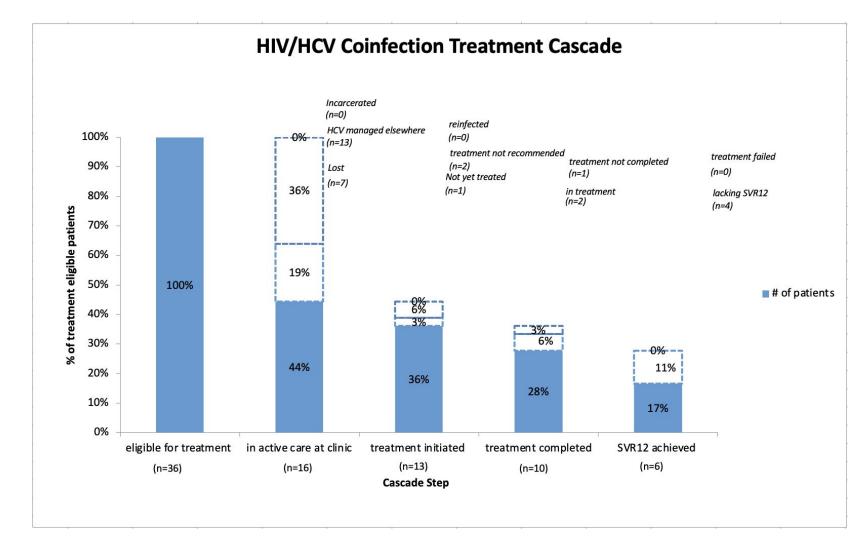


Case Conference Methodology



Health Department Champion Meets with Clinic Champion Review HCV Treatment Status Create Clinic-Specific HCV Care Cascade Assess Barriers and implement Linkage Plan

Example of Clinic-based Care Cascade using Case Conferencing Tool – Charter Oak (as of 12/31/2021)



Highlights of our past research

Research REPC

Implementing a Surveillance-Based Approach to Create a Statewide Viral Clearance Cascade for Hepatitis C Among People With HIV and HCV Coinfection in Connecticut

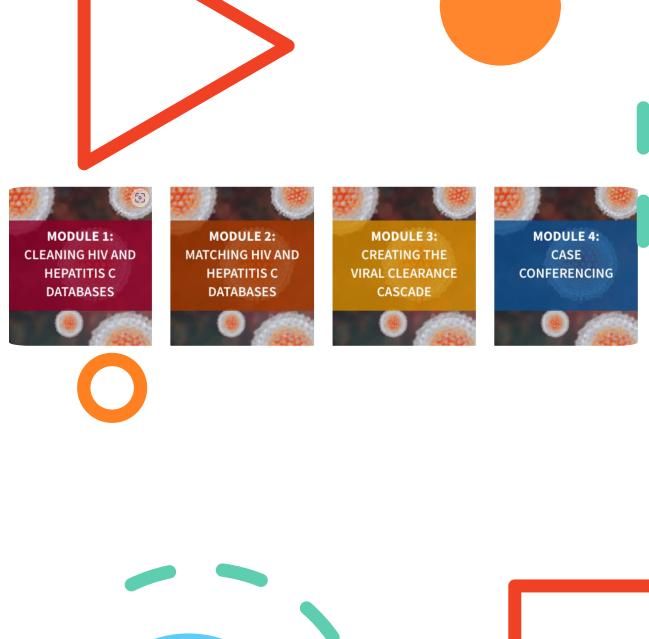
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Resources

- Mini eLearning videos and written companion (TargetHIV website)
- HIV/HCV co-infection clearance cascade data tool (TargetHIV website)
- Clinic-based cascade of care data tool (TargetHIV website)
- Implementation Manual (TargetHIV website)
- TargetHIV website
 <u>https://targethiv.org/spns-hcv-dtc</u>
- <u>Patient educational app Connecticut</u>
 <u>AETC (aetcct.org)</u>



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