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Insights in National Hepatitis B Partnerships

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Hepatitis B by Year, United States, 1966 - 2000

- Vaccine licensed
- HBsAg screening of pregnant women recommended
- Infant Immunization recommended
- OSHA Rule enacted
- Adolescent Immunization recommended
- Decline among injecting drug users
- Decline among MSM & HCWs

Source: NNDSS
Hepatitis B

Globally
• 400 million with chronic HBV
• 500,000 die annually from cirrhosis and HCC
• 40,000 die annually from acute hep B

United States
• Estimate 1-2 million with chronic HBV
• 4,000-6,000 die annually
• 0.3%-0.5% US population have chronic HBV
• 1 in 10 AAPI have chronic HBV
• 1 in 4 will develop cirrhosis and HCC
• 9 in 10 infected infants develops chronic HBV
• SF study, 2 in 3 infected AAPI did not know it
National Taskforce on Hepatitis B: AAPI
1997

Mission:
To support national, state, and local efforts to prevent new hepatitis B infections through vaccination, to identify chronically infected individuals, and to offer appropriate treatment and cancer screening.

129 members: academics, health care providers, state/local health departments & non-profits who meet via monthly calls
History

• 1997 – National Taskforce on Hepatitis B: AAPI (129)
• 2003 December – National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (109)
• 2006 July – Hepatitis B Bill (1st)
• 2006 September - APIAHF - AAPI Health Summit
• 2006 December – DHHS Sec. Mike Leavitt Meeting
• 2007 November – National Taskforce Hepatitis B Expert Panel
• 2007 December – Hepatitis B Bill (2nd)
• 2008 September – CDC New Screening Guidelines
• 2008 October – NIH Hepatitis B Consensus Conf.
• 2008 December – HHS signs Goals & Strategies
FIGURE 3. Geographic distribution of chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection — worldwide, 2006*

*For multiple countries, estimates of prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), a marker of chronic HBV infection, are based on limited data and might not reflect current prevalence in countries that have implemented childhood hepatitis B vaccination. In addition, HBsAg prevalence might vary within countries by subpopulation and locality.

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- Board
- Expert Panel

Federal:
- CDC
- OPHS/OMH
- NIH
- HRSA
- FDA
- OPHS/NVPO
- Veterans Affairs
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Goal: Reduce the risk of chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and its long-term complications

Objectives

• Prevent new HBV infections by promoting screening, immunization and education
• Promote early detection, appropriate follow-up and clinical management of persons with chronic HBV infection
• Increase awareness and support of HBV research among national and state policy makers
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Strategy 1: Improve HBV-related Public Health Prevention Infrastructure
Strategy 2: Increase HBV-related Health Education and Awareness
Strategy 3: Increase Screenings for Chronic HBV Infection
Strategy 4: Improve Access to Care and Treatment for Chronic HBV
Strategy 5: Increase Research for HBV and Liver Cancer
Other Highlights

- World Hepatitis Alliance – Global Hepatitis Day
- Institute of Medicine – Viral Hepatitis Study
- NIH – Clinical Trials
- CDC – Screening Study
- California strategy for adult viral hepatitis prevention
- Asia and Pacific Alliance to Eliminate Viral Hepatitis
Priorities

• Strengthening AA & NHOPPI Policy Advocacy Capacity
• Viral Hepatitis National Leadership
• Local / State Viral Hepatitis Networks
• AA & NHOPPI Spokespersons
Threats

• Economy
• Political Will
• Other Health Priorities
Links & Resources

• Hepatitis B Taskforce  
  - Hepbtaskforce.org
• Hepatitis B Foundation  
  - hepb.org
• Asian Liver Center  
  - liver.stanford.edu
• National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
  - nvhr.org
• B Free CEED  
  - bfree.med.nyu.edu
• CDC, Division of Viral Hepatitis  
  - cdc.gov/hepatitis
• NIH, Consensus Conference  
  - consensus.nih.gov
“In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

- Martin Luther King Jr
Thank You

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