

5th HEPATITIS C
TECHNICAL ADVISORY
GROUP
TAG Meeting

INTRODUCTION OF TAG MEMBERS AND ROLE OF THE TAG

Dr. Carolyn Wester, US CDC (Chair)

Dr. Margaret Hellard, Burnet Institute, Australia (Co-Chair)

Technical Advisory Group

Georgia Hepatitis C Elimination Program Roles

- To become familiar with the Georgia Hepatitis C Elimination Program including epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control activities
- Advise
 - Implementation of priority activities and interventions
 - Ways to meet challenges in program activities
 - Key performance indicators and elimination goals
 - Guide partnership development and resource mobilization

Collaborators

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC)
 - South Caucus Office (DGHP)
 - Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP)
 - Division of Cancer Prevention & Control (DCPC)
 - Division of Global HIV & TB (DGHT)
 - Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance (DHIS)
 - Division of Viral Hepatitis
- Gilead Sciences – Daniel O'Day and Clifford Samuels
- Others
 - World Health Organization
 - EASL International Liver Foundation
 - Abbott Diagnostics
 - University of Bristol, UK
 - Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)
 - Liver Institute & Foundation for Education and Research (LIFER)
 - Global Fund for AIDS, TB & Malaria
 - Foundation for New Innovative Diagnostics (FIND)
 - Blood Systems Research Inst.
 - CDC Foundation
 - Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network (TEPHINET)

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TAG Agenda, 2020

■ Tuesday November 19th

- Morning
 - Progress and Challenges of the HCV Elimination Program in Georgia 2015–2019
 - Identify Persons Infected with HCV (and Linked to Care)
- Afternoon
 - Provide HCV Care and Treatment
 - Promote Advocacy, Awareness, Education, and Partnerships for HCV-Associated Resource Mobilization
 - Round Table Discussions by TAG / Q&A
 - Activities to Improve HCV Surveillance and Program Effectiveness
 - Summary of Day 1 and Closing Remarks
- Dinner at Republic Restaurant hosted by FIND

■ Wednesday November 20th

- Morning
 - Prevent HCV Transmission – Harm Reduction
 - Prevent HCV Transmission – Blood Safety
 - Prevent HCV Transmission – Infection Control in Healthcare, Non-traditional Healthcare and Other Community Settings
 - Improve Laboratory Diagnostics
- Afternoon
 - Lessons Learned from Other Countries
 - Lunch & Free Time (TAG Members Lunch)
 - TAG Recommendations & 2019 Priorities
 - Closing Remarks

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