

# Workgroup D: Care and Treatment

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## Strengths

- Treatment options exist
- Private/public partnerships (ie, Pharma)
- Effective vaccines available for Hepatitis A and B
- This roundtable (matrix for discussion)
- Technology available for connectivity



## Weaknesses

- Lack of national public awareness, invisibility of viral hepatitis
- No guidelines for pediatric care
- No guidelines for adult Hepatitis B treatment
- Lack of political support for a stigmatized, marginalized population



## Weaknesses

- Imperfect, expensive, and difficult treatment
- Politics–bureaucracy and economics of power
- Lack of “public-face”
- Long latency period. Not immediately dramatically fatal



## Opportunities

- Chance to do it right: learn from the past (HIV) experience
- Develop advocacy for disenfranchised
- Sharing tools, knowledge, and resources
- Opportunity to model intervention programs to other nations
- Opportunity to influence legislation: develop legal agenda



## Challenges

- Motivating providers, patients, and legislators
- Clarifying knowledge base
- INTEGRATING CARE (HCV, HIV, HBV, MH, SA)
- Conveying sense of urgency to public, providers, planners
- Turf issues: competition for funds, compartmentalization of funding streams



## Action Musts

- Perpetuation of roundtable forum
- Promote collaboration between private, public, and consumer sectors
- Determine standard of care for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of HBV
- Delegate responsibilities and assign tasks to roundtable participants
- Raise public awareness through effective PR



## Action Musts

- Demonstrate diversity of populations that viral hepatitis impacts
- Put power of diverse, knowledgeable NVHR to work to influence federal legislation and policy through designated RT workgroups
- NVHR should endeavor to persevere to promote vaccine for adults
- Support/showcase best practices for integrated viral hepatitis care
- Train HCPs about extra-hepatic manifestations of viral hepatitis



## Action Musts

- Pharma can sponsor forums for sharing knowledge, resources, and tools etc., bring groups together
- NVHR website developments with cross-links
- Disseminate viral hepatitis treatment to professionals & patients
- Bring competing groups together to share resources when possible



## Action Musts

- Improve access to available technologies and treatments
- Encourage consensus on HBV treatment
- Strengthen primary care sectors in traditional and nontraditional sites (jails, etc.)
- Develop educational standards (train the trainers)
- Recruit viral hepatitis spokesperson
- Encourage development of PR campaign

