

HepTalk Listserv Archive

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Announcements from HepTalk

Welcome to the (late) September/ (early) October 2005 edition of the Listserv. We're finishing a three part series on substance abuse and Hepatitis B and C. We began in July with information about substance abuse among migrant workers. In August, we offered information about "harm reduction" strategies for HCV substance abusers. In this edition, we offer information about substance abuse treatment for migrant and recent immigrant clients. The information sources in the September issue are the following:

1. Harvest House, a substance abuse facility with experience treating migrant clients
2. SAMHSA Facility Locator, an internet service that will help you locate substance abuse services with special language services near your clinic
3. Information from a HepTalk site which provides substance abuse counseling and Hepatitis C treatment at their clinic, and links to four related articles.

The 18th Annual East Coast Migrant Stream Forum

The Forum will be held October 20 –22, 2005 at the Memphis Marriott Downtown and Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

As a member of the HepTalk Project, you are invited to join the MCN staff and other migrant clinicians for breakfast on Saturday, October 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 in the Steamboat Room, for informal conversation and sharing of ideas and resources. Carmen Retzlaff, Project Coordinator for HepTalk will be there.

Please bring your questions, ideas and experiences. For more information about the conference in general go to http://www.ncchca.org/ECMSF_2005.htm. For more information about the Breakfast, please contact Kath Anderson, Listserv administrator at dempander@earthlink.net.

Please note:

The articles and links below do not comprise recommendations from HepTalk, or from the CDC. They are mainly intended to stimulate discussion of issues you may find relevant to your client population. Check the HepTalk webpage on the Migrant Clinicians Network website at <http://www.migrantclinician.org>. You can get to our page by clicking on "Clinical Excellence" on the Home page, and then clicking on "Hepatitis" on the menu at the left <http://www.migrantclinician.org/excellence/hepatitis>.

If others at your clinic would like to be on the listserv, or if you have questions about the listserv or resources listed here, or if you would like to add something Kathryn Anderson, HepTalk listserv administrator, at dempander@earthlink.net. You can also contact the listserv administrator if you would like to unsubscribe from the list.

Substance Abuse Treatment for Migrants

Many clinicians have a difficult time locating referral sources for substance abuse treatment for their mobile and immigrant clients. Facilities that are both affordable and also have appropriate language services and cultural awareness are extremely difficult to find. Below is one such center we are aware of. We list it as an example of how to use the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/Default.aspx>.

Because substance abuse treatment services are so hard to locate for low-income clients and Spanish-speaking clients, some clinics have taken it upon themselves to add these services in-house: one HepTalk clinic in Wisconsin has been able to offer these services through collaboration with The University of Wisconsin. You may be able to find ideas about funding sources they found to offer these services, and what you may be able offer on-site.

1. Harvest House

The Harvest House is a residential treatment program with experience in treating migrant clients. This facility works with Spanish-speaking clients from the Tri-County Community Health Clinic area, but they will also take referrals, and have worked with migrant clients from many other states, says staff member, Al Gonzales. “They do not have detox capability for patients other than those treated at the Tri-County Community Health Clinic”.

For questions about the program, call the number below or e-mail agonzales@tcchc.com

2. SAMHSA Facility Locator

Here is an example of what information you would find if you used the facility locator to look up Harvest House in North Carolina:

Harvest House
1480 Maple Grove Church Road
Dunn, NC 28334
(910) 567-5020

8.30 miles (Tells you the number of miles from your clinic)
Map It! (If you click here, the Locator provides a map which can be printed and given to the client)

- **Primary Focus:** Substance abuse treatment services
- **Services Provided:** Substance abuse treatment

- **Type of Care:** Residential short-term treatment (30 days or less), Outpatient, Partial hospitalization/day treatment
- **Special Programs/Groups:** DUI/DWI offenders
- **Forms of Payment Accepted:** Self payment
- **Payment Assistance:** Sliding fee scale (fee is based on income and other factors)
- **Special Language Services:** Spanish (These last three lines of information may be especially important in helping you determine if the facility listed is appropriate for your client.)
- **Intake:** (800) 567-5021 (Though the Harvest House does not have many facilities do, and you can access further information here.)

How to use the SAMHSA Facility Locator

Step 1: Go to <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/Default.aspx>. On this page you will find a map of the United States.

To locate the drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs nearest you, find your State on the map below and click on it./

Step 2: To search for the drug and alcoholism treatment program, the Locator needs a starting point. A starting point can be a city, street and/or zip code. To find facilities nearest you enter your city, street or zip code.

City (Required)
 State (Required)
 Zip code (Optional)
 Street address (Optional)
 Search Radius: xxx miles

NOTE: To protect your privacy, the information you entered will be permanently erased after your search is completed.

Your search has found xx facilities within xxx miles of your starting point. The map shows the location of the 10 closest. For information about each one, scroll down below the map.

NOTE: to customize your search according to type of care and other facility services **CLICK HERE** or use the **DETAILED SEARCH** option shown on the left side of this page. This could reduce the number of facilities you have to consider.

PLEASE NOTE: While MCN has worked previously with Harvest House, and thus has knowledge of services and staff beyond the information that appears on the Locator, MCN cannot recommend Harvest House or any of the other sites listed there. The Locator and the sites

therein appear on this listserv to facilitate location of appropriate services for your clients by your staff, not as recommendations from MCN. If you have trouble using the Facility Locator, please contact HepTalk listserv administrator Kathryn Anderson at dempander@earthlink.net for a list of facilities near you.

3. The Beloit Area Community Health Center

Through collaboration with the University of Wisconsin, which includes the use of Ryan White funding, is able to provide on-site Hepatitis C treatment and substance abuse counseling as part of their primary care service. An on-site nurse practitioner and a specialist from the University of Wisconsin see patients on a regular basis.

Here are links to four sources discussing Hepatitis C treatment in primary care settings:

- David H. Winston, M.D., F.A.C.P., Director of Gastroenterology and Hepatology CIGNA HealthCare of Arizona, Sun City, and Donna C Winston, PhD, N.P., Medical Research Consultant. **MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C BY THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER: MONITORING GUIDELINES.** Go to <http://www.hcvadvocate.org/> and click on Primary Care Guide for downloadable pdf of this resource.
- Am J Gastroenterol. 2003 Mar;98(3):639-44. *Identification and management of hepatitis C patients in primary care clinics.* Shehab TM, Orrego M, Chunduri R, Lok AS. Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, USA. Related Articles, Links: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/utils/lofref.fcgi?PrId=3046&uid=12650800&db=pubmed&url=http://www.blackwellsynergy.com/openurl?genre=article&sid=nlm:pubmed&issn=0002-9270&date=2003&volume=98&issue=3&spage=639>
- J Viral Hepat. 2001 Sep;8(5):377-83. *Management of hepatitis C patients by primary care physicians in the USA: results of a national survey.* Shehab TM, Sonnad SS, Lok AS. Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, USA. Related Articles, Links: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/utils/lofref.fcgi?PrId=3046&uid=11555196&db=pubmed&url=http://www.blackwellsynergy.com/openurl?genre=article&sid=nlm:pubmed&issn=1352-0504&date=2001&volume=8&issue=5&spage=377>
- Ann Fam Med*. 2004 Mar-Apr;2(2):116-24. *Management of patients with hepatitis C in a community population: diagnosis,*

discussions, and decisions to treat. Rocca LG, Yawn BP, Wollan P, Kim WR. Department of Clinical Research, Olmsted Medical Center, Rochester, Minn 55904, USA. Related Articles, Links: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/utils/lofref.fcgi?PrId=3051&uid=15083850&db=pubmed&url=http://www.annfammed.org/cgi/pmidlookup?view=long&pmid=15083850>

HepTalk is a project of the Migrant Clinicians Network and Community Health Education Concepts. HepTalk is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The goal of HepTalk is to help clinicians serving migrants and recent immigrants engage in productive discussions about hepatitis risks with their clients and help them make prevention plans. The HepTalk listserv is a support service for clinics participating in the project. This is a post-only listserv and postings will come from HepTalk staff about once a month. If others at your clinic would like to be on the listserv, or if you have questions about the listserv or resources listed here, or if you would like to add something to the posts, please contact Kathryn Anderson, HepTalk training and education coordinator and listserv administrator, at dempander@earthlink.net. You can also contact the listserv administrator if you would like to unsubscribe from the list. The content of the HepTalk listserv is compiled by HepTalk project staff.