

**Review Template for  
Best Practices and Interventions for the Prevention of Hepatitis C**

<b>Best Practice/Intervention:</b>	Grau et al. (2009). Getting the message straight; effects of a brief hepatitis prevention intervention among injection drug users. <i>Harm Reduction Journal</i> , Dec 15; 6:36-52.			
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	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
The best practice/intervention has applicability in a region	X			Intervention was part of 4 year longitudinal study on 584 IDUs residing in Chicago, IL, Hartford CT, and Oakland, CA. This study interviewed 208 participants between June 2000 and July 2001.
The best practice/intervention shows evidence of “scale up” ability/transferability/adaptation	X			Intervention can be easily implemented into existing Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) with minimal staff burden. 27.8% of persons exposed to intervention used ‘safety square’ (absorbent pad) post-injection. Inappropriate use of ‘safety square’ may have been reduced if written message was provided earlier in written instructions. There was a recommendation to include brief verbal reminders as part of package.
The best practice/intervention has utilized a program evaluation process	X			Intervention was evaluated with statistics based on self-reporting responses from participants exposed and not exposed to intervention; Article accepted into peer reviewed journal.

Consultation and feedback with community has taken place		X		
The best practice/intervention is equity sensitive, i.e. for multicultural and marginalized populations (e.g. gender, poverty, etc.)	X	X		<u>Yes:</u> Sample: 59.6% male; 92.8% of sample from racial/ethnic minority groups, mean age 41.4 years, 12% had less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade education. <u>No:</u> Intervention may have been more effective if language was more easily comprehensible (p.9). Non-random sample and social desirability factors (i.e. disproportionate access/uptake of intervention between cities, please refer to Table 1).
The best practice/intervention is easily accessed/available electronically	X			Free online access from Harm Reduction Journal and PubMed.
Translation:				
The best practice/intervention is available in English	X			
The best practice/intervention has been translated into other languages		X		
Cost effectiveness:				
Is there evidence of a cost effective analysis?		X		
If so, what does the evidence say? <b>(Please go to comments section)</b>				
Evidence of sustainability:				
How is the best practice/intervention funded? <b>(Please go to comments section)</b>				National Institute on Drug Abuse
Is the best practice/intervention dependent on external funds?	X			