

Criteria Grid
Best Practices and Interventions for the Prevention and Awareness of Hepatitis C

Best Practice/Intervention:	Prevention of Hepatitis C Virus in Injecting Drug Users: A Narrow Window of Opportunity, Grebely and Dore, March 2011, Editorial Commentary, Journal of Infectious Diseases, 203(5), 571-574.			
Date of Review:	March 10, 2011			
Reviewer(s):	Alison Marshall			
Part A				
Category:	Basic Science <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Science <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health/Epidemiology <input type="checkbox"/> Social Science <input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Meta-analysis/Editorial Comment]			
Best Practice/Intervention:	Focus: Hepatitis C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C/HIV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Level: Group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Target Population: IDUs Setting: Health care setting/Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>All settings (meta-analysis)</u> Country of Origin: <u>Studies mostly completed in developed countries (Meta-analysis)</u> Language: English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Part B				
	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
<i>Is the best practice/intervention a meta-analysis or primary research? Please go to Comments section.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis.
<i>The best practice/intervention shows evidence of "scale up" ability</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis. Not one specific intervention.
<i>The best practice/intervention shows evidence of transferability</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis.
<i>The best practice/intervention shows evidence of adaptation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis.
<i>Do the methodology/results described allow the reviewer(s) to assess the generalizability of the results?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis, so not a detailed account of multiple methodologies and results.

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
<i>Are the best practices/methodology/results described applicable in developed and/or developing countries?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Most of the studies were conducted in developed countries (USA, Canada, and Australia) but some in developing (Thailand).
<i>The best practice/intervention has utilized a program evaluation process</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Consultation and feedback with community has taken place</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>The best practice/intervention is sensitive to gender issues</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some studies mentioned related to gender and hepatitis
<i>The best practice/intervention is sensitive for multicultural and marginalized populations</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some discussion on microenvironmental and macroenvironmental physical, social, economic and political factors
<i>The best practice/intervention is easily accessed/available electronically</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2011 March, 203 (5), 571-574.
<i>The best practice/intervention has been translated into other languages</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Is there evidence of a cost effective analysis? If so, what does the evidence say? Please go to Comments section</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A cost effective analysis was not performed.
<i>How is the best practice/intervention funded? Please go to Comments section</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.
<i>Is the best practice/intervention dependent on external funds?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meta-analysis.
<i>Other relevant criteria: Summary: Key Findings</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Extremely low treatment uptake among active IDU users. Data is sparse on effectiveness of HCV prevention programs. Decrease in non-injecting related to decrease in new HCV infections. Efforts to discover an HCV vaccine are critical.