The Need for a National Action Plan

In May 2016, Canada signed on to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s first ever Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. The WHO strategy includes specific reduction targets, and all countries were asked to develop a National Action Plan to meet these targets.

However, at this point Canada has no action plan in place. An effective national action plan is required to align and coordinate all those involved in the prevention and management of HCV across our provinces and territories, toward the goal of elimination.

AHC, along with our many allies, are calling on our federal government to put in place a plan that will provide guidance and monitor progress on our prevention, monitoring, and treatment targets across the provinces and territories, saving thousands of lives and fulfilling our international commitments.

**National Action Plan MUST-HAVES:**


The Minister of Health has begun the development of a new, integrated STBBI National Action Plan. While open to ideas, the Minister does not seem willing to invest the funds needed to make the action plan viable. As we move past asking for a strategy, and engage in discussions about what that strategy will look like, this list of must-haves can help move the conversation forward when discussing the role of the federal government in the elimination of hepatitis C.