



Update

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CHIPO Mission



CHIPO, meaning “gift” in the Shona language, seeks to promote hepatitis B education among African immigrants, healthcare providers, and organizations serving this community through raising awareness, developing local and national partnerships, and advocating for increased screening and improved linkage to care services.

We currently have over 30 coalition partners around the US dedicated to addressing viral hepatitis in African communities.



Primary Goals of CHIPO



- Discuss issues around the diagnosis and treatment of HBV among African immigrants
- Engage and further educate healthcare, service, and other providers about the importance of HBV testing, prevention, and timely treatment
- Create and support infrastructure of a “Hepatitis B in African Immigrant Populations” workgroup
- Ensure that the African immigrant population is represented in HBV programs regionally and nationally



Coalition Partners



- African Services Committee
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center
- Asian American Health Coalition/HOPE Clinic
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Columbus Office of Minority Health
- Dallas/Fort Worth Hep B Free Project
- Drexel University School of Public Health
- Global Prairie
- Hepatitis B Coalition of Washington/WithinReach
- Hepatitis B Foundation
- Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, D.C. (HBI-DC)
- Horn of Africa Rescue Committee
- Houston Department of Health and Human Services

- International Community Health Services
- Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- Midwest Asian Health Association
- Mount Sinai Medical Center/Project HONE
- New York City Hepatitis B Coalition
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- New York University School of Medicine
- Obala Foundation
- Ohio Asian American Health Coalition
- Office of Minority Health Center on Health Disparities
- Office of Viral Hepatitis Coordination, NYC Department of Health
- Philadelphia Department of Public Health
- University of Maryland School of Medicine



CHIPO ACTIVITIES



Monthly Meetings



- 4th Monday of every month
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
- Agenda:
 - Guest speakers
 - Updates on partner activities around the country
 - Sharing best practices
 - Providing feedback to colleagues on projects or materials



Recent Speakers



Presenter(s)	Topic
Sherry Chen and Cynthia Jorgensen, Centers for Disease Control	New CDC Fact Sheets for African Immigrants
Stefan Hagmann, MD MSc, Albert-Einstein College of Medicine	Hepatitis B Awareness and Knowledge in Hepatitis B Surface Antigen-Positive Parturient Immigrant Women from West Africa in the Bronx, New York
Chioma Nnaji, Multicultural AIDS Coalition	Overview of African Immigrant HBV-Related Activities in Massachusetts
Umut Sarpel, Mount Sinai School of Medicine	Introduction to a new HBV/HCC screening project in African immigrants
Clemente Aboge, Dwele Foundation and Dr. Bob Perrillo, Baylor University Medical Center; University Texas Southwestern	HBV Challenges in Resource Limited Nations
Hari Shankar, Mt. Sinai Medical Center	HBV Screening ASC/HONE Project Updates: Outreach, Recruitment and Participation

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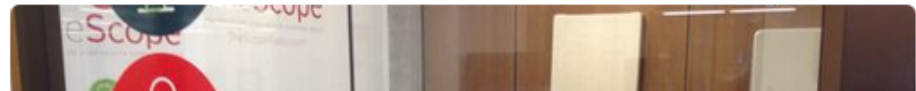


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Dr. Gallegos speaking to @TheScopeRadio about [#Hepatitis C](#) and Liver [#Transplant](#) research @UofUHealthCare. Curing HCV [pic.twitter.com/7tqmDSFGzO](#)





Current Projects



- Developing educational presentations on hepatitis in African immigrants for
 - Community members
 - Healthcare professionals
- National Hepatitis Awareness Month
- World Hepatitis Day
- Building resource library of educational materials, videos, Websites
- Linking potential partners together, forwarding research and initiatives around the U.S.



Looking to the Future



- Formalizing infrastructure
- Growing CHIPO
 - Maintaining interest and engagement of members
- Securing funding for collaborative programs
- Hosting in-person meetings/conferences
- Enhancing our advocacy presence at a national level by partnering with other national groups (Hep B United, NVHR)
- Becoming recognized by DHHS (OMH, CDC)



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THANK YOU!