

## Background

- An estimated 146,500 New York City (NYC) residents have hepatitis C (HCV).
- New, simpler treatments now cure HCV in almost all patients. Curing HCV reduces the risk of liver disease and cancer and prevents transmission to others.
- However, only 14% of NYC residents infected with HCV have been cured, even though national guidelines recommend treatment for all HCV-infected persons.
- The number of physicians prepared to treat HCV is too low to meet the demand, since older, more complex HCV treatments were usually administered by medical specialists.

## Goal

To increase the number of NYC physicians, and other community health providers, who screen, diagnose, manage and treat HCV according to national guidelines.

## Description

The Hepatitis Clinical Training Program created and delivered trainings on best practices in HCV screening, care, treatment and prevention, tailored to the specific needs of NYC providers:

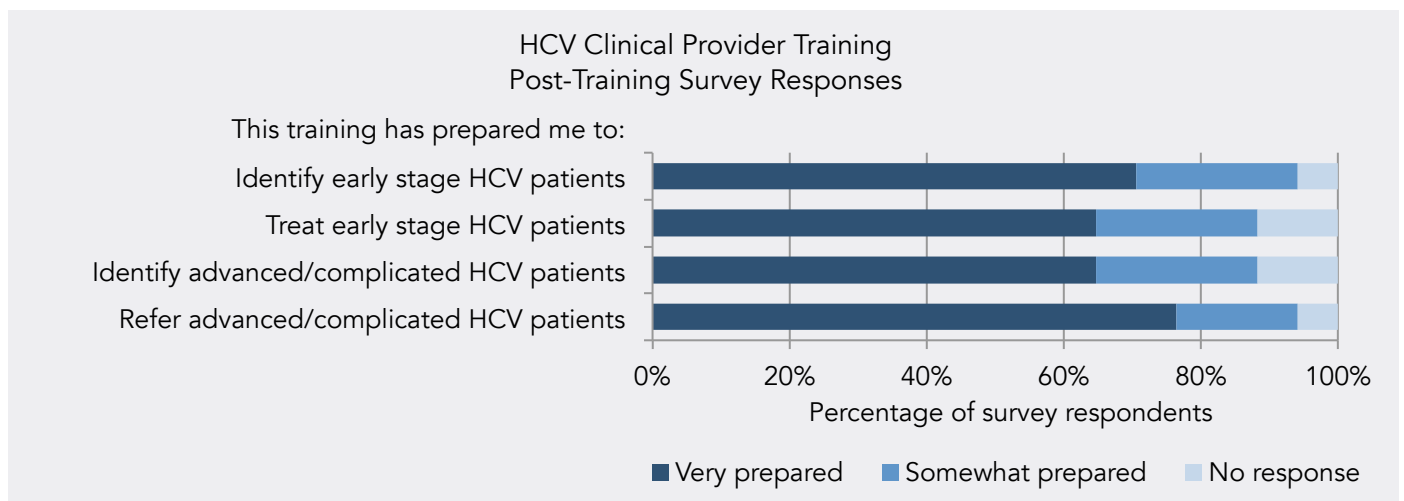
1. **HCV Grand Rounds:** One-hour overview of HCV best practices for hospitals
2. **HCV Clinical Provider Training** (10 CMEs): Ten-hour online, in-depth curriculum to prepare practicing providers for the New York State (NYS) Medicaid Experienced HCV Provider Classification
3. **HCV Medication Coverage Training** (2 CMEs): Training on obtaining insurance or patient assistance program coverage for HCV treatment for allied health providers
4. **HepCure Webinars** (1 CME): Webinars on advanced clinical HCV care topics
5. **Clinical Mentoring Service:** Consultations for community clinic providers

## Impact

In FY2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017), the program reached:

**856 providers** at **49 NYC hospitals**, clinics, pharmacies or community organizations

Participants of the HCV Clinical Provider Training reported that they felt **very prepared to identify, treat and/or refer HCV patients** after the training, which reached 38 providers.



## Participants

### BRONX

Acacia Network  
BOOM! Specialty Pharmacy  
Brightpoint Health  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center  
Brooklyn Hospital Center  
Interfaith Medical Center  
Montefiore Medical Center  
Morris Heights Health Center  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln  
St. Barnabas Hospital  
Quality Specialty Pharmacy

### BROOKLYN

Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center  
Brooklyn Hospital Center  
Brooklyn Nurse Practitioners  
Express Health Mart Pharmacy  
Interfaith Medical Center  
Kings Pharmacy  
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center  
Lindenwood Rx Center  
Maimonides Medical Center  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County  
NYU Langone Hospital–Brooklyn  
Rite Choice Pharmacy  
VOCAL-NY  
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center  
VA NY Harbor Healthcare System

### MANHATTAN

Boriken Neighborhood Health Center  
Callen Lorde Community Health Center  
Care for the Homeless  
Center for Comprehensive Health Practice  
Harlem United  
Heritage Healthcare Center  
Institute of Family Health  
Lenox Hill Hospital  
Mount Sinai Health System  
Services for the UnderServed  
Weill Cornell Medicine

### QUEENS

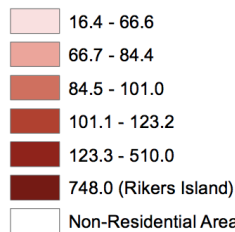
AIDS Healthcare Foundation  
Community Healthcare Network  
Damian Family Care Centers  
Jewel Pharmacy  
Living Positive Inc.  
NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens  
Specialty Script Pharmacy

### STATEN ISLAND

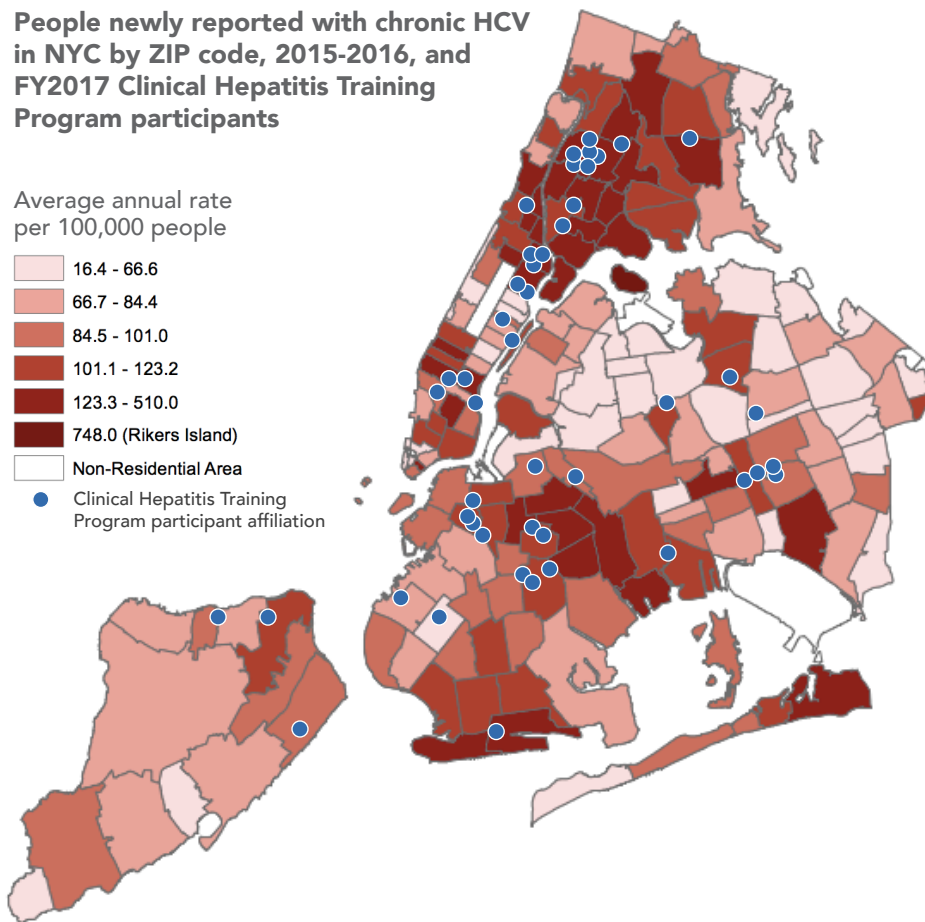
Enexia Specialty Pharmacy  
Richmond University Medical Center  
Staten Island University Hospital

## People newly reported with chronic HCV in NYC by ZIP code, 2015-2016, and FY2017 Clinical Hepatitis Training Program participants

Average annual rate per 100,000 people



Blue dot: Clinical Hepatitis Training Program participant affiliation



## Expertise

The Empire Liver Foundation (ELF) is an association of experienced NYS physicians that specialize in treating HCV. Nineteen ELF members and other clinical providers from the following hospitals delivered trainings or created guidance for the Hepatitis Clinical Training Program:

- Mount Sinai Health System
- NewYork-Presbyterian
- New York Medical College
- Northwell Health
- NYU Langone Health
- Weill Cornell Medicine
- VA NY Harbor Healthcare System

## Future Plans

In FY2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), the program will continue its HCV CME trainings. In addition, it will:

1. Create and deliver **hepatitis B (HBV) Grand Rounds presentations** at six NYC hospitals or health centers
2. Create and deliver an online **HBV provider training series**
3. Design an HBV/HCV **clinical preceptorship** for community health providers