



Increasing Hep C Testing and Linkage to Care in an Inpatient/Outpatient Substance Use Treatment Center

We're here to help you through your struggles with addiction.

WHAT WE DO

We offer **inpatient** (detox + rehab) and **outpatient** services at our NY facilities for individuals suffering from addiction.

Not only do we treat patients with customized medical-assisted therapy we also provide wrap around services for chronic and infectious diseases which includes Hepatitis testing and treatment and referrals.

We also bring guidance + hope into their lives.



ACI'S VISION:

Continuing the 54 years of experience providing high quality treatment.

We continue to use a multidisciplinary team approach that assists individuals to learn about the disease of Addiction, treatment options, living in recovery of an alcohol and drug free lifestyle and learn to managing their health.

Our goal is to become a nationwide network of centers for addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery with emphasis on wrap around services for disease management and mental health services.

OUR CORE VALUES

The values that stand at the core of ACI



Work as a team



Respect and value everyone



Ensure high-level quality and safety standards



Be transparent



Act with compassion



Stick to the highest ethical principles

VAREITY OF TREATMENT PLANS:

- Intensive Outpatient Program
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MATs)
- Mental Health Treatment
- Evidence Based Treatment & Groups
- CBT, DBT, Anger Management, Seeking Safety/Trauma & Other Specialty Groups
- Family Engagement & Reunification
- Health & Nutrition Services & Groups
- Hep C Testing & Linkage to Care
- Opioid Overdose Prevention Provider
- Gender Specific & LGBTQ Groups
- Spirituality & Meditation Practices
- Comprehensive Discharge Planning

We offer all these services that helps with keeping patients in treatment to manage their mental and medical health.

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT:

We invest in better care and treatment by hiring an expansive clinical team:

- Psychiatrists
- Medical Doctors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Mental Health Professionals
- Credentialed Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counselors
- Professionals with lived Experience of Addiction Recovery

We also provide comprehensive discharge planning with wrap around services, post discharge follow up, and Health Home.



Hep C INTEGRATED GRANT

To help cure NYC vulnerable population of Hep C, ACI partnered with Mount Sinai REACH and the CDC with testing at-risk patients. Our primary goal is to provide a smooth referral process, with the aim to connect patients to Hep C treatment.

HEP C INTEGRATED GRANT: YEAR 2 DELIVERABLES

DELIVERABLE NUMBER	DELIVERABLE NAME	DELIVERABLE DESCRIPTION
1	Hep C Clinical Training	3 clinical providers engaged in training for Hep C care
2	Hep C Patient Navigation Training	5 supportive staff attended patient navigation training
3	Hep C Treatment in People Who Use Drugs Training	All clinical staff attended training for CME credit
4	Linkage to Hep C Treatment and MAT Care Workflow	Coordinated with REACH to create diagnostic workflow to identify Hep C RNA patients
5	Identify Hep C Positive Patients	Identify minimum 50 Hep C positive patients and link Hep C RNA positive patients to integrated Hep C and MAT care

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

Dates	Patients Tested	Hep C Antibody +
May 2022- Sept 2023	7,016	1,480

Dates	Hep C Antibody +	Hep C RNA +	Linked to Treatment
May 2022-Sept 2023	1,480	427	237

We have tested 7,016 patients from May 2022 to Sept 2023, with diagnosing 1,480 patients with Hep C antibodies, and 427 with active Hep infection warranting treatment, of the 427 patients who were infected 237 were linked to care.

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CHALLENGES FACED

- ❖ Lab result turnaround time took longer than intended
- ❖ The fast pace of treatment leads to patient discharge before obtaining Hep C lab results
- ❖ Unable to contact patient following a positive Hep C result (loss to follow-up)
- ❖ Social barriers to care: housing, food insecurity, job instability

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S U C C E S S E S

- ❖ Hep C Awareness led to an increased tested number of patients
- ❖ Previous lab results used to expedite linkage to care
- ❖ Simplified workflow enabling linkage to care and other referrals
- ❖ Collaboration with community providers that share similar goals
- ❖ Educational Resources for both patients and staff
- ❖ Cell phones given to patients to enable post discharge follow-ups

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ ACI received “**Special Recognition Award**” on World AIDS Day in 2021 for the commitment to helping eradicate Hep C. Evidenced by treating multiple patients who are now Hep C FREE, through treatment and linkages to care for both Inpatient and Outpatient locations.

**Thank you for taking the
time to be here**

Any questions?
Any comments?

