

HEPATITIS OUTREACH NETWORK (HONE)

“A network building capacity to prevent, manage and treat hepatitis B and C in NYC”

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MOUNT SINAI COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The Mount Sinai Hospital is dedicated to the health and well-being of its diverse communities.
- We partner with community-based organizations and leaders to build programs that meet the community's needs.

HEPATITIS OUTREACH NETWORK

- Established in 2009
- Community viral hepatitis prevention, screening and linkage to care program focused on adult, minority groups in New York City who are at risk for chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) and chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV)
- Collaboration between members of The Mount Sinai Health System, Division of Liver Diseases, Tisch Cancer Institute
- Supported by the Division of Liver Diseases



HONE GOALS



- Raise awareness and provide education in diverse communities:
 - African , Chinese , Hispanic, and Russian

- Implement a comprehensive hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, and ALT screening

- Establish a link between screening efforts and appropriate healthcare, including vaccination and access to treatment

HONE TEAM



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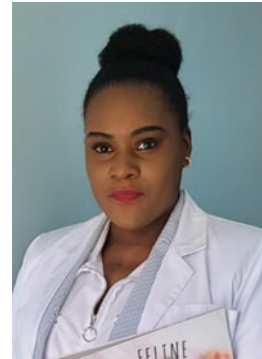


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HONE EXTENSION

- Present in the Hispanic, Russian and Chinese communities



- Cancer education program dedicated to the Hispanic/Latinx community and breaking down myths and common beliefs in the Latinx community.



- Provides culturally targeted education on cancers and hepatitis screenings in the Russian immigrant community in NYC.



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- Provides culturally targeted education on cancers and hepatitis screenings to the Mandarin and Cantonese speaking populations in NYC.

HONE SERVICES

- Hepatitis presentations
- Combined HBV and HCV screening at no cost at a variety of health fairs and other events throughout New York City:
 - Places of worship (mosques, Churches)
 - Health Fairs
 - Social events: Block Parties, Parades
- Languages accommodation:
 - English, French and other African dialects



LINKAGE TO CARE



- If found positive participant receives a free initial visit at Mount Sinai Hospital
 - Fast scheduling – Every last Friday of the Month
- Provide personalized care for acute or chronic liver disease
 - Assessment of liver health and function
 - Liver fibrosis assessment
 - Hepatitis virus D testing
- Comprehensive treatment plan that can help stop and even reverse potential liver damage



OTHER SERVICES

- Help with getting health insurance coverage
- Referral to a facility convenient to the patient
- Referral to vaccination sites
 - African Services Committee and other hepatitis clinics in NY
- Partner with organizations for free hepatitis medications
- Distribution of liver health educational materials



Results to date

HONE and ASC 2022: 211 screened

- HBV Positive: 31
 - Follow-up at Mount Sinai: 23 - NYC health: 8
- HCV Positive: 2
 - Lost to follow-up HCV: 2

Jan 2023 - To date: 76 screened

- HBV Positive : 1
- HCV Positive : 0
- In need of HBV vaccine : 25%
- More screening events scheduled

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Efforts are made every day to reach out to new organizations and new leaders

- Invitation to Hepatitis Awareness events
- Collaboration to create community screening events
- Direct referral for uninsured patients
- Resources for insurance coverage
- Educational materials



CONCLUSION

- Ensuring that all immigrants have access to quality health care requires multi-disciplinary partnerships.
- Our community-based program provides a gateway to Hepatitis health education, screening and linkage to care services to all immigrants of NY.



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!
Any Questions?

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