



NYC VIRAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION PLAN: CO-CREATING NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTATION

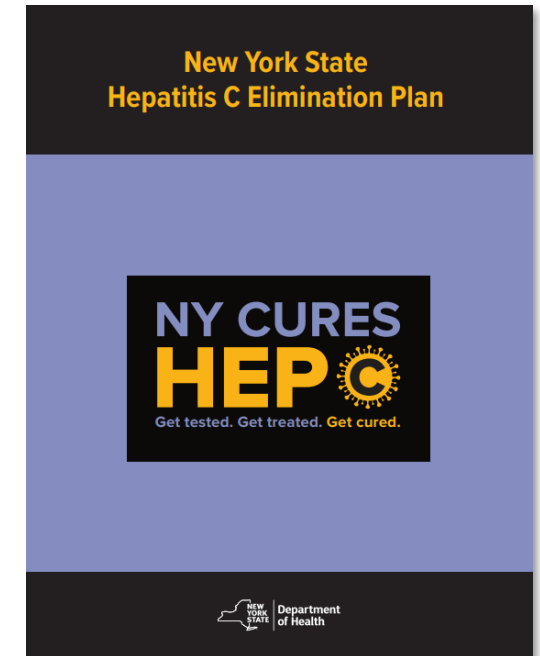
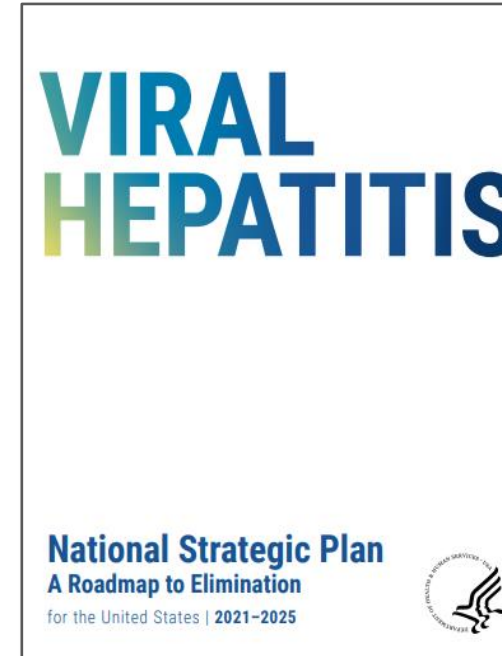
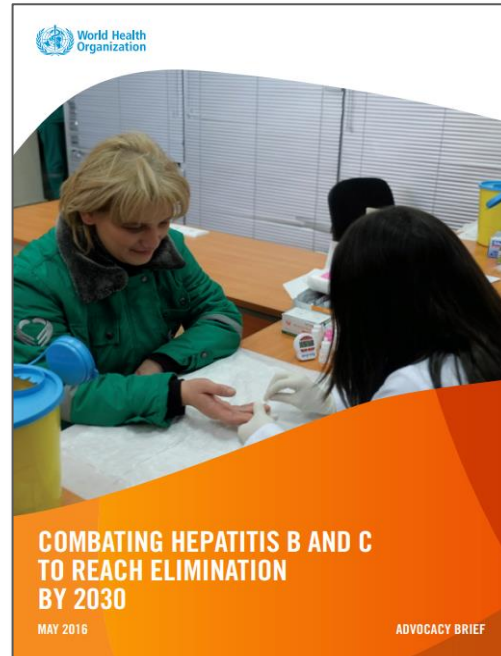
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What Will This Presentation Cover?

- What are the origins of NYC Viral Hepatitis Elimination (VHE) Plan?
- What is in NYC VHE Plan?
- Where are we on the NYC VHE timeline?
- What are next steps in co-creating NYC VHE Plan implementation?

Origins of NYC Hepatitis B and C Elimination Plan

The NYC VHE Plan is the culmination of decades of work by people living with and dedicated to providing services for people with hepatitis B and C.

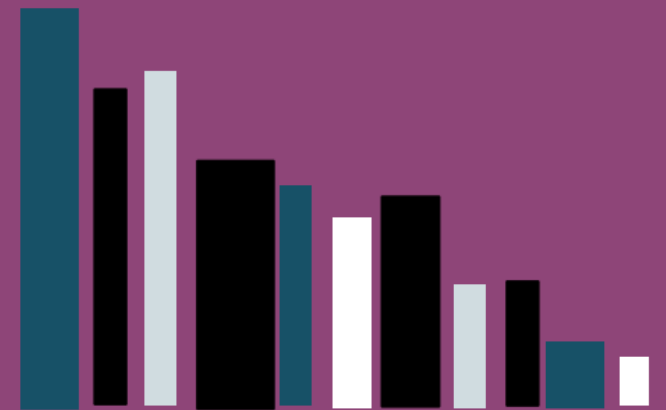


NYC VHE Plan

- **NYC's VHE plan** has three central goals:
 - Reduce new chronic hepatitis C infections among people in NYC by 90% by 2030.
 - Reduce premature deaths among people with chronic hepatitis B and C in NYC by 65% by 2030; and improve the health of people with hepatitis B and C in NYC.
 - Reduce health inequities related to viral hepatitis infection among people in NYC.
- The plan also includes progress indicators and more than 70 strategies.

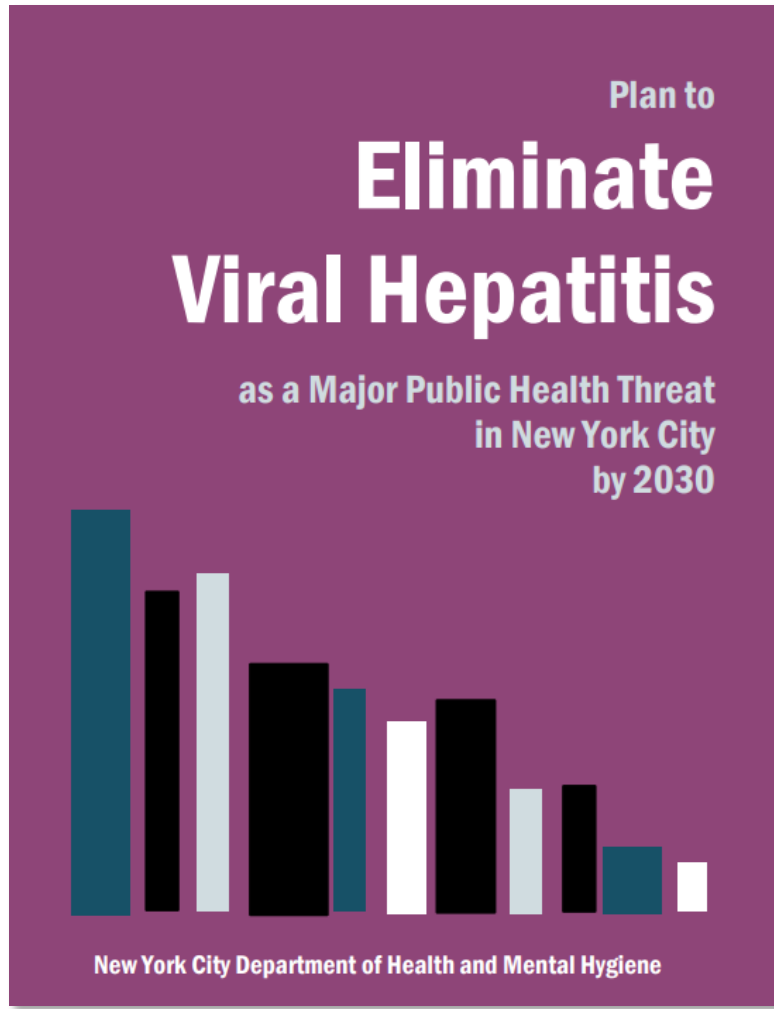
Plan to **Eliminate Viral Hepatitis**

as a Major Public Health Threat
in New York City
by 2030

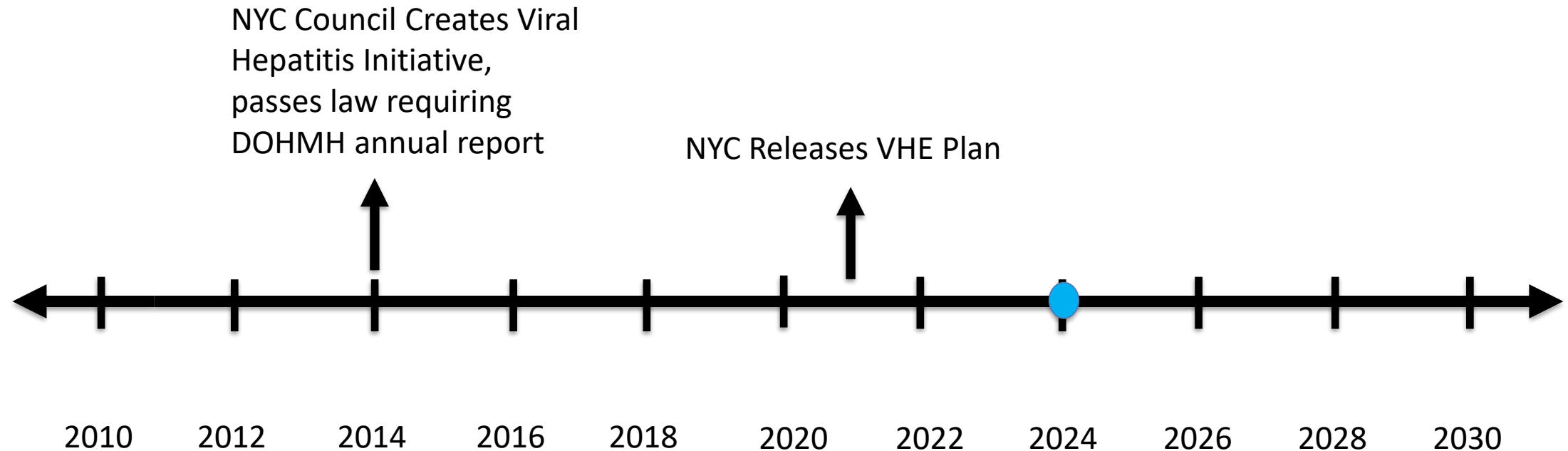


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What The Real VHE Plan Looks Like



Where Are We on the Hep B and C Elimination Timeline?



What are the important events, activities, research, clinical interventions, innovative programs and best practices that built the foundation for the VHE plan?

Have we documented all implementation activities since 2021?

How do we co-create next steps in VHE implementation?

Recent & Current VHE Implementation Activities

- In December 2023, the NYC Board of Health adopted amendments to require laboratories to report all negative hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg) and surface antigen (HBsAg) test results, and negative and indeterminate hepatitis C antibody (HCV Ab) test results. In February, 2024, NYC DOHMH sent letters to laboratories providing technical guidance for implementation.
- NYS Department of Health hepatitis C testing and pregnancy campaign.
- Proposed changes to testing and education law in NYS Executive budget.
- Potential funding for hepatitis C in NYC, NYC, and Federal budgets.
- Viral Hepatitis Elimination page on Hep Free NYC website.

An aerial photograph of New York City, showing a dense urban landscape with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A dark blue horizontal band is centered across the middle of the image, containing white text.

What is needed to expand hepatitis C screening and linkage to care in NYC?

Future VHE Implementation Activities

- Feature speakers and best practices at upcoming Hep Free NYC meetings.
- Document and track past and present NYC VHE implementation activities.
- Learn from other jurisdictions on what has been effective.
- Surveys and listening sessions to determine highest priority implementation activities.
- Exercises and work groups focused on implementing priority strategies.
- Identify and support community in advocating for new resources.

How Can You Contribute?

- Document and track past and present NYC VHE implementation activities.
- Develop case studies and promising practices.
- Continue to advocate for new resources for implementation.
- Participate in listening sessions, work groups, and micro-elimination projects.
- Share your ideas and goals.



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