





What is World Hepatitis Day?

World Hepatitis Day is a World Health Organization (WHO) mandated global public awareness campaign. World Hepatitis Day is celebrated every 28 July to bring about the awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis, with the primary campaign goal of eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030.

The theme for this year is "Eliminate Hepatitis" and the campaign for 2020 focuses on "Finding the Missing Millions", a three-year global awareness-raising and advocacy campaign aimed at tackling the main barriers to diagnosis by putting civil society organizations and the affected community at the heart of the solution. All of which will contribute towards progressing WHO's elimination target of a 30% diagnosis rate by 2030.

What is Viral Hepatitis?

"Acute viral hepatitis (AVH) is a systemic infection predominantly affecting the liver. It is most often caused by viruses that are hepatotropic (hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E) - *Read more from the <u>WGO Acute Viral</u>* <u>Hepatitis Guideline</u>.

Acute hepatitis can be caused by any of the viruses mentioned above, however in most cases by Hep A and E. Chronic Viral Hepatitis, which is by the bigger concern because it causes mortality, is caused by Hep B and C, and occasionally D which infects only people who have Hep B.

How Can YOU Contribute to the Goal of Eliminating Hepatitis By 2030?

World Hepatitis Day 2020 Campaign Toolkit

Download the World Hepatitis Day 2020 Campaign Toolkit, provided by the World Hepatitis Alliance, to find ideas on how you can participate in the World Hepatitis Day 2020 Campaign <u>here</u>!

World Hepatitis Day 2020 on Social Media

Use the following hashtags when posting about hepatitis on social media!

- #WorldHepatitisDay
- #FindtheMissingMillions
- #NOhep
- #hepatitis

Also don't forget to like and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u> for information on where to find WGO resources in support of World Hepatitis Day!

COVID-19 - Resources for our Global Community

WGO continues to monitor the rapidly changing situation related to the spread of COVID-19 and has developed and curated resources for our global community of Gastroenterologists, Hepatologists, Endoscopists, related disciplines and healthcare workers. We invite you to share with us any resources or links you wish to have included on our website!

WGO Guidance for Patients with COVID-19 and Liver Disease

Cihan Yurdaydin, MD Saeed Hamid, MD

<u>COVID-19 Situation in the World and Particular Role of the WGO</u> Jean-Christophe Saurin, MD

Additional Links

- WGO Key COVID-19 Resources Webpage
- WGO COVID-19 Scientific Articles
- BSG/BASL COVID-19 Advice on Hepatology Patient Risk Groups
- <u>American Journal of Gastroenterology pre-proof manuscript describing clinical characteristics and GI</u> symptoms in 204 Chinese patients with COVID-19
- EASL: COVID-19 and the Liver
- EASL-ESCMID Position Paper: Care of patients with liver disease during the COVID-19 pandemic
- AASLD COVID19 Resources
- APASL COVID19 Resources

WGO Training Centers

Since 2001, over 3,400 professionals have received training through the various educational programs offered at the WGO Training Centers. Located in developing countries throughout the world, each WGO Training Center provides trainees with the opportunity to enhance their skills and further their education in gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, oncology, and GI surgery. Each Center offers comprehensive training, ranging from multi-day workshops on special topics to four-year sub-specialty internships that include theoretical courses and practical applications of techniques. The Training Centers promulgate locally relevant knowledge and develop appropriate skills among medical practitioners and health care workers from low-resource countries. Visit <u>www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/training-centers/centers</u> to discover each of our WGO Training Centers!

Attention WGO Training Centers! Are you planning an activity for World Hepatitis Day? Let us know and be featured in an upcoming issue of e-WGN! Email your event summary and photos to us at info@worldgastroenterology.org.

Supporting WGO Global Guidelines and Cascades

The WGO Guidelines and Cascades library contains over 20 practice guidelines written from a global standpoint and published for viewing and download on the WGO website. Cascade-based guidelines offer various treatment options for diagnosis and treatment depending on the resources available in different parts of the world. The six supporting WGO Global Guidelines and Cascades listed below are available in different languages and focus on hepatitis and related liver disease topic areas:

- <u>Acute Viral Hepatitis</u>
- Esophageal Varices
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)
- NAFLD & Nash

e-WGN Expert Point of View (EPOV) Hepatology Articles Collection

The *e-WGN* Expert Point of View (EPOV) - Hepatology Articles Collection below (from past issues of *e-WGN*, the official newsletter of WGO), are available for viewing on the WGO Website <u>here</u>!

- Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease A Growing Public Health Problem
- Outcomes and Treatments of Dual Chronic Hepatitis B and C
- <u>HIV/HBV and HIV/HCV Co-infection in Sub-Saharan Africa: Transmission, Disease Outcomes, and Treatment</u> Options
- WGO Lectureship, Georges Brohée Medal and Lecture: New Views on NASH Pathogenesis How Should They Inform Management?
- From Obesity to Fatty Liver/NASH: Two Parallel Epidemics
- New Era of Antiviral Therapy for Chronic Hepatitis C Infection: Implications on Global Health
- Part II: Global Burden Of Liver Disease: A True Burden on Health Sciences and Economies!!
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- <u>Acute Hepatitis E</u>

Educational Programs

In collaboration with WGO, the International Coalition of Hepatology Education Providers (IC-HEP) created an audiocast series focused on the management of Hepatitis C in Latin America. View these presentations at http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/educational-programs!

Looking for an additional webinar to participate in on World Hepatitis Day?

Don't miss the "Discovery to Elimination 2030" - Webinar on hepatitis B and C - Professor Wasim Jafri - 28 July -3:00PM (Pakistan Standard Time). More information <u>here</u>!

Additional Resources for More Information

Click on the links below to learn more about World Hepatitis Day and join the global movement!

- World Hepatitis Day Website
- World Hepatitis Alliance

- NoHep Website
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) Viral Hepatitis Webpage
- World Health Organization Website
- Screening and Treatment Program to Eliminate Hepatitis C in Egypt

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