

"Our training covers everything from what Hepatitis C is, how to test for it, and how to diagnose it, to care protocols, care resources, and even how to apply the correct billing codes," Sandt said. "We also focus health provider training on harm reduction measures for patients who use injectable drugs. We want providers to have the knowledge and tools they need to create micro-elimination projects within their clinics and systems."

Listen to Their Stories

Get tested. Get cured. It's a simple message that bears repeating, according to Sandt, and one that has inspired people impacted by the disease to speak out on their behalf. Caring Ambassadors, in partnership with StoryCorps (an initiative dedicated to preserving and sharing humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world), has collected dozens of powerful stories from everyday people impacted by hepatitis C, along with reflections from artists, musicians and poets.

"We invite everyone to listen to these inspirational stories of personal empowerment and take from them what they need to start taking control of their own lives," Sandt concluded. "Now is not the time to wait."

Additional Hepatitis C Resources

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to Elimination. Accessed 6/14/21.

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