

POINT-OF-CARE TESTING FORUM
MARCH 17 2025 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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9:00am	Welcome and introductions		Olivia Dawson, INHSU
Establishing and scaling-up point-of-care testing programs			
Chair: John Ward, Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination			
9:05am	Overview of point-of-care testing programs internationally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-effectives of different testing strategies 		Jason Grebely, Kirby Institute, UNSW International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU)
9:35am	Introducing the key components of point-of-care testing initiatives	Quality Assurance	Wayne Dimech, National Reference Laboratory Australia
9:45am		Operator Training	Susan Matthews, Flinders University International Centre for Point-of-Care Testing
9:55am	3 x case study examples of good practice	Georgia	Maka Gogia, Georgian Harm Reduction Network
10:05am		Wales	Louise Davies, Public Health Wales
10:15am		Canada	Paul Sandstrom, Public Health Agency of Canada
10:25am	HBV point-of-care testing panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of delivery globally • What is need to increase availability of HBV testing 		Panellists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chari Cohen, Hepatitis B Foundation 2. Tawesak Tanwandee, Mahidol University 3. Wendy Spearman, University of Cape Town 4. Mia Biondi, York University
10:55am	Break		
11:15am	Case study examples: Implementing point-of-care testing programs in the United States	Removing barriers to testing for PWID in rural Appalachia	Jennifer Havens, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
11:25am		Same day test and treat at La Bodega	Anthony Martinez, Erie County Medical Center
11:35am		HCV PoC testing at Cherokee Nation	Jorge Meera, Cherokee Nations Indian Health
11:45am	Panel discussion: Implementing programs in the United States, opportunities and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating into clinical care in community and carceral settings • Costs and reimbursement • Navigating prior authorisation requirements 		Panellists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colleen Flanigan, New York State Department of Health 2. Prabhu Gounder, County of Los Angeles Public Health 3. Tyler Bartholemew, University Miami 4. Dylan Moore, Arizona Liver Health
12:30pm	Lunch		

The key components of point-of-care testing initiatives			
Chair: Jason Grebely, Kirby Institute, UNSW/INHSU			
1:15pm	What works and why: establishing and scaling effective PoC programs using an implementation science framework	Guillaume Fontaine, McGill University	
1:30pm	6 x Rotating Roundtable Discussions: The key components of point-of-care testing initiatives	Operator training	Susan Matthews, Flinders University International Centre for Point-of-Care Testing
		Quality assurance	Wayne Dimech, National Reference Laboratory Australia
		Connectivity and data management	Corey Markus, Flinders University International Centre for Point-of-Care Testing
		Community and service engagement - demand creation, ensuring accessibility, getting staff buy-in	Tony Martinez, Erie County Medical Center & Sione Crawford, Harm Reduction Victoria
		Site selection and model of care design – carceral settings emergency departments, outreach models	Jordan Feld, Toronto Centre for Liver Disease, UHN
		Supply management and costs – Supply lists, shipping considerations, negotiating value based purchasing	Jason Grebely, The Kirby Institute/INHSU
2:30pm	Break		
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		Quality Assurance	Wayne Dimech
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3:45pm	Group feedback discussion: the practicalities of implementing PoC testing initiatives	All attendees	
4:15pm	Industry Quick Fire Panel Discussion: Looking forward to new technologies and innovations	Industry representatives	
5:00pm	Wrap up and close	Jason Grebely, Kirby Institute/ INHSU	

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