Impact of the hepatitis resolution adopted by the World Health Assembly (WHA 63.18)

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RESOLVES that:

28 July shall be designated as World Hepatitis Day

(or such other day or days as individual Member States decide)

– opportunity for education and greater understanding of viral hepatitis as a global public health problem,
– and to stimulate the strengthening of preventive and control measures of this disease in Member States
WHA63.18: Member States

- improve surveillance,
- strengthen lab capacity,
- support integration,
- incorporate policies, strategies and tools recommended by WHO,
- strengthen national health systems,
- protect health-care workers,
- provide access to preventive, diagnostic and treatment technologies against viral hepatitis;
- implement monitoring and evaluation tools;
- observe World Hepatitis Day, promote injection safety
1. To establish in collaboration with Member States the necessary guidelines, strategies, time-bound goals and tools for the surveillance, prevention and control of viral hepatitis;

2. To provide the necessary support to the development of scientific research related to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis;

3. To improve the assessment of global and regional economic impact and estimate the burden of viral hepatitis;

4. To support, as appropriate, resource-constrained Member States in conducting events to mark World Hepatitis Day;
5. To invite international organizations, financial institutions and other partners to give support and assign resources…;

6. To strengthen the WHO Safe Injection Global Network;

7. To collaborate with other organizations in the United Nations system, partners, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders in enhancing access to affordable treatments in developing countries;

8. To report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board, on the implementation of this resolution.
Ten Months and Counting

- Draft comprehensive strategy through consultation
- Establish HQ unit
- Develop strategy and operational framework
- Mobilize resources
- Implement
- Monitor and evaluate
Goals

Using a public health approach, the goal of the viral hepatitis programme is:

- to reduce the transmission of the various agents that cause viral hepatitis;
- to reduce the morbidity and mortality due to viral hepatitis and improve the care of patients with viral hepatitis;
- and to reduce the socio-economic impact of viral hepatitis at individual, community and population levels.
Objectives—Year 1-2

- Establish unit and staff
- Support WHD
- Establish networks and partnerships
- Synergize with existing programmes
- Consult with industry (diagnostics and treatment)
- Conduct situation analyses (including surveillance)
- Convene expert consultations (case definitions, care & treatment, lab & diagnostics)
- Establish performance indicators
- Improve laboratory networking
Objectives Years 3-5

- Initiate pilot projects
- Apply modelling to design of strategies and projects
- Enhance laboratory capacity
- Consult with industry
- Promote innovation and research
- Establish network of WHO Collaborating Centres
- Evaluate programme performance
Next Steps

- Establish new viral hepatitis unit
- Inform Regional Directors about new programme
- Coordinate activities with World Hepatitis Alliance for marking World Hepatitis Day (July 28)
- Develop strategy
- Identify potential partners and donors
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1.1 Viral hepatitis surveillance
   1.1.1 Acute disease surveillance
   1.1.2 Prevalence data
   1.1.3 Liver cancer data
   1.1.4 Liver transplantation data

1.2 Elimination of HBV transmission
   1.2.1 Goal based on HBsAg
   1.2.2 Immunization Coverage
   1.2.3 Cohorts with >60% HepB3 coverage
   1.2.4 HCW HepB3 coverage
   1.2.5 Other risk group coverage
   1.2.6 Impact data

1.3 Prevention and control of other viral hepatitis
   1.3.1 Strategy, norms and standards
   1.3.2 Time-bound goals
   1.3.3 Monitoring data

1.4 Safe healthcare
   1.4.1 Safe blood and blood products
   1.4.2 Safe injection

1.5 Testing and counseling chronic viral hepatitis

1.6 Care and treatment chronic viral hepatitis
World Hepatitis Day

- 28 July 2011
- Theme: This is hepatitis…
- Slogan: Know it, Confront it. Hepatitis effects everyone, everywhere
- Messaging workshop with WH Alliance
- WHO website and materials development
- Regional and country office engagement
- Partner support
World Hepatitis Day creative concepts
Thanks