

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



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WHA63.18: World Hepatitis Day

- *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

WHO Secretariat: Director-General

- 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;*



WHO Secretariat: Director-General

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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Operational Framework

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

Operational Framework

- 2.1 Viral hepatitis research agenda
- 2.2 Global network for VH research
- 3.1 VH burden estimates
- 3.2 VH economic impact estimates
- 4.1 WHD Communications strategy
- 4.2 Communications materials
- 4.3 Communication events
- 5.1 Fundraising strategy
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- 7.1 Network of collaborating centers
- 7.2 Communication with partners
- 7.3 WHO Action Group on VH

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



Thanks

