Satellite session at AIDS 2020

Simplifying HCV diagnosis to expand access to testing and treatment towards elimination

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Overview: The opportunities to eliminate hepatitis C virus (HCV) have been transformed by advances in diagnosis and treatment. However, achieving the 2030 coverage targets of 90% diagnosis and 80% treatment of those infected seems remote. In 2017, only 20% of people with HCV were tested and ~25% of those diagnosed were treated. As for HIV, there is a need for continued simplification of the HCV care pathway.

Our session will highlight key results from a three-year Unitaid-supported project in four countries, with policy implications and lessons learned. The interventions assessed include:

- Decentralized HCV testing, care and treatment in primary care — at ART and harm-reduction sites
- Use of point-of-care HCV viral load testing at harm-reduction sites for PWID and ART clinics for PLHIV

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