Barriers to testing

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Background
Impact Target for Elimination

90% reduction in new cases of chronic HBV and HCV infection

65% reduction in deaths from chronic HBV and HCV

6-10 million infections (in 2015) to 900,000 infections (by 2030)

1.4 million deaths (in 2015) to under 500,000 deaths (by 2030)
SDG

United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by all countries in 2015, call for combatting viral hepatitis with an aim to eliminate Viral Hepatitis by the year 2030.

UHC

United Nations’ Political Declaration on UHC adopted by all countries in 2019, calls for combatting viral hepatitis in line with UHC goals.
One of the problems we feel is very important is barriers in testing. We cannot reach elimination without finding the missing millions and linking them to care.
Barriers to Testing - Survey

1. lack of public knowledge
2. lack of awareness among professionals
3. lack of easily accessible testing
4. stigma and discrimination
5. out-of-pocket costs

www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/missing-millions
Our approach

We always combine Hepatitis screening camps with other general health screening to increase foot falls.
Elimination by 2030

What it will take .....?

Energy, Commitment and Resources

A public health approach (simplification, integration, affordability, equitable access)

Partnerships (governments, civil society, private sector, ...)

Concrete and tailored action in countries (guided by national plans)
Thank you