

# Management of Hepatitis C in Infants, Children & Adolescents

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*April 16th to June 4th*

Every Tuesday from  
8:00 - 9:00 AM CDT

**ECHO-Chicago (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) is a workforce training and capacity-building program housed at the University of Chicago that focuses on promoting use of evidence-based best practices in clinical and non-clinical settings. The aim of ECHO-Chicago is to reduce health disparities and build community expertise on various topics by expanding knowledge and skills. Over Zoom, ECHO-Chicago sets out to facilitate an environment of learning and sharing via didactics and live support for operational challenges, and resource sharing. The motto of ECHO-Chicago is "All Teach, All Learn, All Support."**

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) cases have increased dramatically in the US due to widespread injection drug use. Chronic HCV in young adults has led to an increased number of infants with perinatal HCV exposure and subsequent infection. New acquisition of HCV in adolescents has also risen dramatically. Practitioners who provide primary care to children of all ages need to be familiar with the latest recommendations for testing for HCV and treatment options for those with confirmed chronic infection. This series will provide an overview and facilitate case-based discussions related to HCV in infants, children and adolescents.



**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**




## Participants receive:

- Evidence-based education on hepatitis c care in infants, children and adolescents
- New skills and knowledge through case-based interactive learning (including cases provided by participants)
- Access to hepatology, infectious disease, and pediatric medicine specialists throughout the series and afterwards
- Opportunities to discuss patient cases and gain strategies for managing your patient panel
- Training provided at no cost to participants and no travel
- CME at no cost to participants!

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## Series Schedule:

- April 16: Introduction to ECHO-Chicago & screening for viral hepatitis
- April 23: Pathophysiology, clinical presentations and disease progression of HCV in children
- April 30: Treatment of HCV in children
- May 7: HCV in pregnancy: outcomes, treatment and the shared decision-making approach
- May 14: Harm reduction across the lifespan-patients and parents
- May 21: HCV screening in the newborn and recent CDC recommendations
- May 28: Adolescents as a target group for HCV screening
- June 4: On-demand topic based on case discussions, co-morbidities and other forms of hepatitis

## Facilitation Team:

- Andrew Aronsohn, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Center for Liver Diseases at the University of Chicago; board-certified gastroenterologist and liver disease and transplantation specialist
- Jennifer Kusma Saper, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern Medicine
- Ravi Jhaveri MD, FIDSA, FPIDS, FAAP, Division Head of Infectious Diseases at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern Medicine
- Seema K. Shah, JD, HEC-C, Director of Research Ethics, Lurie Children's Hospital, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Advanced General Pediatrics, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

*"Thanks to ECHO-Chicago, we have treated more than 340 patients for Hep C who were cured, not by specialty care physicians, but by primary care providers including physician assistants and family nurse practitioners. So, think about the impact on those 340 patients, who won't have liver cirrhosis or liver cancer [due to Hepatitis C]. It's just an example of how huge the impact of ECHO-Chicago is."*

**Jairo Mejia, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Access Community Health Network**