

Agenda

Of the Roundtable “12 Asks to Overcome Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine”, dedicated to the World Hepatitis Awareness Day

19th of May 2010, Kiev,

Conference Hall of Central Officers House of Armed Forces of Ukraine

(Hrushevskogo str., 30/1)

Organizers: WHO Country Office in Ukraine/Regional Office for Europe, International Renaissance Foundation, MOH of Ukraine

Objectives of the meeting:

- 1) Identify and prioritize further strategic approaches to putting the epidemic of viral hepatitis in Ukraine under control, as per global recommendations and the existing action strategy;
- 2) Identify particular strategic measures to overcome viral hepatitis in Ukraine, designate potential participants and partners, set applicable time schedules;
- 3) Identify forms and the scope of technical participation by the key parties involved in the tactical action to overcome the epidemic of viral hepatitis in Ukraine; find potential sources of financial support;
- 4) Determine additional joint steps towards the development and implementation of the national program to combat viral hepatitis;
- 5) Create and support a working group on prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis with participation by the key parties involved, to serve as a consulting and advisory body under the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine;
- 6) Develop and adopt a resolution by the meeting participants for further use as an advocacy tool and a technical document for future actions and measures to control the epidemic of viral hepatitis in Ukraine.

The idea of the event is based on “12 asks” campaign developed and promoted by the World Health Alliance which will be discussed and used as a framework for the working groups at the meeting:

1. *Public recognition of viral hepatitis as an urgent public health issue.*
2. *The appointment of an individual to lead Government strategy nationally.*
3. *The development of a patient pathway for screening, diagnosis, referral and treatment.*
4. *Clear quantifiable targets for reducing incidence and prevalence.*
5. *Clear quantifiable targets for reducing mortality.*
6. *Clear quantifiable targets for screening.*
7. *Effective surveillance and publication of incidence and prevalence statistics.*
8. *Commitment to examine cases of best practice internationally.*
9. *Commitment to work with patients groups in policy design and implementation.*
10. *Provision of free and anonymous (or confidential) testing.*
11. *A public awareness campaign that alerts people to the issue and is committed to reducing stigma.*
12. *Commitment to an ongoing national vaccination programme.*

Time	Function	Speaker
9:00-09:15am	Registration of participants	
9:15 - 9:40am	Greetings, goals and objectives of this Round Table: Ministry of Health of Ukraine WHO	

	International Renaissance Foundation	
Workshop 1: Worldwide Strategies for Overcoming Viral Hepatitis		
<i>Facilitators:</i> TBD		
<i>Section Task:</i> Clarify global priorities of the strategy for overcoming viral hepatitis, for further implementation in Ukraine and adaptation to local conditions		
09:40 - 9:55 am	12 Questions on Combating Viral Hepatitis at the National Level	Anna Bobrova, WHO CO in Ukraine
9:55 - 10:10am	Viral Hepatitis Presents a Challenge for Global and European Health Care Policies	Irina Eramova, WHO Regional Office for Europe
10:10 - 10:25 am	Challenges in Providing Access to Hepatitis C Treatment and Diagnostics in the Countries of Eastern Europe: What Could Be Done?	Raminta Stuikyte, Open Society Institute
Workshop 2: Priority Approaches to Combating the Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine		
<i>Facilitators:</i> TBD		
<i>Section Task:</i> Identify pressing national needs and corresponding strategic approaches to insure adequate response to the epidemic of viral hepatitis in Ukraine		
10:25 - 10:40 am	Measures to Solve the Problem of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine, Development and Implementation of the National Program to Combat Parenterally Transmitted Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine	Vasyl Lazoryshinec, First Deputy Minister of Health / Valeriy Bidniy, Deputy Minister of Health
10:40 - 10:55 am	Real Scope of the Viral Hepatitis Epidemic in Ukraine	Anatoliy Hural, Gromashevskiy Epidemiology and Infectious Disease Institute, Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine
10:55 - 11:10 am	Major Barriers to Prevention, Diagnostics and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine	Irina Bobrova, Ministry of Health / Epidemiology and Infectious Disease Institute, Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine
11:10- 11:25	Remote consequences of viral hepatitis and their prevention. Role of Association in hepatitis control in Ukraine.	Mikhail Andreychin, Head of Association of Infectologists of Ukraine / Ternopyl Medical University
11:25 - 11:35 am	<i>Discussion</i>	

11:35 - 11:50 am	Coffee Break	
11:50-12:05	Role of Civic Organizations in Adopting the National Program to Prevent and Treat Hepatitis C in Ukraine	Olga Gavrilova, NGO "Stop Hepatitis"
12:05-12:15 am	"Hepatitis C in Ukraine: Unidentified Epidemic" Results, Conclusions and Analytical Recommendations	Yaroslav Gordiyevich, Civic Organization Dolkar for hepatitis patients
12:15 am - 12:30 pm	Discussion: Identification and Prioritization of Strategic Approaches to Combating the Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine	<i>Facilitators:</i> Irina Eramova, WHO Regional Office for Europe Raminta Stuikyte, Open Society Institute
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch	
Workshop 3: Overcoming the Challenges of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine: Success Stories <i>Facilitators:</i> TBD <i>Section Task:</i> Identify Examples of Effective Measures to Combat Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine in Order to Promote Best Practices Nationally		
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Regional Programs for Diagnosing and Treating Hepatitis C <i>Examples of regional level interventions from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Kharkiv oblast;</i>• <i>Vinnitsya oblast;</i>• <i>Sumy oblast;</i>• <i>Zhytomyr oblast.</i>	Regional experts <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vladimir Kozko, Kharkiv Medical University;2. Larisa Moroz, Vinnitsya Medical University;3. Andrey Snitsar, Sumy oblast infection hospital;4. Larissa Bredneva, Zhytomir city polyclinic
2:00 - 2:10 pm	Pilot Projects to Vaccinate Risk Groups in Ukraine Against Hepatitis B	T. Deshko, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine
2:10 - 2:20 pm	Presentation of the aggregated poll results from the forms submitted by the participants: "12 Questions" As They Apply to Ukraine Breaking into groups for planning further action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leadership and Management- Access to Prevention- Access to Diagnostic and Treatment	Anna Bobrova, WHO CO in Ukraine

2:20 - 2:30 pm	Discussions	
<p>Workshop 4: Tactical Issues of Strengthening the Response to the Viral Hepatitis Challenge in Ukraine</p> <p><i>Working in focus groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Leadership and Management</i> - <i>Access to Prevention</i> - <i>Access to Diagnostic and Treatment</i> <p><i>Section Task:</i> Identify tactical issues and list practical steps to be taken as per the three focus areas above; appoint potential service providers; establish priority of the most urgent measures</p>		
2:45 - 3:30 pm	Working in groups	
	<p>Group 1: Leadership and Management</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Public recognition of viral hepatitis as an urgent public health issue.</i> 2. <i>The appointment of an individual to lead Government strategy nationally.</i> 3. <i>Effective surveillance and publication of incidence and prevalence statistics.</i> 4. <i>Commitment to examine cases of best practice internationally.</i> 5. <i>Commitment to work with patients groups in policy design and implementation.</i> 	<p><i>Facilitators:</i> TBA (from the Ministry of Public Health, OSI and WHO)</p>
	<p>Group 2: Access to Prevention Measures Against Viral Hepatitis</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>A public awareness campaign that alerts people to the issue and is committed to reducing stigma.</i> 2. <i>Commitment to an ongoing national vaccination programme.</i> 3. <i>Clear quantifiable targets for reducing incidence and prevalence.</i> 4. 	<p><i>Facilitators:</i> TBA (from the Ministry of Public Health, OSI and WHO)</p>
	<p>Group 3: Access to Diagnostics and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Clear quantifiable targets for screening.</i> 2. <i>Provision of free and anonymous (or confidential) testing.</i> 3. <i>The development of a patient pathway for</i> 	<p><i>Facilitators:</i> TBA (from the Ministry of Public Health, OSI and WHO)</p>

	<i>screening, diagnosis, referral and treatment.</i> 4. <i>Clear quantifiable targets for reducing mortality.</i>	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Coffee break	
3:45 - 4:15 pm	Presenting group results	Reporters from each group
4:15 - 5:00 pm	Interactive discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify Needs for Technical Assistance and Additional Resources - Coordinating Efforts Against the Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine: Mapping Potential Participation of the Organizations Present and the Role of the Working Group on Viral Hepatitis under the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine 	<i>Facilitators:</i> Yuri Kobyscha, WHO CO in Ukraine Konstayntin Lezhentsev, International Renaissance Foundtation
5:00 - 5:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting and discussing tasks, membership and action plan of the Working Group on prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis, to serve as a consulting and advisory body under the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine. 	<i>Facilitators:</i> Yuri Kobyscha, WHO CO in Ukraine Konstayntin Lezhentsev, International Renaissance Foundtation
5:20 - 5:45 pm	Discussing the draft resolution of the meeting	<i>Facilitators:</i> Anna Bobrova, WHO Viktoria Timoshevska, International Renaissance Foundtation
5:45 - 6:00 pm	Summarizing the results, closing comments	

Organizations to be invited for the participation in the event:

- 1). MOH of Ukraine (Minister/ Deputy Minister, Health Care Development Department, Chief Infectologist, Chief Narcologist, HIV/AIDS, TB and Other Socially Dangerous Diseases Committee, National AIDS Center, Central Sanitary and Epidemiologic Station, Civil Council at the MOH);
- 2). Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine;
- 3). International and donor organizations (WHO CO/RO, International Renaissance Foundation/OSI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNODC, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, USAID, GTZ, FDU, International Clinton Foundation etc.);
- 4). National Hepatitis Experts (Ukraine Association of Infectologists, Representatives of Medical Universities and hepatitis care medical facilities);
- 5). NGOs: (National NGOs: All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH; Coalition of HIV-service organizations; Stop-Hepatitis; Initiative for helping viral hepatitis patients “Dolkar”, other All-Ukrainian, regional and city NGOs);
- 6). Other organizations.

The output of the event:

Written resolution will be developed based on the discussion containing commitments of all the participating organizations to be signed by all the participants, widely distributed among the interested parties and used as an advocacy and policy paper for the further interventions.

The outcome of the event:

1. Improved understanding of Hepatitis Control issue in the key stakeholders;
2. Improved communication between Governmental and non-Governmental organizations;
3. Improved coordination of efforts and planning of activities in Hepatitis response field which will lead to better control of infection on a national level;
4. Formalization of plans and commitments regarding Hepatitis Response in Ukraine in the Roundtable resolution;
5. Development and implementation of the national strategy and program for viral hepatitis control in Ukraine.