

HCV in Incarcerated Populations: An Overview of Barriers and Opportunities

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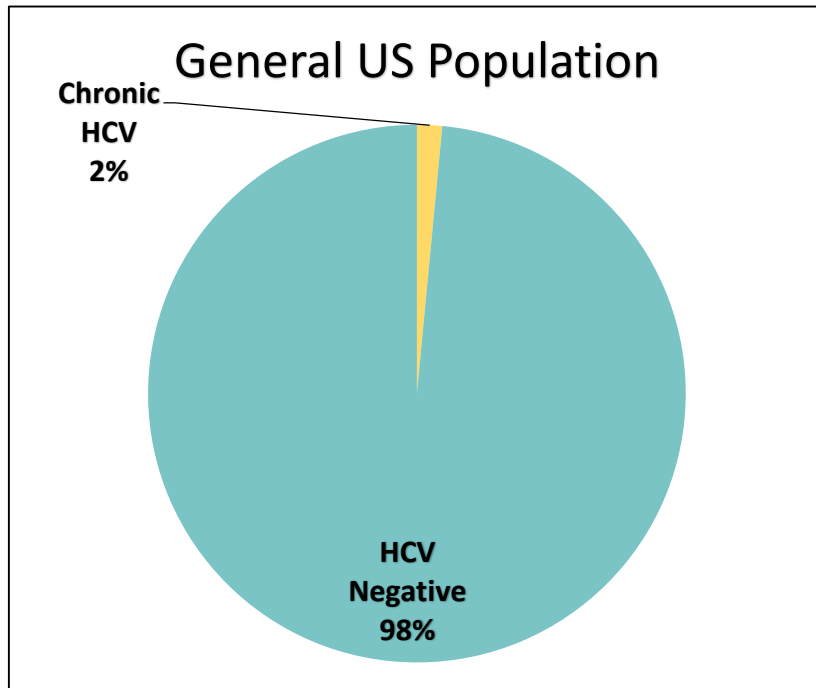


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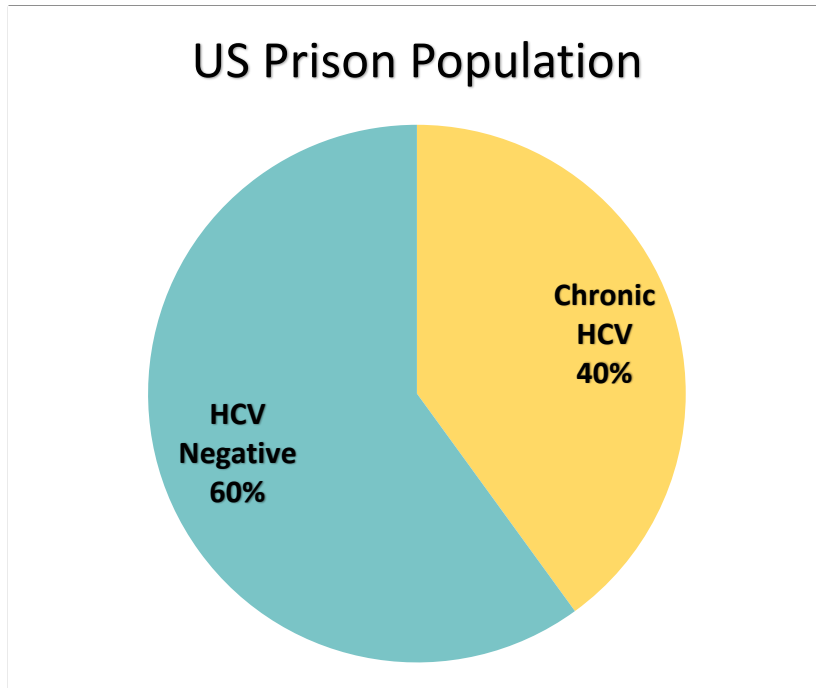
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Prevalence of Hepatitis C in the United States



- HCV prevalence in the United States is estimated to be between 2.7-3.9% (3.5-5.5 million)
- 75% of those with chronic HCV are baby boomers (born 1945-1965)
- 20,000 deaths per year

Prevalence of Hepatitis C in US Prisons



- HCV prevalence in US prisons is estimated to be between 12-35%
- Correctional population represents 1/3 of US HCV population
- 90% of prisoners will be released
- 20-55% of prisoners report IDU

Treatment of HCV in Prisoners

Percent Treated	States
1.82-5.90	Alaska, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Maryland, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.
0.46-1.48	Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Vermont.
0.14-0.45	Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Delaware.
0.00-0.12	Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Florida.
No data	California, Idaho, South Dakota, Minnesota, Georgia, Virginia, Connecticut, and Maine.

- Recent study indicates that less than 1% of HCV chronic prisoners are being treated
- State prison systems bear disproportionate burden of cost of HCV treatment

Medicaid Suspension for Incarcerated

- Reenrollment doesn't always happen on release.
- Halfway houses are not enrolling.
- Medicaid backlog means sometimes coverage isn't suspended; disincentive to notify

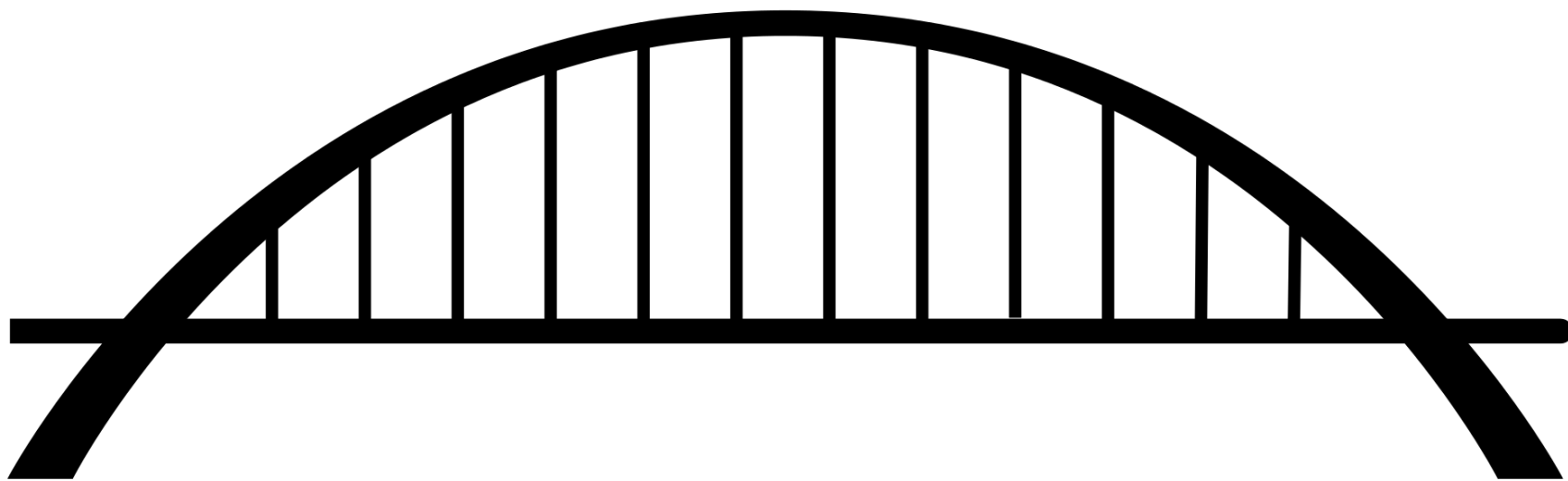
Priorities on Release?



Solutions?

- Section 1115 waivers for transitional programs?
- Correctional settings exempt from best price?
- ???

Bridging the Gap?





Transitions Clinic Network, established 2006



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Role of the Community Health Worker

Referrals & Advocacy:

- Housing, employment, job training, education and other social services.

Health Education:

- Educating patients about their chronic diseases especially new diagnoses.

Chronic Disease

Self- Management:

- Education about self-reliance and chronic disease management.

Emotional Support & Mentorship



TCN CHWs in the community

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NHCN 7th Annual Meeting

- March 20, 2019
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Scholarships Available
- Livestream?



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