



Gilead Remains Steadfast in Support for Hepatitis C Elimination Efforts

Foster City, Calif., April 03, 2023 – The recent national conversation on hepatitis C (HCV) is an encouraging step towards viral hepatitis elimination in the U.S. With its long history of leadership in viral hepatitis, Gilead continues to support efforts that focus on HCV elimination. Gilead is proud that its medicines have treated over four million individuals living with HCV globally. Today, some 2.4 million people are living with HCV in the U.S., even though ~95% of those treated with direct-acting antivirals (DAAs) are cured. Prices of HCV medicines have dropped significantly, and many acknowledge that price is not a barrier for most payers and patients. Curative HCV drug therapies are just one part of an elimination strategy that needs to dedicate considerable resources and attention to screening and linkage to care so that all patients in need of HCV treatment can access it in a timely manner and achieve a cure.

Gilead believes that to make meaningful progress toward HCV elimination, the following three efforts are critical to success:

- 1. Additional public health resources that support screening and linking patients to care.**

A comprehensive HCV elimination strategy must include dedicated efforts to educate new providers in the treatment of HCV, greater community awareness, as well as better integration between diagnosis, treatment, and support services. Better point-of-care tests, robust disease monitoring, and surveillance are also needed. Without all these elements, the U.S. will not be able to achieve its HCV elimination goals.

- 2. Ensuring patients can access a treatment that works for them and allows them to achieve a cure.** The patient-provider relationship should drive treatment decisions to ensure that the regimen minimizes side effects, supports patient adherence, and ultimately achieves sustained virological response (SVR). Open access is also critical to reducing

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been able to achieve HCV elimination.

3. **Removing all restrictions on who can receive treatment.** Payers, including some state Medicaid programs, still maintain restrictions to curative care such as sobriety requirements, regulations on who can treat patients living with HCV, and unnecessary tests¹ that do not inform treatment decisions for most patients. These barriers are not supported by medical guidance and national recommendations for managing the care of high-risk individuals². In some cases, such as incarcerated individuals, HCV screening, linkage to care, and treatment are either limited or absent. Healthcare providers need all the tools available to adequately address and support a patient's health needs upon diagnosis, and restrictions to treatment options can have unintended negative consequences for the vulnerable patients they serve.

Gilead appreciates and supports a wide range of collaborative initiatives intended to eliminate HCV in the U.S. and welcomes the continued dialogue on a multipronged approach to meaningfully impact HCV elimination in the U.S.

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¹ i.e. Fibrosis score measurements

² <https://www.hcvguidelines.org/unique-populations/pwid>



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