



2024 HEPATITIS C SUMMIT

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HEPATITIS C SUMMIT CALIFORNIA

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- 1 Increase awareness of hepatitis C virus (HCV) elimination efforts in Los Angeles (LA) County and statewide.
- 2 Facilitate peer exchange among stakeholders from across the HCV care continuum.
- 3 Learn about new approaches to HCV screening and link to care for priority populations (e.g., people with substance use disorders, people who are incarcerated, and people experiencing homelessness).

Note: to keep the conference space accessible to everyone, we kindly ask that you do not wear fragrance (e.g. perfume, cologne); please also add pronouns to your nametags.

PLENARY SPEAKER

STEVEN HOCHMAN, MD, MPH, is the Medical Director, Street Medicine with AkidoCare. Previously, Steven was the Medical Director for Addiction Medicine at the JWCH Skid Row clinic (FQHC) for five years. He is certified in IM/Peds/Addiction and primary care. In addition to HCV treatment, Dr. Hochman provides MAT, psych med management, HIV treatment, LTBI treatment and works closely with patients on case management and housing navigation.

2024 HEPATITIS C SUMMIT—CALIFORNIA PLANNING TEAM

Jordan Akerley (they/them), Strategic Director, End Hep C SF; Co-Chair, California Hepatitis Alliance (CalHEP); **Prabhu Gounder**, MD (he/him), Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Unit, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; **Rachel “Ray” McLean**, MPH (she/any), Chief, Policy and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Section, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch, California Department of Public Health; **Brian Risley**, MFA (he, him) APLA Health; Co-Chair, Hep C Task Force for Los Angeles County; **Carlos Velez**, MSW, MPH, Staff Analyst, Health, Acute and Communicable Disease Control, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, ; Co-Chair, Hep C Task Force for Los Angeles County



2024 AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024, The California Endowment
1000 N Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST, REGISTRATION/CE CHECK-IN

Continental Breakfast Served / Visit Sponsor Display Tables

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM

WELCOME AND OBJECTIVES & AGENDA REVIEW

Brian Risley, MFA, Co-Chair
Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County

9:05 AM – 9:50 AM

OPENING PLENARY: HCV IN CALIFORNIA: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

Moderator: **Brian Risley** (he/him), Manager, HIV/Hep C Health, HIVE and Women Together Programs, APLA Health; Co-Chair, LA HCV Task Force for LA County
Panelists: **Richard (Rick J. Nash) Jaenish** (he/they), Board member for Liver Coalition of San Diego, Patient Advocate for HCV/Liver Transplant, San Diego); **Rachel “Ray” McLean** (she/any), Chief, Policy and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Section, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch, California Department of Public Health (CDPH); **Prabhu Gounder, MD** (he/him), Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Unit, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

9:50 AM – 10:40 AM

PANEL 1: HCV POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Moderator: **Ray McLean** (she/any), Chief, Policy and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Section, STD Control Branch, CDPH
Panelists: **Sebastian Perez** (he/him), State Affairs Specialist, APLA Health; Ending the Epidemics Coalition); **Jordan Akerley** (they/them), Strategic Director, End Hep C SF; Co-Chair, California Hepatitis Alliance (CalHEP); **Jeffrey Klausner, MD, MPH** (he/him), Clinical Professor of Medicine, Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California

10:40 AM – 11:00 AM

MORNING COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PANEL 2: POINT OF CARE HCV TESTING AND POTENTIAL FOR TEST-TO-TREAT

Moderator: **Prabhu Gounder, MD** (he/him), Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Unit, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Panelists: **Sergio Frausto Jr**, Health Educator, Tarzana Treatment Centers); **Andrea Vazquez**, Project Coordinator; **Ray McLean**, Chief, Policy and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Section, STD Control Branch, CDPH; **Norah Terrault, MD**, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of GI and Liver; Neil Kaplowitz Chair in Liver Diseases, Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

BUFFET LUNCH (Provided)

12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH PLENARY “PRIORITIZE HEP C TREATMENT IN PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS”

Presenter: **Steven Hochman, MD, MPH**, AkidoCare, Medical Director, Street Medicine

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

PANEL 3: CENTERING HIGH PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Moderator: **Michael Abassian** (he/him), Epidemiologist/Evaluator, Surveillance and Epidemiology, Assessment, and Evaluation Section, STD Control Branch, CDPH
Panelists: **Allison Aguilar**, Public Health Nurse Manager I, Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program, County of Santa Clara, Public Health Department; **Kristen Walsh, MD**, Adult Custody Health Services, Santa Clara County; **Sandra Orozco** (she/her/ella), Senior Health Educator, Care Team Integrated Services, County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency; **Jennifer Paul**, Housing for Health Interim Housing Program Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

PANEL 4: SYNDEMIC APPROACHES TO HEPATITIS C

Moderator: **Danelle Del Rincon**, Southern California Regional Capacity Building Coordinator, Program Development Section, STD Control Branch, CDPH
Panelists: **Catherine Toyooka**, Director, Chronic Hepatitis, Alameda County Public Health Department, Division of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention; **Lindsey Park**, Sexual Health Clinic Manager and **Amanda Rehn**, Health Educator, Sacramento County Public Health, Sexual Health Promotion Unit; **Gilberto Hernandez**, Harm Reduction Outreach Worker II, Long Beach Department of Public Health

3:15 PM – 3:50 PM

ROUND ROBIN REFLECTIONS

Brian Risley, APLA Health and **Jordan Akerley**, CalHEP

- One thing you learned from today's meeting
- One action you look forward to taking next

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS AND CE CHECK-OUT

Prabhu Gounder and **Carlos Velez**

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We Can End Hep C in Los Angeles County through Increased Efforts in Education, Harm Reduction, Testing, Linkage to Care and Treatment Across the Cascade of HCV Care

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