

# New York Hepatitis C Research Consortium

September 29, 2014



Dear Fellow Researcher,

The Planning Committee would like to invite you to join us for the 2014 Meeting of the New York Hepatitis C (HCV) Research Consortium. The Consortium is the first and only hepatitis C-specific consortium of its kind in the United States, linking teams across all major institutions in New York engaged in HCV research. As with our previous meetings, we intend to highlight research in all fields of HCV study occurring in the New York area, a major center of research activity and HCV knowledge.

**The theme of this year's meeting is integration of multidisciplinary clinical services within health care systems that can improve HCV testing, linkage to care and treatment.** Our agenda will include a morning panel that highlights models of how this can be done in various settings at differing degrees of complexity that the audience members will be able to relate to. The afternoon keynote address will focus on the impact future healthcare policy may have on our systems of service delivery.

This upcoming meeting is particularly exciting for the Consortium because we will be launching the HCV Clinical Provider Network. The HCV Clinical Provider Network will include providers from all disciplines related to HCV care from all hospitals and community health centers in the city.

The goal is to create a learning collaborative that will increase the number of providers knowledgeable and competent in the areas of HCV screening, linkage to care, management and treatment. The expected outcome is for participating providers to be able to apply best practices through active learning, peer-to-peer exchanges, and mentorship that will lead the way to improved health care services for people with hepatitis C.

The demanding agenda the Planning Committee is developing will challenge the researchers and providers in New York to come together to share their knowledge, resources, and influence to alter the way research is conducted in New York. We hope you will join us on September 29 for this exciting day!

Sincerely,

***The New York Hepatitis C Research Consortium Planning Committee***

## MEETING PURPOSE

To create a synergy in which individual and organizational resources in New York, when combined, strengthen the HCV research community to rise to the many challenges facing the hepatitis C epidemic in New York.

## MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. Coordinate recommendations for future research needs and policy change.
2. Disseminate information on, and be aware of, the latest hepatitis C knowledge.
3. Understand how to increase the output of quality hepatitis C research in New York.
4. Increase the production of collaborative research that shares valuable and scarce resources.
5. Improve overall knowledge, understanding and implementation of hepatitis C prevention, education, medical management and treatment approaches.
6. Identify best practices for increasing testing, linkage to care and treatment in primary care settings.
7. Inform the creation of a NYC HCV Clinical Provider Network.

## REGISTRATION

There is no fee to register. We welcome anyone actively working in all disciplines of hepatitis C research. Please register by **September 19, 2014 at 5:00 PM.**

**Registration is online only.**

**Please complete the online registration form by following this link:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B258FSX>**

When you register you will be asked to select a breakout session to attend related to the theme of the meeting that will lay the foundation for the formation of the HCV Clinical Network. Please select one of the following 3 workgroup sessions based on your own unique sphere of influence within your clinical setting:

1. Increasing capacity for testing (e.g. increase in antibody tests with confirmatory RNA test) in primary care settings
2. Increasing linkage to care between disciplines
3. Increasing the number of people engaging in HCV treatment

## PROPOSED AGENDA – September 29, 2014 Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

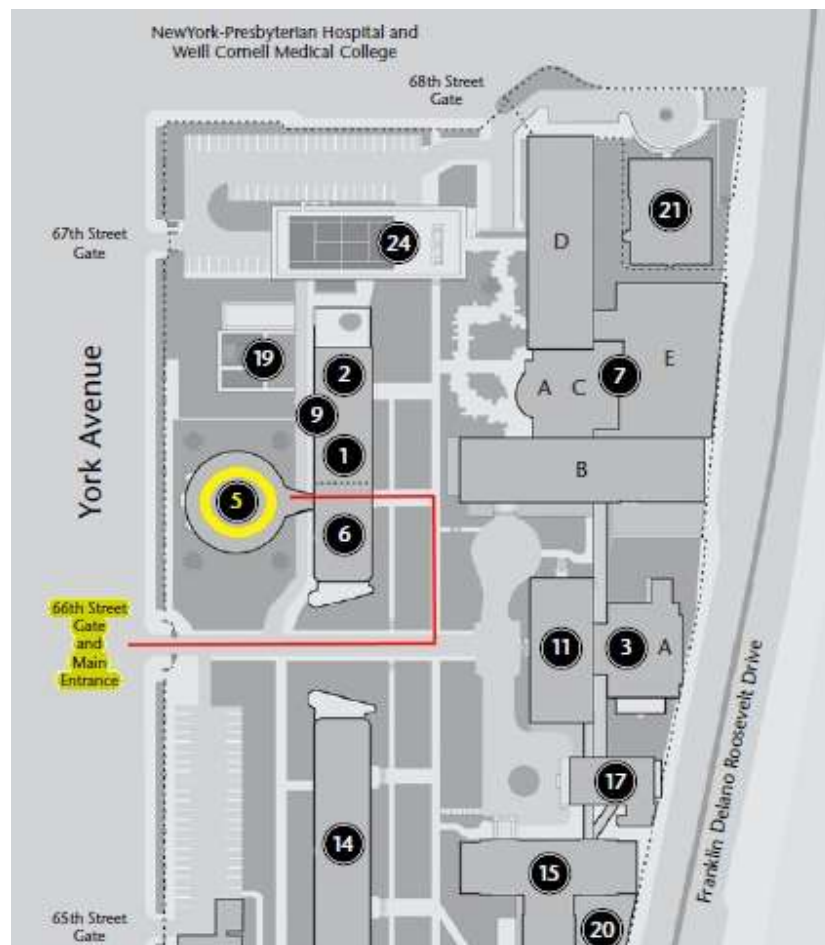
- 8:30am – 9:00am Registration/Breakfast
- 9:00am – 9:15am Welcome/Introductions
- 9:15am – 10:15am Opening Panel – Best practices of integrated HCV services within various health care settings
- Medical Center
    - **Mount Sinai – Speakers to be announced**
  - Community Health Center
    - **Hema Santhanam, FNP**  
*Damian Family Care Center*
  - Substance Use Treatment
    - **Susan Whitley, MD & Patrick Basu, MD**  
*Kings County Hospital Center*
- 10:15am – 10:45am Break/Posters
- 10:45am – 11:45am Morning Sessions
- 11:45am – 12:30 pm Lunch/Posters
- 12:30pm – 1:15pm Afternoon Keynote Speaker – Exploring how future HCV public policy changes may impact service delivery in primary care settings
- **Chris Taylor, Associate Director, Viral Hepatitis**  
*National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)*
- 1:15pm – 2:30pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1. Increased testing in primary care settings
  2. Facilitating linkage to care
  3. Increased capacity for treatment
- 2:30pm – 2:45pm Break/Posters
- 2:45pm – 3:45pm Afternoon Sessions
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm HCV Clinical Provider Network planning
- 4:45pm – 5:00pm Closing Remarks

## LOCATION

### The Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York, NY 10065

Please [click here](#) for travel directions and parking information.

When you arrive, please enter at the 66<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue entrance, where security will direct you to the Caspary Auditorium. The correct entrance and building are highlighted on the map below for your convenience.



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