



HepatitisSA

Strategic Plan 2026-2030

Hepatitis SA acknowledges and respects the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the unceded ancestral land on which we work. We pay our respects to elders past and present.

Vision

Lead the community response to eliminate hepatitis B and hepatitis C as public health threats in South Australia by 2030

Our Ethical Foundation

- Human Rights – *are the rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.*
- Health Promotion – *The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion provides a framework for effective action and facilitates the active participation of affected communities and individuals to increase their influence over the determinants of their health and the formulation of public policy that supports healthy behaviours.*
- Harm Reduction – *refers to policies, programmes and practices that aim primarily to reduce the adverse health, social and economic consequences of the use of legal and illegal psychoactive drugs without necessarily reducing drug consumption. Harm reduction benefits people who use drugs, their families and the community.*
- Access and Equity – *Healthcare should be accessible to all based on need, and address the multiple dimensions of inequality related to geographic location, gender, sexuality, drug use, socioeconomic status, migration status, language, religion or culture.*
- Self Determination – *is the freedom of people to live according to their own values and beliefs, and includes the right to choose one's own course of action in relation to their health.*
- Respect for diversity and the context of people's lives

Guiding Principles

The participation of people affected by hepatitis B and hepatitis C

Working in partnership

Evidence-based and best-practice

Accountability and transparency

Creativity and Innovation

Priority Populations

People living with hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds

People who inject drugs

People in custodial settings

Homeless

People at risk of progressing to end stage liver disease

Framework

The framework for the Hepatitis SA Strategic Plan 2026-2030 is based on the priority areas for action in the Fourth National Hepatitis B Strategy, the Sixth National Hepatitis C Strategy, and the South Australian Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Implementation Plans.

Hepatitis SA works with our counterparts in each jurisdiction, our national peak Hepatitis Australia, and our partners in other community, clinical, research and government organisations to achieve the goals and objectives of the National Strategies.

Priority area	Strategies
1. Education and prevention <i>Prevent new infections and improve knowledge within the community</i>	1.1 Participate in viral hepatitis awareness raising activities for priority populations and the general public 1.2 Provide a broad range of culturally and linguistically appropriate hepatitis B and hepatitis C education, information and support services for priority populations 1.3 Provide harm reduction peer education and support services to people who inject drugs accessing the Needle and Syringe Program 1.4 Support initiatives which promote hepatitis B vaccination in a range of settings.
2. Accessible, timely and equitable testing <i>Ensure South Australians know their HBV/HCV status and reduce time from acquisition to diagnosis</i>	2.1 Partner with clinicians, communities and key stakeholders to provide accessible hepatitis B and hepatitis C point of care testing of priority populations in community and correctional settings 2.2 Support system improvements to hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing services that streamlines access to treatment and care
3. Engagement in treatment and care <i>Ensure initial linkage to care and reduce loss to follow up to prevent disease progression</i>	3.1 Provide information, referrals, support and advocacy for people with hepatitis B to access and maintain engagement in care, and for people with hepatitis C to access treatment and cure 3.2 Support initiatives and programs that enhance optimal engagement in care and reduce loss to follow up 3.3 Promote hepatocellular carcinoma surveillance for those with high risk of developing liver cancer

4. Workforce development and capability <i>Build a highly skilled, multidisciplinary workforce to strengthen prevention, testing and linkage to care</i>	4.1 Provide viral hepatitis services to clinical, community and other key workforces. 4.2 Support a peer and/or community workforce that reflects priority populations affected by hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C.
5. Creating enabling environments <i>Create an enabling environment across the community and health system to strengthen prevention, testing and linkage to care</i>	5.1 Support and implement programs that address racism, stigma and discrimination - particularly in the health system 5.2 Support and participate in hepatitis B and hepatitis C research to inform the South Australian response 5.3 Strengthen partnerships and collaborations to support a coordinated response to hepatitis B and hepatitis C in South Australia 5.4 Advocate for timely and appropriately resourced action on issues that impact South Australians affected by hepatitis B and /or hepatitis C.

