



# National Task Force on Hepatitis B

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## Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 (every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)

Time: 3PM ET / 2PM CT / 1PM MT / 12PM PT / 10 AM Hawaii

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### **Attendance (at or after 3:05PM) are as follows:**

#### **Executive Board Members (Officers):**

- Co-Chair: Danh Truong, MD, MPH**, Chair, Asian Pacific Health Foundation (San Diego, CA)
- Co-Chair: Richard So, MPH**, Executive Director, SF Hep B Free – Bay Area (San Francisco, CA)
- Secretary: Catherine Freeland, MPH**, Public Health Program Director, Hepatitis B Foundation (Doylestown, PA)
- Administrator (and notetaker): Amy Trang, PhD, MEd**, Founder and CEO, Social Capital Solutions (Chantilly, VA)

#### **Regional Directors:**

- Northeast Regional Director: Ruth Brogden, MPH**, Grants Manager, Center for Asian Health at Saint Barnabas Medical Center (Livingston, NJ)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director: Kate Lu, MSW, LCSW-C**, Clinic Director, CCACC-Pan Asian Volunteer Health Clinic (Gaithersburg, MD)
- Southeast Regional Director: Christina Meyers, MPH**, ORISE Fellow, CDC Division of Overdose Prevention (Atlanta, GA)
- Midwest Regional Director: Oyu Tumurtuya, PharmD**, Founder & President, Mongolian Community Health Network (Chicago, IL)
- South Midwest Regional Director: Stephen Fakoyejo, MD, MPH** Medical Resident, HCA Houston Healthcare West (Houston, TX)
- Western Regional Director: Thaddeus Pham**, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Health (Honolulu, HI)

#### **Student Representation**

- Sandra Kong**, Stanford Team HBV (Stanford, California)

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#### **Board Advisors:**

- Richard Andrews, MD, MPH, Board Advisor (Houston, TX)
- Moon Chen, PHD, MPH, Board Advisor (UC Davis; Sacramento, CA)
- Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH, Board Advisor (Hep B Foundation; Doylestown, PA)
- Robert Gish, MD, Board Advisor (Robert G. Gish Consultants; San Diego, CA)
- Lu-yu Hwang, MD, Board Advisory (Department of Epidemiology, University of Texas HSC; Houston, TX)
- Karen Jiobu, Board Advisor (Asian American Community Services; Columbus, OH)
- Amy Tang, MD, Board Advisor (North East Medical Services; San Francisco, CA)

**General Members** (open to all on listserv; please excuse any typos):

**Total Number of attendees: 19**

- ☑ Binh Tran, PharmD, APHF and Hep Free LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- ☑ Dr. Carol Brosgart, MD (Berkeley, CA)
- ☑ Vivian Ching, CPACS (Atlanta, GA)
- ☑ Andrew Piotrowski, Health Program Manager, MAHA (Chicago, IL)
- ☑ Maggie Li, Hepatitis B Program Coordinator, MAHA (Chicago, IL)
- ☑ Joy C., Empire Liver Foundation (New York, NY)
- ☑ Umaimah Khatun, NYC Health Department (New York, NY)
- ☑ Dr. Vivian Huang, MD, Regional Medical Director, Dynavax Technologies (New York, NY)
- ☑ Andrew Reynolds, San Francisco AIDS Foundation (San Francisco, CA)
- ☑ Jeff Loi, Hepatitis B Coordinator, Santa Clara County (San Francisco, CA)
- ☑ Soo Yee, Korean American Outreach Group (DC metropolitan area)

Note: There may be some members missing from this list of attendees; please excuse any omission.

## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome Task Force members (Richard So, Co-Chair)
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes
- 3) Co-Chair nomination discussion (Amy Trang)
- 4) Website discussion (Amy Trang)
- 5) Hepatitis B ECHO Updates (Richard So)
- 6) Regional Directors' Updates (all Regional Directors)
- 7) Workforce Development Program updates (Amy Trang)
- 8) Other items (all members)

## Notes:

- 1) Welcome: Introduction / Roll Call of Officers and Regional Directors (Amy Trang)
  - a) Members were asked to introduce themselves in the chat box
  - b) Recognize any new members on the call:
    - i) Andrew Piotrowski, Health Program Manager at Midwest Asian Health Association (MAHA) (Chicago, IL)
    - ii) Andrew Reynolds, Hepatitis C Wellness Manager at San Francisco AIDS Foundation (San Francisco, CA)
    - iii) Jeff Loi, Hepatitis B Coordinator at Santa Clara County (San Francisco, CA)
  - c) Opening remarks made by Richard So
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes: none
- 3) Co-Chair nomination discussion (Amy Trang)
  - a) Dr. Danh Truong (Co-Chair) has declined to serve another 2-year term; his term ends this December.
  - b) Dr. Carol Brosgart, MD has been nominated to serve a 2-year term as Co-Chair.
    - i) In particular, Dr. Brosgart's background and experience makes her an ideal candidate to lead the HBV vaccination campaign project.
    - ii) Dr. Brosgart introduced herself to members on the call, including her past experience:
      - (1) Physician trained as a pediatrician; went into public health; in the late 70s, her center served the Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Hmong) refugees in the Bay Area (CA); beginning in the 80s was also the time she started Hep B testing and deeply involved in HBV since then; her whole

career has been caring for patients with chronic HBV or HIV/AIDS and/or trying to prevent the disease from spreading

- (2) She has been advocating for testing so people can find out their status; help people get vaccinated for hepatitis B; and educate patients on HBV, HCV, and HIV prevention; there's still a lot to be done to not only educate patients, but also peers in the medical field.
- (3) Pushing for universal testing is important; in the past it has commonly been risk-based testing
- (4) While there are HBV medication for treatment, there's still no cure for hepatitis B so we still have a lot to do for patients who are living with HBV
- (5) Dr. Brosgart doesn't see patients anymore and is actively involved in serving on Boards and doing advocacy work

iii) Dr. Robert Gish supports Dr. Brosgart's nomination

iv) As part of operations procedures, Amy will collect other nominations until the next meeting in October and then send the election link (via Survey Monkey) out for voting during the month of November. The newly-elected Co-Chair will begin his/her term in January 2022.

#### 4) Website Discussion (Amy Trang)

- a) Amy presented 6 web layouts designed by emago media (<https://emago.com/us>): <https://invis.io/VT11RYBB6MSK>; this link was also shared with all Task Force members on the Listserv in the meeting reminder email.
- b) See copies of the layout at the end of the meeting notes.
- c) Highlights of the landing page:
  - i) Resources are prominent on the Home page (landing page) as originally suggested by members in past meetings
  - ii) Meeting notes would be archived on the website for those who want to learn more about our activities
  - iii) Potential new members could use the website to submit their interest in joining
  - iv) There's an area to highlight upcoming meetings and events
- d) Feedback from members on the call:
  - i) Color scheme is nice and readable; visual layout is great
  - ii) Consider a clickable slider on the banner area to promote upcoming events
    - (1) Since we don't have the IT capacity to do regular updates, we decided to keep the banner area static
    - (2) Perhaps move the Meetings & Events section up and placed right under the banner and above the Resources section to promote upcoming events
  - iii) The designs with a "personal" feel on the banner was preferred by the majority. Ask web designer if he could use a real photo of our Task Force members instead of the stock photo on the banner area to make the page more personable and welcoming.
  - iv) We want to make sure that the website can be distinguishable between our sister coalition, Hep B United, which focuses on community-based coalitions. The Task Force website will be more targeted to providers in the medical and health care community.
  - v) Make sure we have links to other organizations that are working in our field; this would be in the "Our Coalition" tab
  - vi) The "Contact Us" email will go to [administrator@hepbtaskforce.org](mailto:administrator@hepbtaskforce.org)

- vii) We don't have a "Donate" button because our coalition is still volunteer-based; instead our "call to action" message is "Join The Coalition" button. This will lead to a page that allows new members to submit their information to join the listserv
- viii) Correct the typo on the word "Coalition" in the "Become a Member" banner.
- ix) What about the "jump" button on the top of the website that helps you scroll to different parts of the website?
  - (1) Recent research has shown that this was something more popular in the past, but the majority of people who visit websites now do so on their mobile device and would just scroll down.
- x) Replace the picture on the bottom with the vaccine vials that has the hepatitis C test tube and hepatitis B test tube because it may be misleading to the audience.
- e) Additional comments are welcome after this meeting via email. Amy will send feedback to the web designer at the end of next week (Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>).

## 5) Hepatitis B ECHO Updates (Richard So and Amy Trang)

- a) West Coast hepatitis B ECHO Hub
  - i) The end of this month marks the end of the 12-month pilot program.
  - ii) We're excited to share that the core team has decided to continue the program for another year and are in the process of securing funding.
  - iii) SF Hep B Free Bay Area will continue to collaborate with Northeast Medical Services (NEMS) and Asian Health Services (AHS).
  - iv) We will continue to brainstorm ways to encourage more participants to present cases.
  - v) Thaddeus added that the West Coast HBV ECHO hub has been embraced by providers in Hawaii, who attend regularly. Please provide the new session schedule.
  - vi) Amy commented that its exciting to see this program demonstrate sustainability; it's encouraging for the Texas site as they are planning to launch their program.
  - vii) Next session is Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a November session, but no December session.
- b) East Coast hepatitis B ECHO Hub
  - i) The last session held was last Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12PM Eastern Time.
  - ii) The next session will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12PM Eastern Time.
  - iii) Hep B United Philadelphia (Hepatitis B Foundation) intends to also continue the program as it's gaining momentum in the East Coast.
- c) Updates on initiatives in Texas
  - i) We've made lots of progress throughout the summer. Dr. Lu-yu Hwang, Dr. Richard Andrews, and Dr. Stephen Fakoyejo have been coordinating with Dr. Saira Khaderi and her team at Baylor University, as well as Legacy Community Health to plan for the kickoff session scheduled for **Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 12PM Central Time.**
  - ii) This will be a revival of the HBV ECHO program in Texas so we really need all our Task Force members to encourage providers that they know in the Central Time zone to participate.
  - iii) All Task Force members in the Central Time zone are encouraged to attend the kickoff meeting; others are also welcome.

- iv) At the kickoff meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to voice their preference on the regular monthly meeting date/time.
  - v) As a reminder, CMEs will be provided.
- 6) Workforce Development Program Updates (Amy Trang):
- a) Sandra Kong (student representative) was not able to be on call to provide an update.
  - b) Amy shared that there's an interest to submit a proposal to Gilead to coordinate outreach and education that is geared towards college-age students to help them raise awareness and encourage screening /testing for HBV, as well as HBV vaccination
    - i) There's more brainstorming that needs to be done here. Amy will follow-up with Thaddeus as he has been working on programs geared towards students. Currently Thaddeus is working with students on hep B discrimination policy in their own state or region so there's an opportunity for collaboration there.
    - ii) It might be helpful for us to design a model that students can use.
  - c) Soo Yee shared that she recently received a Hep B United mini-grant to work with college students on similar initiatives with the goal of encouraging each student that she works with to reach out to at least 10 friends or family members to encourage them to get tested for HBV. A train-the-trainer model.
    - i) Amy has also connected Soo to TeamHBV to explore opportunities to start local TeamHBV chapters in the colleges/universities in VA, DC, and/or MD.
    - ii) Dr. Binh Tran also shared that APHF has a similar program that she could share best practices.
- 7) Regional Directors' Updates
- a) Western Region (Thaddeus Pham):
    - i) Dr. Binh Tran shared on behalf of Asian Pacific Health Foundation that the organization has also received the mini-grant from Hep B Foundation to work on a new Hepatitis Direct Outreach through the Train-the-Trainer's Strategy (D.O.T.S.). APHF will create hep B videos and accompanying handouts to educate a group of "trainers" four times in the year, who will then educate and share information with their "trainees". The efforts work towards eliminating hepatitis B in the long run.
      - (1) Challenges: Restrictions on seeing patients in person has hampered hepatitis B screening. APHF has to recruit and pre-register patients from different outreach events, then conduct screening online and send patients to have their blood drawn at the lab. When results are obtained, the provider will discuss the lab outcomes with patients over the phone. This has reduced the number of direct and beneficial encounters with the patients towards eliminating hepatitis B.
      - (2) We hope that the return to direct testing and counseling of patients at the site will ease everyone's tension and reluctance to participate in hepatitis B screening.
    - ii) Thaddeus noted similar challenges in Hawaii. He also noted that in Hawaii more and more people are connecting virtually, especially providers to share resources. In particular, the HBV ECHO program has been a great resource.
  - b) Southeast Region (Christina Meyers): No new updates this month.
  - c) Mid-Atlantic Region (Kate Lu):
    - i) The University of Maryland's HBV project at CCACC Health Center will be ending soon; CCACC Health Center will continue to see any of their patients in their clinic.
    - ii) A new HBV research project with Georgetown University will be starting soon; the project will look into care and treatment for HBV patients in the clinic, specifically looking into barriers for care, such as cultural perception, disease, or other factors.
    - iii) Kate will keep everyone updated on the findings of the study.
  - d) Midwest Region (Dr. Oyu Tumurtuya via email): No new updates this month.
    - i) Maggie shared that MAHA is partnering with the Chicago City Department of Health to offer free monthly hepatitis B screening; this has resulted in an increase of individuals coming to the free monthly weekend community health clinic. This includes screening for acute and chronic HBV infections. Individuals who test positive will be immediately notified and encouraged to have their family members also screened / tested.

If family members do not have antibodies for hep B, they will be offered IGG that serves as immediate protection for them against the virus.

- e) South Midwest Region (Dr. Stephen Fakoyejo via email): see updates in the HBV ECHO updates
- f) Northeast Region (Ruth Brogden via email): No new updates this month.
  - i) Umaima shared that NYC Hep Coalition is in the process of working on the Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan; this will provide public health workers with guidance for their work for the next decade. They are finalizing the plan now and how to have it published within the next month or two, before the end of the year. They will share the plan once it's completed so it could be linked to the Task Force's new website.
  - ii) Joy shared that the Empire Liver Foundation will be having their annual Hepatitis B provider training in January 2022; they are working on the details and will share the information once they have it. It will be a virtual training.
    - (1) As a reminder, they are also always ready to share other group's work; just send them the information or link to their social media posts.

8) Other items:

- a) Any updates from Dynavax for the vaccination campaign proposal?
  - i) Dr. Carol Brosgart and Amy have followed-up on this over the summer and funding availability may be in 2022, depending on the results of the ACIP meetings
- b) ACIP meeting update
  - i) Dr. Vivian Huang shared the agenda for ACIP meeting tomorrow (September 29, 2021): [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/agenda-archive/Draft\\_Meeting-Agenda\\_Sept-29-2021\\_for-posting-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/agenda-archive/Draft_Meeting-Agenda_Sept-29-2021_for-posting-508.pdf)
  - ii) They will be discussing the hepatitis B vaccine
  - iii) CDC will go into the evidence for recommendation for the universal hepatitis B vaccination
  - iv) The October 20 – 21<sup>st</sup> ACIP meeting will be really important because there's a plan to vote on the universal hepatitis B vaccination recommendation for adults; this will be monumental in the world of hepatitis B
- c) Hepatitis Community Collaborative meeting is today from 10:30AM – 4:45PM Eastern Time
  - i) Hosted by NASTAD and the AIDS Institute
  - ii) A number of Task Force members were also in attendance, including Dr. Brosgart, Richard So, and Amy Trang
    - (1) Dr. Brosgart summarized that it was an event that brought together those who are working in the HBV and HCV arena. The day-long event is being recorded and the link will be available on their website.
    - (2) SF Hep B Free provided a presentation, "Fighting HBV with a Community-based Multiprong Approach" during the "What We Need to Wipe Out HBV" session.
      - (a) Other presentations in that session included: "The Role of Primary Care Clinics and Pharmacies in Eliminating HBV through Increased Adult Vaccination" by Dr. Rita Kuwahara, Georgetown University and "Barriers to Getting to Universal HBV Vaccine Coverage" by Kathy Kulkarni, Dynavas.
    - (3) Over 100 individuals were in virtual attendance. There were break-out session rooms that were a bit confusing to navigate out of the main session.
    - (4) Key take away from Richard So, "We need to stay relevant on the national radar." It was apparent that we need to increase our capacity to advocate for HBV on the national level, whether it's working with Hep B United or other groups that are currently doing policy and advocacy work for HBV. This will help us expand our funding resources, including government funding. HBV compared to HCV, HIV, other STDs does not get enough attention.

9) Reminders for HBV ECHO program:

- i) West Coast hub: **Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 12:30PM – 1:30PM Pacific Time** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month). Email: [echo@sfhepbfree-bayarea.org](mailto:echo@sfhepbfree-bayarea.org); Note: No December session.
- ii) East Coast hub: **Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 12PM – 1PM Eastern Time** (generally, every last Thursday of each month). Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsc-mrqjMjEtZaabsz-qr5iRYvVjKq75ec>
- iii) Note: We are actively encouraging hepatitis ECHO participants to continue to share your real cases to engage others in the learning opportunity. All cases are welcome.
- iv) Please continue to share resources, especially Hep B training opportunities, by emailing [administrator@hepbtaskforce.org](mailto:administrator@hepbtaskforce.org).

10) Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM Eastern Time.

11) Next Hep B Task Force Zoom meeting date: **Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 3PM Eastern Time / 2PM Central / 1PM Mountain / 12PM Pacific / 10 AM Hawaii** (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month); Daylight Savings Time change is Sunday, November 7, 2021.

- i) Suggestions for the next agenda:
  - (1) New Website launch
  - (2) Updates on the hepatitis B ECHO program
  - (3) Updates on workforce development program
  - (4) Updates on other provider education opportunities

**Items shared via email:** None; information have been shared via listserv.



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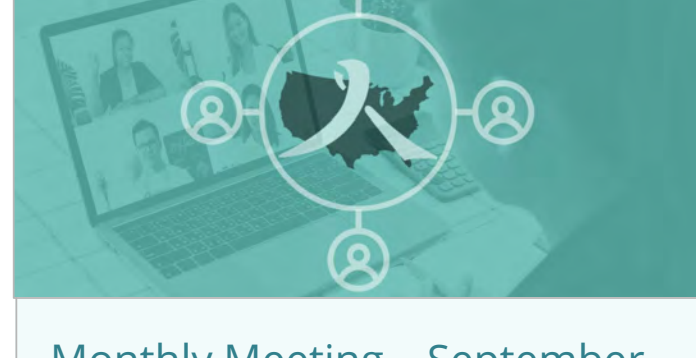
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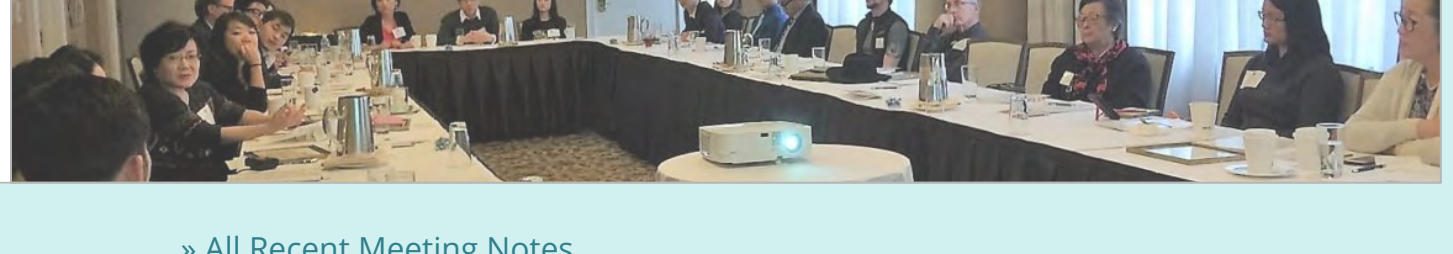
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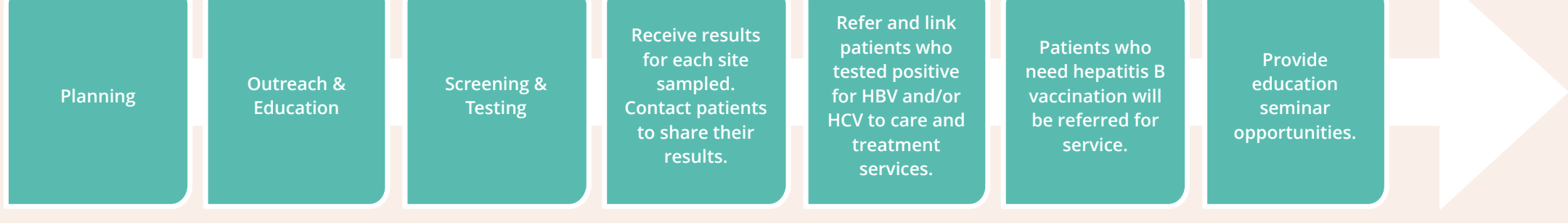
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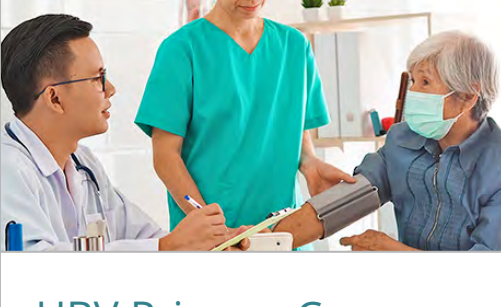
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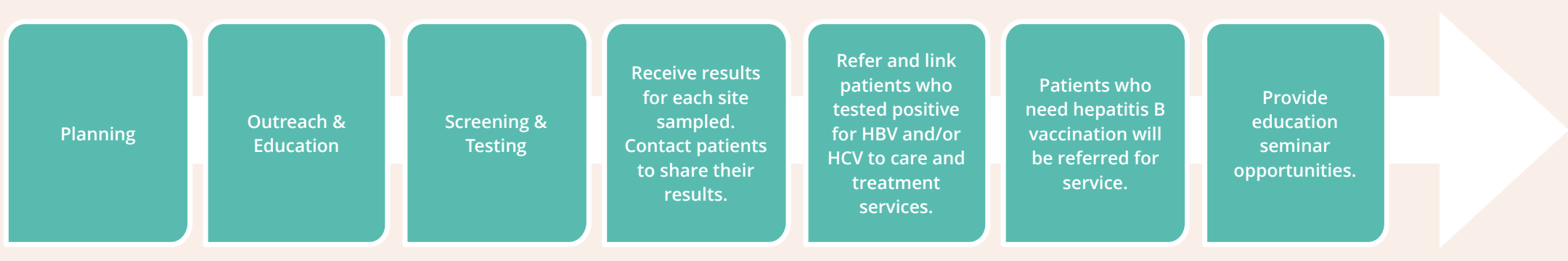
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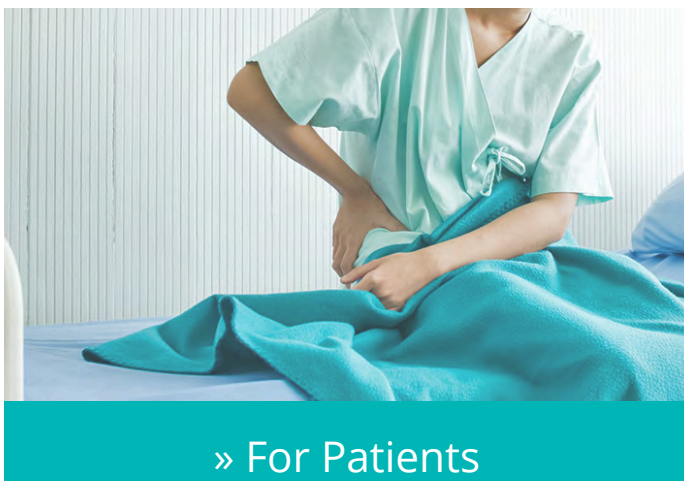
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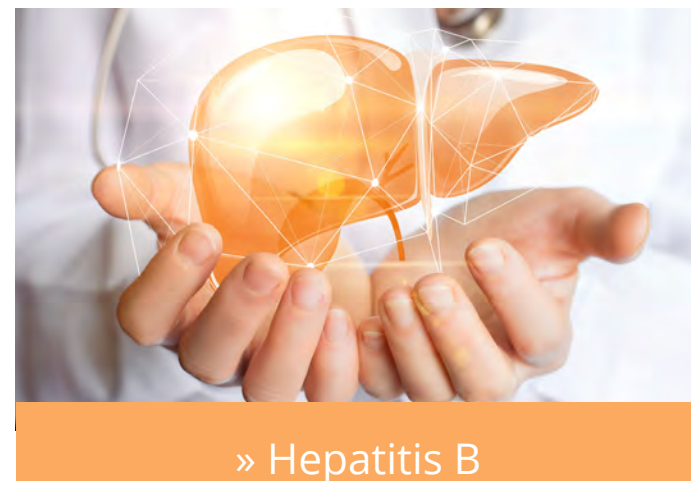
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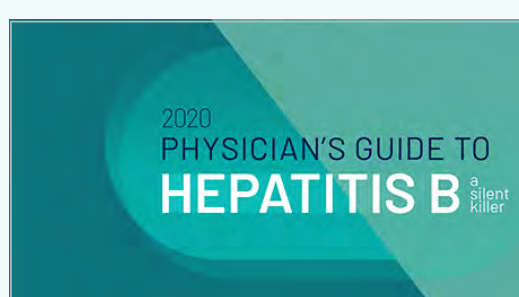
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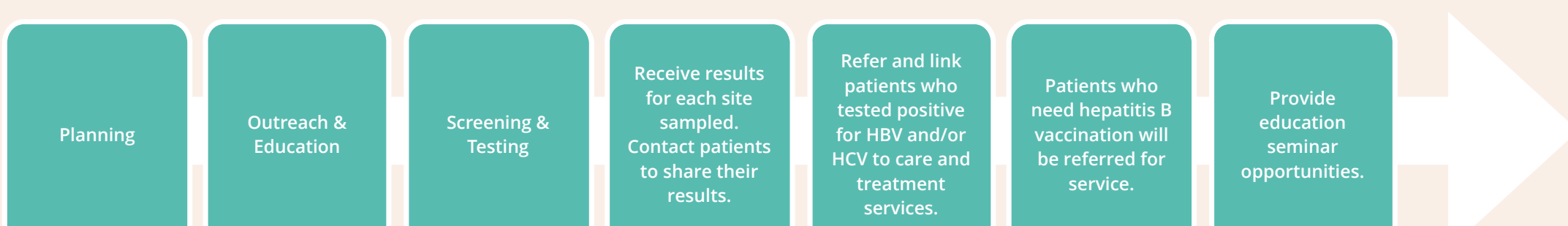
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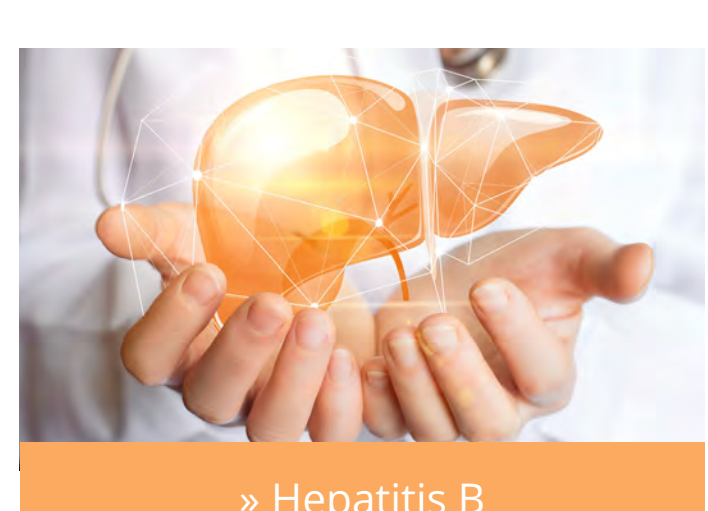
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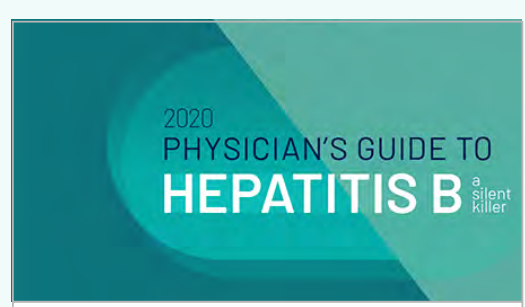
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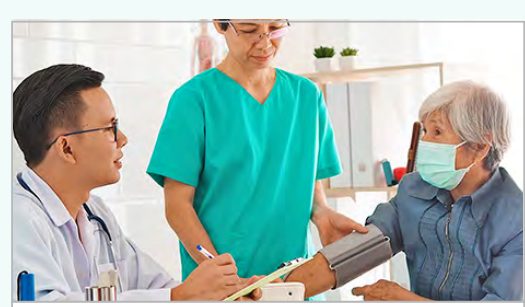
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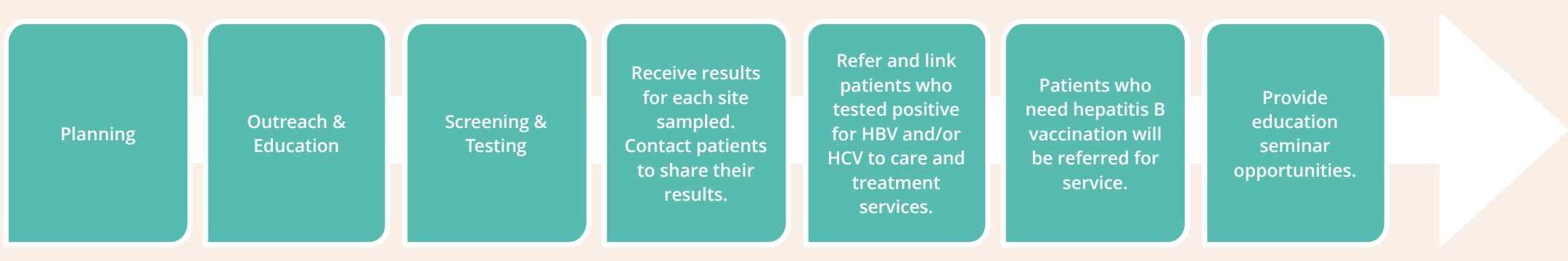
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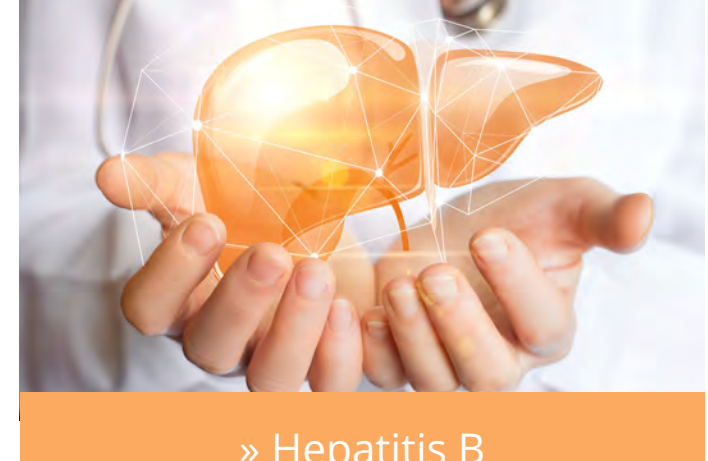
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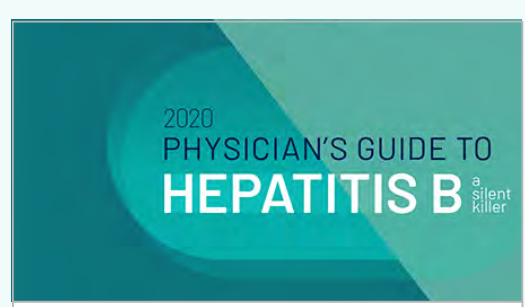
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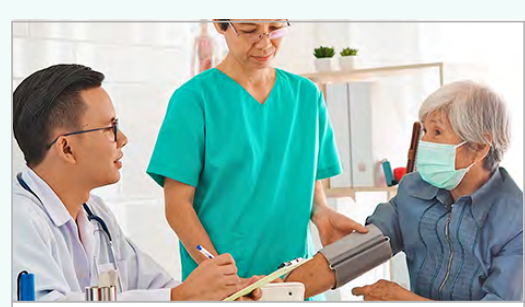
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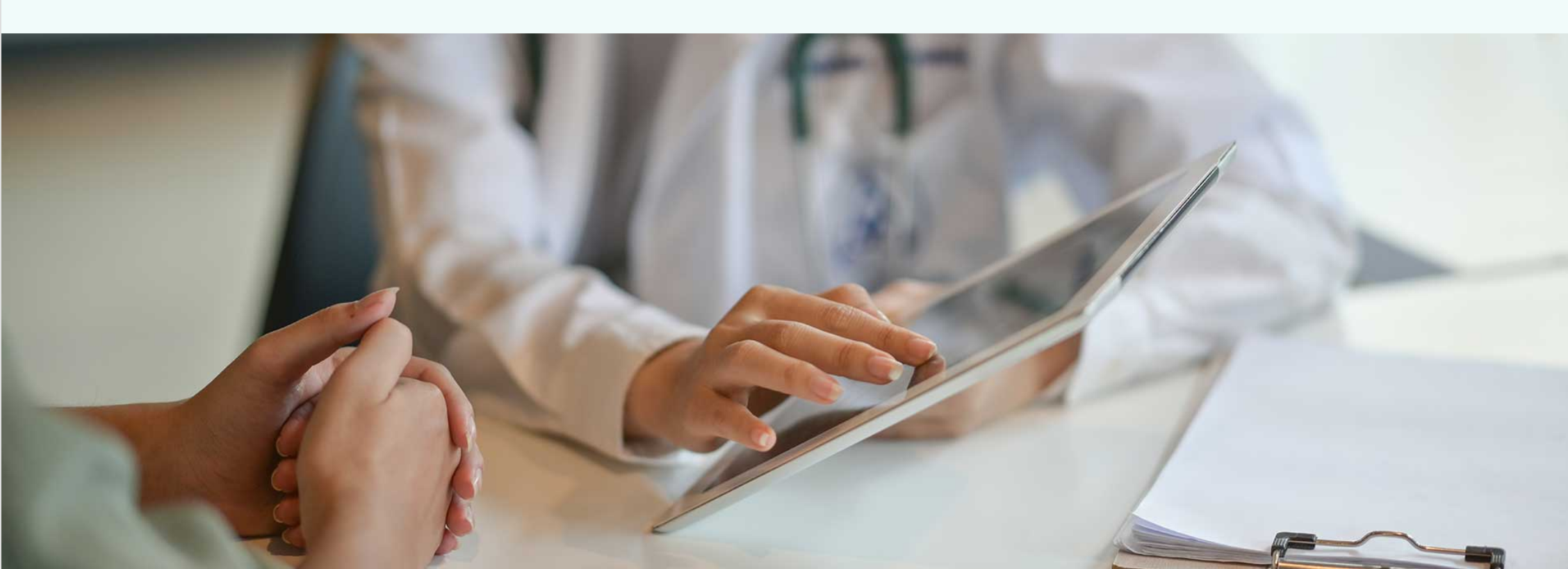


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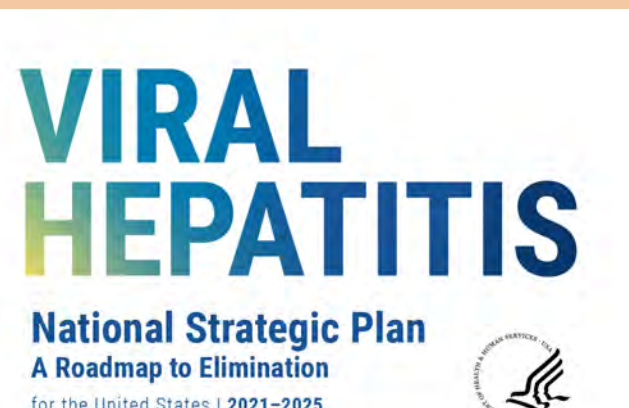
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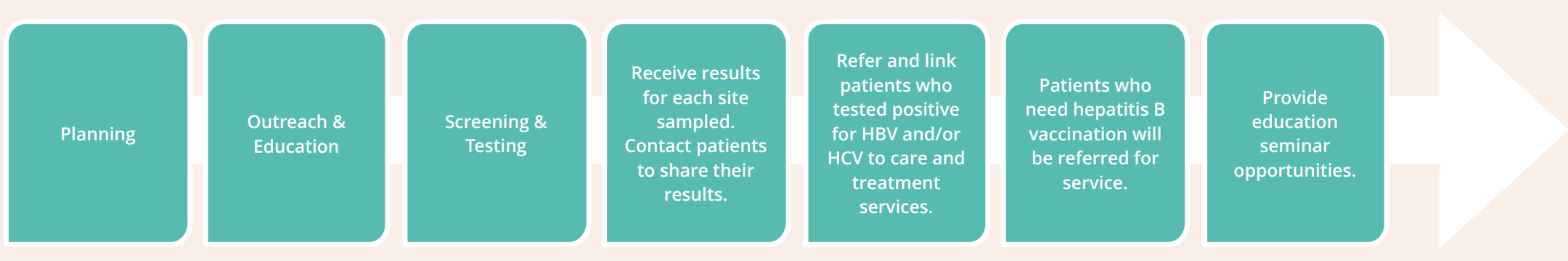
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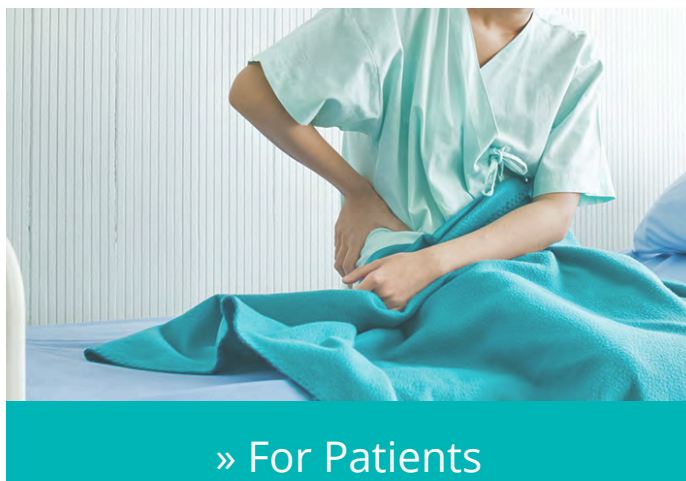
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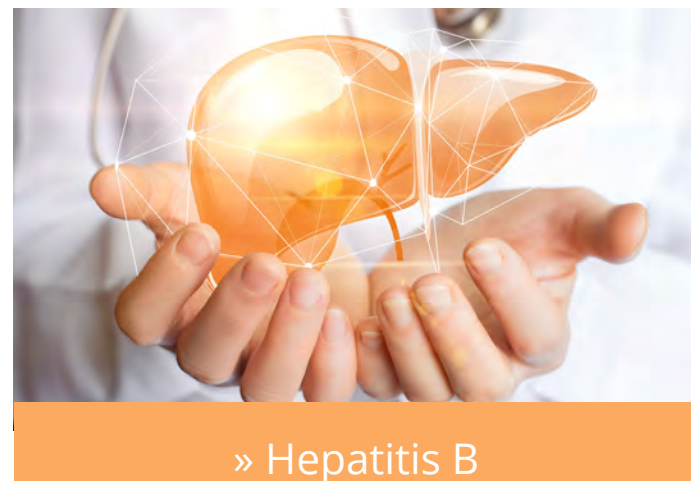
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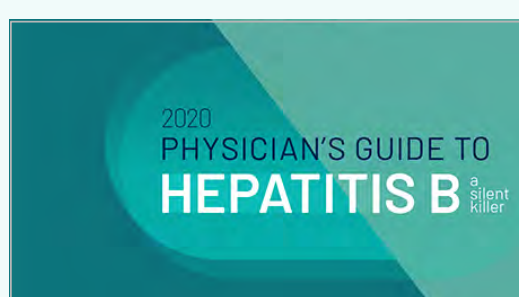
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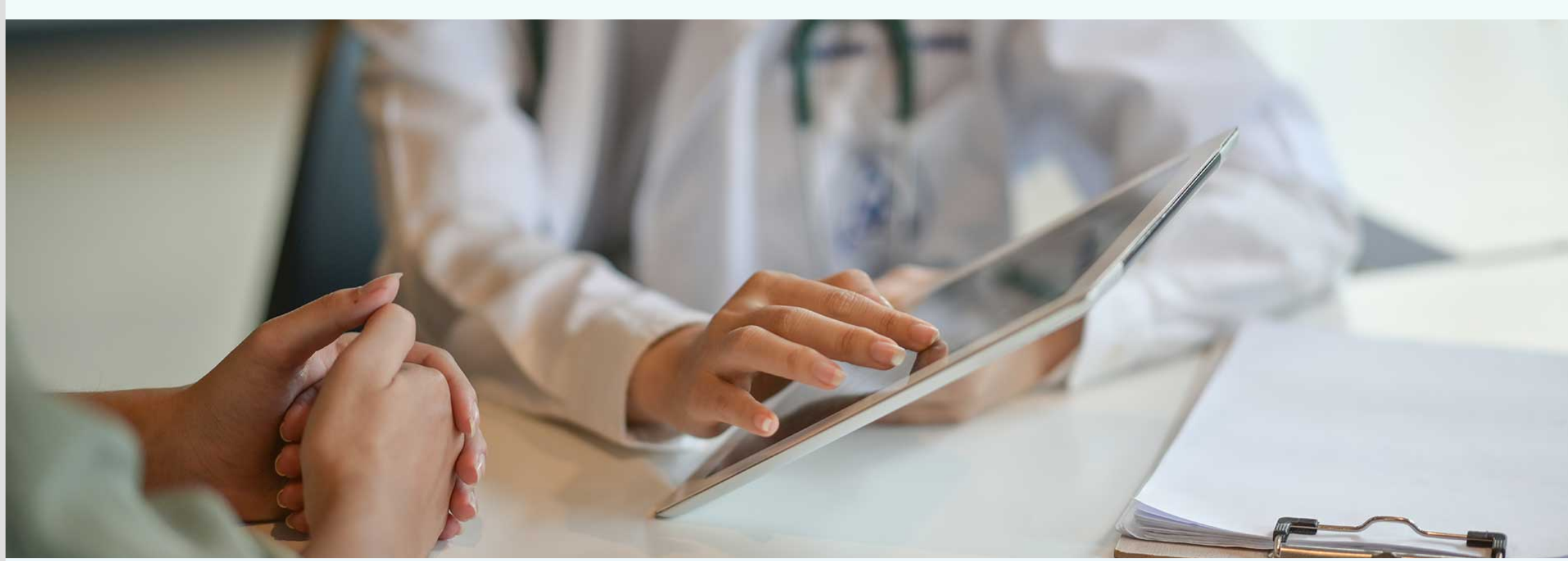


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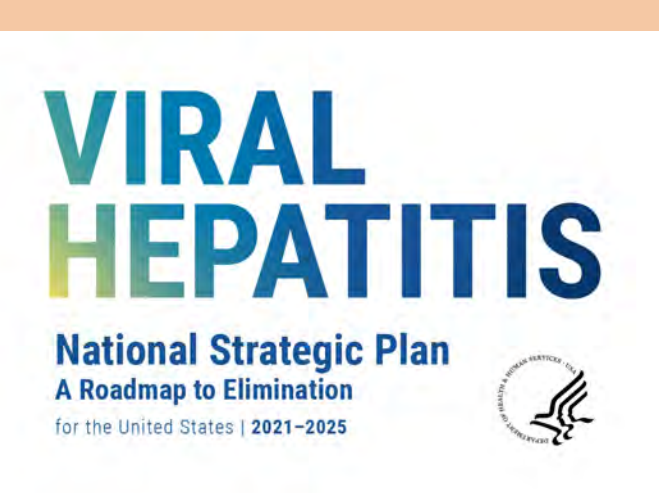
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