



# National Task Force on Hepatitis B

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## Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (generally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the quarterly month unless otherwise noted)

Time: 3PM ET / 2PM CT / 1PM MT / 12PM PT / 9AM Hawaii

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**Zoom Meeting link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81255351755?pwd=y1ve5Bx77MaQeA25Lw5vzoelq2UBSt.1>

Meeting ID: 812 5535 1755; Passcode: 316125

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

- ✓ Amy Trang, PhD, Administrator for the National Task Force on Hepatitis B (DC, MD, VA)
- ✓ Richard So, Executive Director, Hep B Free (San Francisco, CA)
- ✓ Karen Jiobu, Consultant, Asian American Community Services (Columbus, OH)
- ✓ Julia Freimund, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- ✓ Stephanie Campbell, Dynavax
- ✓ Thaddeus Pham, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Health
- ✓ Natalia Caraballo-Soto, Lake Co. Florida Department of Health
- ✓ Dieu Tran, Lake Co. Florida Department of Health
- ✓ Marlyn Membreno (Chicago, IL)
- ✓ Kellie Smith, Clinical Pharmacy Director

### **Total Number of attendees: 9**

Note: There may be some members missing from this list of attendees if their name was not clear when entering Zoom; please excuse any omission.

## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome Task Force members
- 2) Note any changes to the previous meeting's notes (None)
- 3) Program / Project updates and open discussion from Hep B Task Force members across the country

## Meeting format:

- Open discussions and resource sharing to assist members with their local work
- Note: majority of those on the call for this meeting was engaged in collaborative discussions, so not everyone's name may be specifically mentioned in the notes.

## Notes:

Zoom AI Companion was used to create Meeting Summary for the Quarterly National Task Force on Hepatitis B Discussion Forum.

## Meeting summary

### Quick recap

The meeting focused on project updates and potential collaborations. Richard discussed SF Hep B Free's expansion efforts and the Blueprint Project's work on improving hepatitis B screening and care systems. Participants shared updates on various initiatives, including Hep B Now's web development platform, content distribution efforts, hepatitis B online education, and hepatitis B screening programs in different regions. The conversation ended with discussions about upcoming events, including the Hawaii Liver Summit 2025 and Hep B ECHO sessions, while introducing new task force members and exploring potential collaborations for hepatitis B prevention and education.

### Next steps

- Julia to send the one-pager and summary slide about Hep B Online resources to Amy for distribution after December launch.
- Julia to add Richard to the University of Washington's quarterly newsletter distribution list.
- Julia to launch the updated Hep B Online content and new interface on December 2nd.
- Julia to release the updated primary care guidance with interactive features after finalizing the last few points.
- Amy to distribute Julia's Hep B Online resources to the task force members.
  - <https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu>
  - <https://www.hepatitisb.uw.edu/mini-lectures>
  - On X - @uw\_idea
  - Any questions on Hepatitis B Online. Pls contact [juliasf@uw.edu](mailto:juliasf@uw.edu).
- Richard to continue developing the Blueprint Project to document how health systems implemented universal hepatitis B screening.
- Richard to continue expanding the Hep B Now platform to support coalitions in LA, Arizona, Las Vegas, San Diego, and Oregon.
- Karen to continue hepatitis B screening efforts through the end of the year using the Hep B Foundation mini-grant.
- Reminder for everyone on the Task Force to feel free to email [Administrator@hepbtaskforce.org](mailto:Administrator@hepbtaskforce.org) at any time to get connected to other Task Force members or resources as well as to share time

sensitive Hepatitis B related materials to general Task Force members in between quarterly meetings. This resource is free and open to anyone passionate about promoting hepatitis B awareness and prevention.

- FY2026 quarterly meeting calendar invitations to go out after AASLD.

## Summary

### Hepatitis B Screening Collaboration Updates

The meeting served as an open forum for participants to share updates on their projects and explore potential collaborations, particularly in light of limited funding. Richard discussed two major projects: the expansion of SF Hep B Free Bay Area's mission to support hepatitis B advocacy and coalitions nationwide, and the Blueprint Project, which aims to create a systemic approach to improving hepatitis B screening, vaccination, and care at the health system level. The Blueprint Project involves conducting interviews and surveys with health systems that have implemented universal hepatitis B screening, with results expected by the end of the year. Participants were encouraged to share information about systems that have successfully implemented universal screening, especially those outside immigrant-serving clinics.

### Hep B Free Platform Expansion Update

Richard discussed the progress of Hep B Free, highlighting the establishment of partnerships in LA and Arizona. He explained efforts to strengthen these coalitions, including building websites, addressing fundraising, and improving screening sustainability. Richard also introduced Hep B Now, a platform aimed at using technology to enhance the sustainability of hep B coalitions. He detailed the platform's features, such as online advocacy, education, and clinician connectivity, and mentioned SF Hepatitis Free's commitment to supporting pilot projects with \$10,000 in staff time and web development. Richard concluded by showcasing the adaptable and user-friendly websites for different Hep B Free chapters, emphasizing the platform's potential for expansion across states and cities.

### Hep B Now Platform Updates

Richard presented updates on Hep B Now, a web development project offering templates and support for grassroots organizations. He mentioned potential collaborations with groups in Las Vegas, San Diego, and Oregon. Amy encouraged questions from the audience, and Julia praised the project's potential to help organizations share content across platforms. Richard explained the platform's features, including content blocks that can be published across multiple locations with one click. Amy suggested sharing educational resources from the University of Washington and Dynavex with Richard's initiatives. Julia offered to add Richard to their quarterly newsletter distribution list, and Richard expressed interest in receiving clinical and educational content to link on their website for healthcare professionals.

## **Hep B Online Content Update and Platform Transition**

Julia announced that the third edition of their content will be released on December 1st, featuring updated information and a new interactive version of their guidance. She also mentioned that their website is being transferred to a new platform, which will result in a new interface launching on December 2nd. Amy highlighted the importance of the simplified guidelines, which are being updated with input from various healthcare providers, and mentioned that Dr. Amy Tang and Dr. Su Wang are leading this effort to coordinate collaboration and input from providers and public health professions across US and Canada. Julia shared that they have recently released new mini-lectures and clinical challenges, and Thaddeus praised these resources, asking if there were promotional materials available. Julia agreed to send promotional materials to Amy for distribution in December.

## **Hepatitis B Screening Challenges**

Karen discussed the hepatitis B and TB screening efforts in Ohio, funded by Franklin County Public Health, which faced challenges due to the withdrawal of COVID-related funding. Despite these difficulties, they managed to secure a mini-grant from the Hepatitis B Foundation to continue screenings and vaccinations, particularly targeting the Somali, Asian, and other immigrant communities. Karen expressed concern about the current climate, noting that community members are hesitant to attend health fairs, which may impact their ability to provide free vaccines.

## **Hepatitis B Task Force Updates**

The meeting focused on updates and introductions from task force members. Stephanie shared information about a CME supported by Dynavax on closing the hepatitis B vaccination gap, which is available until next September. New members, including Kellie Smith, a clinical pharmacy director, and Dieu Tran and Natalia from the Epi Department at the Lake Co. Florida Department of Health, introduced themselves and expressed interest in learning more about hepatitis B prevention and education. The conversation ended with Marilyn introducing herself as a Public Health Nurse in the Perinatal Hep B prevention program from Chicago and Richard mentioning a potential collaboration with the Asian Liver Center for a state-specific Hep B Moms program.

## **Hawaii Liver Summit 2025 Planning**

Thaddeus mentioned the annual Liver Summit in Hawaii, which includes hepatitis-related topics. The group discussed the upcoming Hawaii Liver Summit 2025 on December 6th, which will precede the 5-day global Hep DART event and focus on hepatitis treatment updates. Amy announced that the summit's attendance has surpassed last year's numbers, already reaching 80 participants, and highlighted its cost-effectiveness compared to other conferences. Thaddeus mentioned three upcoming Hep B ECHO sessions every Monday at 12 PM Hawaii time, and the group discussed supporting in-country technical assistance for hepatitis care in Pacific and Asian regions.

- <https://www.hepfreehawaii.org/news/register-hi-liver-summit-2025>
- <https://www.hepfreehawaii.org/news/join-hep-b-echo-2025>

## Shared Resources via Email (from Task Force members across the country)

### Hepatitis B Online

NEW [Mini-Lectures](#). National experts discuss clinically relevant topics in these concise lectures:

- [Occupational Hepatitis B Post-Exposure Prophylaxis](#)
- [Management of HBV and HIV Coinfection](#)
- [Hepatitis B \(HBV\) Reactivation](#) – updated with new guidelines

### Hepatitis C Online

- HCV Test and Cure module:

A new 5-hour [Hepatitis C Online HCV Test and Cure](#) fundamentals module helps health care providers develop core proficiency to screen, diagnose, treat, and assess for cure via five highly interactive lessons. Registered learners can earn free CME/CNE/CE, Certificates of Completion, and an optional HCV Test and Cure Training Certificate.

The graphic features a central circle containing the event details. The text inside the circle reads: **HEPATITIS B FAMILY POTLUCK**, **A HEP B VIRTUAL UNITED MINI SUMMIT**, **CELEBRATIONS. CULTURE. STORIES**, **Oct 29, & 30**, and **From 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM EDT**. Surrounding the circle are various icons: a green leaf logo for 'Hep B United' with the website 'hepbunited.org', a cartoon character with a syringe, a stethoscope, a stack of flatbread, a bowl of rice with vegetables, a laptop showing a video call, a bowl of dumplings, a stack of bread, a bowl of rice, a bowl of soup, a stethoscope, a stack of flatbread, a bowl of rice, a 'POLICY' icon, and a 'REGISTER' button with a QR code.

# It's Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Hepatitis B causes 80% of liver cancer worldwide. Most people infected with hepatitis B don't know they have it.

Break the silence.

Get tested for hep B today.



October is Liver Cancer Awareness Month.

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## CAN WE CLOSE THE HBV VACCINATION GAP? TRANSLATING GUIDELINES INTO ACTION

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This educational activity is intended for an audience of primary care physicians, infectious disease/HIV specialists, public health and preventive medicine specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and pharmacists in the United States.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants will:

- Have increased knowledge regarding
  - Strategies for integrating HBV vaccination into routine care
- Demonstrate greater confidence in their ability to
  - Collaborate with the interprofessional team to integrate HBV vaccines into clinical workflows

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<https://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/can-we-close-hbv-vaccination-gap-translating-guidelines-2025a1000nbt>





## The 2025 Bruce Witte Lecture

**“HBV: A 60-year journey through history, virology, biomarkers, disease course and treatment”**

Nov. 12, 2025

Featuring Prof. Man-Fung Yuen, J.P.  
MBBS, MD, PhD, DSc



*Please join us as we celebrate 25 years of Bruce Witte Scholars!* We are pleased to invite you to the Hepatitis B Foundation's 25th Annual Bruce Witte Lecture, taking place on November 12 at 11:00am EDT. This year, we are honored to host **Man-Feng Yuen, J.P. MBBS, MD, PhD, DSc**. Professor Yuen is Chair Professor at The University of Hong Kong and holds the Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Medicine. He is also Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong.

Professor Yuen will deliver this year's lecture: "HBV: A 60-year journey through history, virology, biomarkers, disease course and treatment." The lecture will be held from 11am-12pm EDT, followed by a light reception.

In-person attendance is limited due to room capacity, so if you plan to join us in person, [please register](#) by October 24.

We invite you to join us in person. If you're unable to attend in person, please join us online via Zoom. You can [register here](#) for both in-person and virtual attendance.



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**Professionals:\*** Early Bird \$50 until 9/30/25;  
Cost after 9/30/25 is \$100.

**Students:** Early Bird FREE until 9/30/25;  
Cost after 9/30/25 is \$50.

**Registration closes Friday, November 22, 2025**

\*CME and CE will be offered.

Limited inter-island scholarships available.

## For more information

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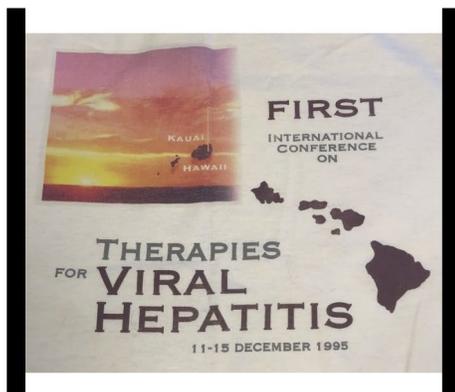
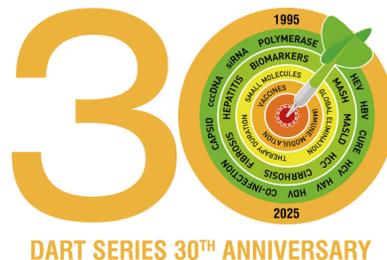


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**If you know someone that may be interested in attending or submitting an abstract please forward this email.**

The aim of **HEP-DART 2025** is to assemble clinicians, researchers, basic scientists, nurses and physician assistants together to advance our knowledge of the ongoing drug development processes in the treatment of viral hepatitis (HBV, HCV, HDV, HAV and HEV), fibrosis, Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis (MASH), and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). This CME-accredited workshop will uniquely blend the areas of biology, chemistry, pharmacology and clinical research to provide the scientific community with an increased understanding of the current and future challenges in therapeutics for liver infection, disease and cancer.

Attending **HEP-DART 2025** will allow you to gain valuable insights from top experts, and also give you the opportunity to network with other professionals in the field and forge new networks to enhance your professional insights. Please contact us at [info@hepdart.com](mailto:info@hepdart.com) if you have any questions or comments. On behalf of the Organizing Committee of **HEP-DART 2025**, we look forward to seeing you in December!

**Registration costs due to go up October 7th, 2025**

**Registration link:** [Hep DART 2025 — Informed Horizons Education Inc.](#)