



Ohio Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program

OH-HAMP Description

The Ohio Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program (OH-HAMP) is designed to train primary care providers (healthcare providers with prescribing authority and their support staff, as well as any other interested parties) throughout the state using an in-person and telementoring-based approach.

OH-HAMP's goal is to improve the health of individuals in underserved communities by building a primary care workforce trained by experts to screen, diagnose, treat, cure and follow persons with chronic hepatitis C.

OH-HAMP primary care providers will receive training on hepatitis C epidemiology, diagnosis, management, curative treatment, follow-up and prevention from disease experts. Thus, primary care providers throughout the state will be equipped with the skills needed to treat patients with hepatitis C in their local communities. This will increase the number of individuals who are identified and cured and help to reduce the number of Ohioans who can transmit hepatitis C to another person.

OH-HAMP is a free, easily accessible training program that will be available to providers across the state. It will meet the needs of both primary care providers interested in providing hepatitis C care and current Ohio Medicaid and private payor requirements. OH-HAMP is designed to build (educate and empower) a mentorship platform that is accessible to primary care providers caring for high-risk individuals in every part of Ohio, especially in rural, low resource settings.

Who is Behind OH-HAMP?

OH-HAMP was developed by the Cleveland Clinic in collaboration with Ohio partners. It is modeled after the successful Kentucky Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program (KHAMP).

Interested providers will:

- Receive OH-HAMP training materials/toolkit via a designated link
- Attend an initial daylong virtual training (OH-HAMP #1)
- Make a commitment to participate in OH-HAMP training for at least 12 months
- Utilize their OH-HAMP training to diagnose and evaluate patients for potential treatment/cure
- Enter consult info into REDCap, a secure, HIPAA-compliant site in the cloud, for specialist review and approval
- Have access to OH-HAMP mentors for consultation and for backup on complicated cases
- Participate in bimonthly OH-HAMP educational evening webinars with access to special topic presentations, presentation of cases by their peers and discussion with peers and mentors
- Attend a half-day training (OH-HAMP #2) approximately 6 months after attending OH-HAMP #1 to receive updated and expanded hepatitis C treatment information. Providers will present

challenges and patient cases to their peers and the OH-HAMP Mentoring Team for feedback and guidance.

- Receive free CME credits for participation
- Be awarded an OH-HAMP Scholar Certificate at the completion of OH-HAMP
- Continue to have access in the future to the Mentoring Team for guidance on specific cases as needed
- Provide primary care providers with the satisfaction of having cured a chronic disease that can be fatal

OH-HAMP Course Objectives

- Demonstrate knowledge of hepatitis C epidemiology, screening, diagnosis, management, curative treatment, follow-up and prevention
- Describe strategies to identify persons with hepatitis C infection
- Describe the increase of hepatitis C infection related to the injection drug epidemic in Ohio
- Know how to counsel patients about transmission risks
- Demonstrate understanding of the latest treatment options for hepatitis C infection
- Identify testing procedures for perinatal transmission of hepatitis C: screening, testing, and treatment of infants born to mothers with chronic hepatitis C infection
- Describe the infrastructure necessary to support hepatitis care and treatment in primary care settings
- Demonstrate understanding of the recent and evolving changes to Ohio's Medicaid program and how these changes impact hepatitis C treatment in the state

OH-HAMP Course Goals

- Educate and empower a primary care workforce trained by hepatitis C experts to screen, diagnose, stage, treat, and follow up patients with chronic hepatitis C with the goal of curing these individuals throughout Ohio.
- Recruit primary care providers practicing in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), hospitals, rural community clinics and private practices in communities throughout the state.
- Remove barriers to care for individuals diagnosed with hepatitis C infection.
- Ultimately, we hope to develop a system whereby providers who have managed and cured a sufficient number of patients according to Ohio Medicaid criteria may receive a designation as a recognized hepatitis C provider

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