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Beyond the C

Hepatitis C Elimination in Your Practice

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Acknowledgement of Country

Artwork titled "Wiyunggir" (Cleverman),
created by Bianca Monaghan

ASHM is embarking on its RAP journey and as a service provider in the health sector, is committed to serving the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities we work with in a culturally appropriate way.

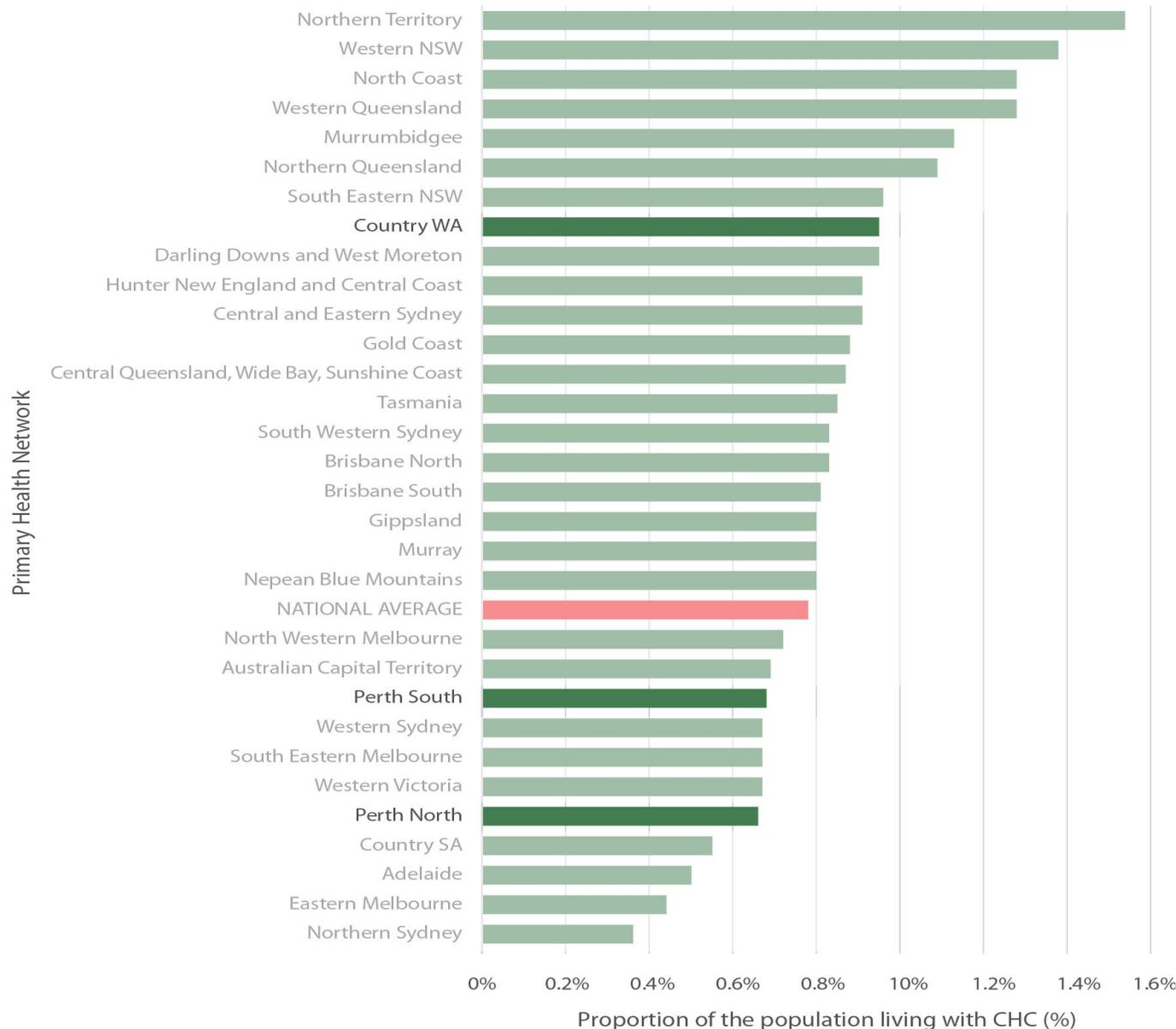


Beyond the C – Hepatitis C Elimination in your practice

- Australia requires heightened effort to increase diagnosis of hepatitis C to achieve its goal of eliminating hepatitis C by 2030. To support Australia to achieve this elimination goal, ASHM has launched its partnership program, **Beyond the C.**
- Beyond the C is helping **increase testing and treatment** by providing primary care with vital hepatitis C case-finding tools.
- Left untreated, **hepatitis C infection can lead to the development of liver cancer** and cirrhosis of the liver.
- Hepatitis C infection is the most common cause of liver disease requiring liver transplantation in Australia. This is despite significant advances in treatment options that have a 95 per cent efficacy in curing the disease.

Hepatitis C Prevalence in WA

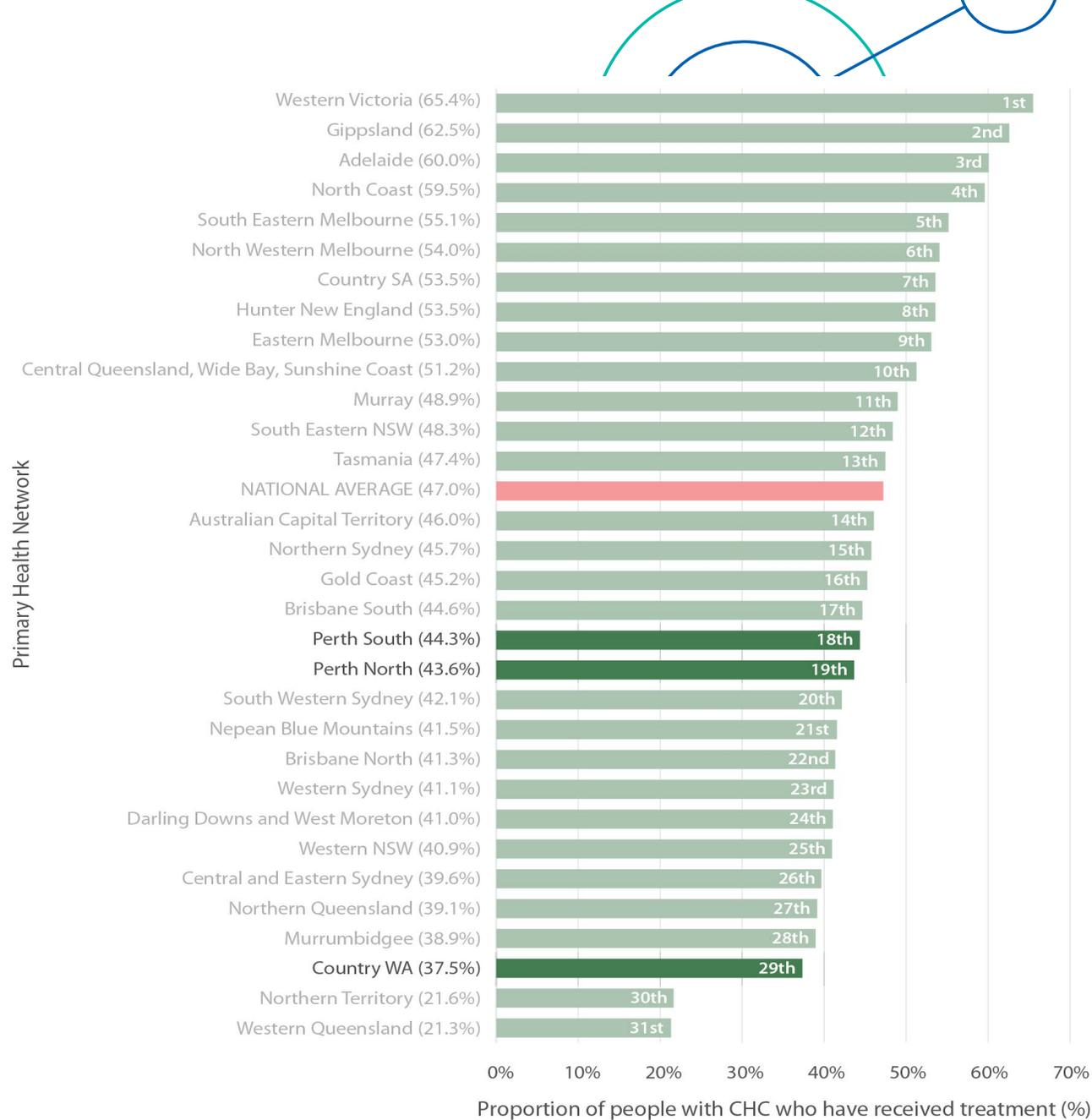
- National prevalence end 2020 estimated **117,814** (start 2016 prevalence 188,951)
- Country WA  national average



Data source: CHC prevalence estimates based on published national estimates and notifications distribution.
[\(link to data for this figure\)](#)

Hepatitis C Treatment Uptake in WA

- Focus on increasing testing and treatment needed across all regions



Data source: CHC prevalence estimates based on published national estimates and notifications distribution. Treatment data sourced from Department of Human Services Medicare statistics.

Benefits to your practice

- Improve the quality of care for those living with hepatitis C
- Participating practices will receive an incentive payment of \$1,500
- Alignment with the Quality Improvement Practice Incentive Program
- Clinical auditing and educational activities in the program contribute to new RACGP/ACRRM CPD requirements with approval for 5 Measuring Outcomes hours.
- Practice support meetings with Practice Nurse Advisor



Improve the quality of care for communities most affected by Hepatitis C



Align your practice with the 5th National Hepatitis C Strategy



Increase MBS billing potential and access PIP QI funds



Build team capacity and obtain Continuing Medical Education points



Beyond the C

Join Australia in its goal to eliminate hepatitis C by 2030 with these easy steps:



Practice Support Meetings

During meetings, practices are invited to think about how QI can best work in their practice and allocate roles for team members.

- Stage 1 – teamwork
- Stage 2 – Data search
- Stage 3 – Clinical audit
- Stage 4 – Test, treat and care

Current processes and procedures are explored and areas in which they may need support are identified.

We ask that practices submit baseline data to ASHM.

They are then invited to plan a series of PDSAs (Plan, Do, Study, Act) and we ask they submit at least one PDSA to ASHM.

The PDSAs aim to improve coding and to identify undiagnosed, underdiagnosed and untreated patients in their practice.

The files of identified patients are then audited to identify the patient needs.
Proactively recall patients for testing, care and treatment as appropriate.

This improves MBS billing and quality of care.

ASHM collects non-identified, aggregated data to track numbers recalled and treated.

Services are paid \$750 at each of two data submission timepoints.

We will select a representative sample of individuals to be invited to participate in a semi structured interview to discuss their experience of the project. This will also be remunerated.

Sexual Health Training and Resources

Register for upcoming training and events at ashm.org.au/training/

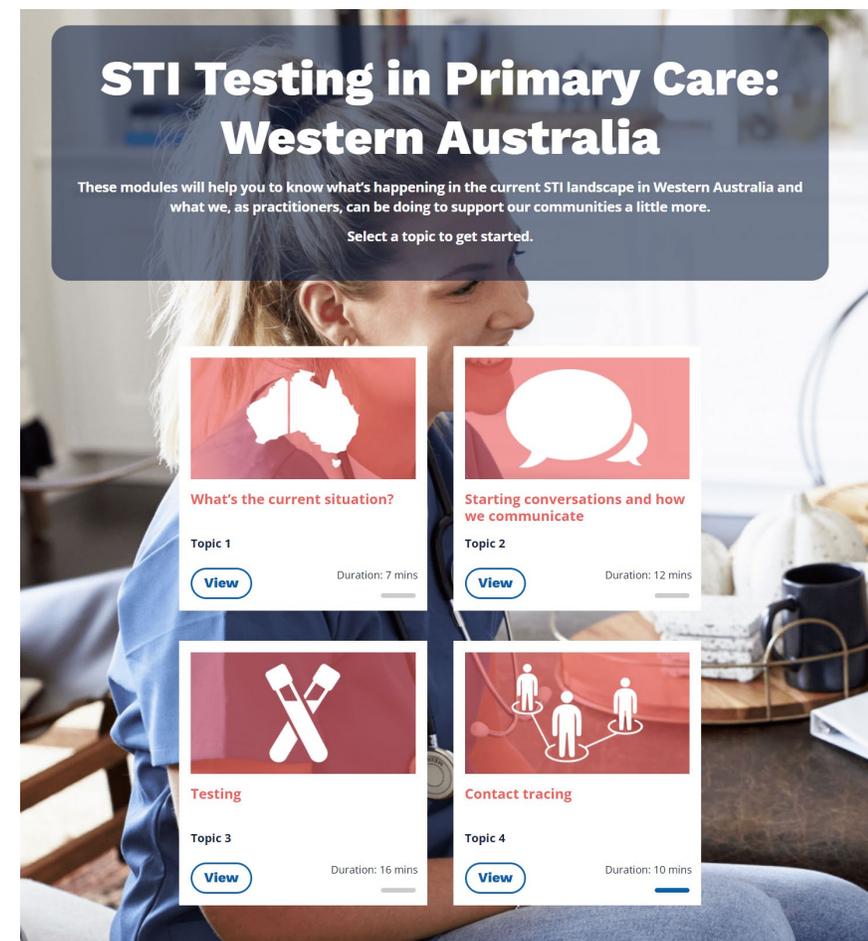
- STI and BBV facilitated training dates for 2023-24 coming soon
- Contraception Essentials in Primary Care (14 & 15 November 2023)

Tailored online learning for WA at ashm.org.au/training/

- Introduction to Syphilis for Midwives: Western Australia
- STI Testing in Primary Care: Western Australia

Access resources at: ashm.org.au/resources/

- Decision Making in Syphilis
- Australian STI Management Guidelines for Use in Primary Care
- Australasian Contact Tracing Guidelines
- Syphilis Outbreak Training

The image shows a digital interface for a training module titled "STI Testing in Primary Care: Western Australia". The background is a photograph of a healthcare professional in a blue uniform. Overlaid on the image is a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the title, there is a short introductory paragraph and a prompt to "Select a topic to get started." Four topic cards are displayed in a 2x2 grid. Each card has a red header with a white icon, a title, a "View" button, and a duration. The topics are: "What's the current situation?" (7 mins), "Starting conversations and how we communicate" (12 mins), "Testing" (16 mins), and "Contact tracing" (10 mins).

STI Testing in Primary Care: Western Australia

These modules will help you to know what's happening in the current STI landscape in Western Australia and what we, as practitioners, can be doing to support our communities a little more.

Select a topic to get started.

Topic	Duration
What's the current situation?	7 mins
Starting conversations and how we communicate	12 mins
Testing	16 mins
Contact tracing	10 mins



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Any questions?

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