

Hepatitis B: A Silent Epidemic

What you need to know and what you can do

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Senate Dirksen Building, Room G11

Please send RSVP to kate.moraras@hepb.org

Lunch will be provided.

In recognition of National Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19th National Hepatitis Testing Day, please join us for a briefing on hepatitis B and the elimination of perinatal transmission.

Honorary Host Senator Mazie K. Hirono

Up to two million people in the U.S. are living with chronic hepatitis B. Hepatitis B can cause liver damage, liver failure and liver cancer. Hepatitis B is 50–100 times more infectious than HIV. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) make up less than 5% of the total population in the United States, but account for more than 50% of Americans living with chronic Hepatitis B. African immigrant communities are also disproportionately affected by this infectious disease with an infection rate of almost 10 percent. When babies become infected with hepatitis B, they have a 90% chance of developing a lifelong, chronic infection. Join this panel of experts to discuss the latest hepatitis B research, education, prevention and treatment programs, and how you can get involved.

Speakers:

Moderated by Christine Rodriguez, MPH, Public Policy Manager, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

Hepatitis B Overview

Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH, Director of Public Health, Hepatitis B Foundation

Peter Whiticar, Chief, Hawai'i State Department of Health STD/AIDS Prevention Branch

Maureen Kamischke, Patient Advocate, Social Media and Outreach Manager, Hepatitis B Foundation

Perinatal Hepatitis B Transmission

Sarah Schillie, MD, MPH, MBA, Division of Viral Hepatitis, National Center of HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Julie Lazaroff, MPH, Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Unit Chief, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Lunch will be provided in accordance with Senate rules on widely attended events.

