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Office of Health Equity Hepatitis C Virus- Advanced Liver Disease Disparities Dashboard

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Brief Bio – Uchendu



Uchenna S. Uchendu, MD
Executive Director

Uchenna S. Uchendu, MD was appointed the Executive Director of the Office of Health Equity on February 24, 2013. Dr. Uchendu serves as the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) leader in advancing health equity and addressing health disparities. She is responsible for building a multi-focused program that increases awareness of health equity and strengthens the ability of the VHA to identify, understand, and address health inequalities and health disparities. As Executive Director, she represents VHA and serves as liaison to other governmental and non-governmental organizations working to achieve health equity, including the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities.





Brief Bio - Jones



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Program Analyst

Dr. Kenneth T. Jones joined the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Health Equity in December 2012 where he serves as the quantitative data expert and is responsible for reporting and identifying new methods to detect health disparities among vulnerable Veteran populations. Prior to the VHA, Kenneth spent the last 10 years as a public health analyst and behavioral scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention.





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- Employee Experience
- Support Service Excellence
- Performance Improvement
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- ❑ Improving the Veterans Experience
- ❑ Improving the Employee Experience
- ❑ Achieving Support Service Excellence
- ❑ Establishing a culture of Continuous Performance Improvement
- ❑ Enhancing Strategic Partnerships

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Overview

- ❑ OHE background and key definitions
- ❑ Hepatitis C among Veterans
- ❑ Dashboard demonstration
- ❑ Next steps
- ❑ Discussion



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Audience Poll Question #1



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Audience Poll Questions #1

What is your primary role?

1. Veteran
2. Researcher
3. Clinician
4. Management/policy maker
5. Other





OHE Program Office Scope

□ Role of Program

- OHE champions the advancement of health equity and reduction of health disparities through 5 key focal areas*:
 1. Leadership
 2. Awareness
 3. Health Outcomes
 4. Diversity and Cultural Competency of the Workforce
 5. Data, Research, and Evaluation
- Strategic Alignments
 - VHA Strategic Plan Objective 1(e)—*Quality & Equity: Veterans will receive timely, high quality, personalized, safe, effective and equitable health care, irrespective of geography, gender, race, age, culture or sexual orientation*
 - Blueprint for Excellence strategies 2.2a, 3.2a and 7.2b

*VHA Health Equity Action Plan





Health Equity Terms/Definitions

- ❑ Health equity is attainment of the highest level of health for all people.
- ❑ A health disparity is a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social or economic disadvantage.

* Healthy People 2020 (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/about/foundation-health-measures/Disparities>)





Health Equity Terms/Definitions

- ❑ Socio-demographic refers to a variety of socioeconomic (e.g., income, education, occupation) and demographic factors (e.g., age, race, ethnicity, primary language).*
- ❑ Vulnerable populations refers to population groups who systematically experience greater social and/or economic obstacles to health and/or a clean environment based on their membership in that group.

* National Quality Forum

(http://www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2014/08/RA_SES_Technical_Report.aspx)





Vulnerable Populations

- Racial or Ethnic Group
- Gender
- Age
- Geographic Location
- Religion
- Socio-Economic Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Military Era
- Disability – Cognitive, Sensory, Physical
- Other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion



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Audience Poll Questions #2

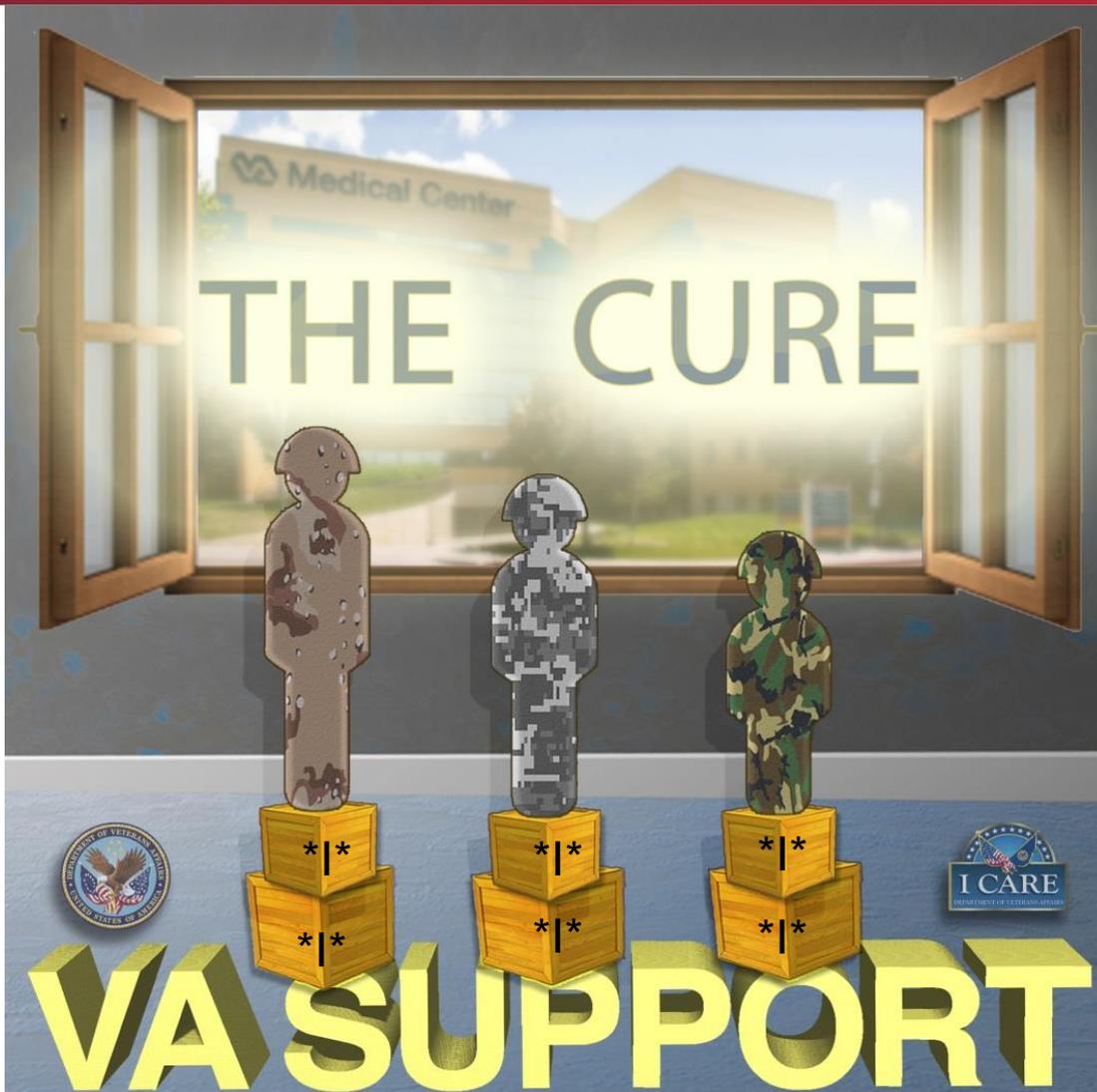
Treating everyone with HCV and ALD equally will eliminate any identified disparities. Select one correct answer.

- True
- False





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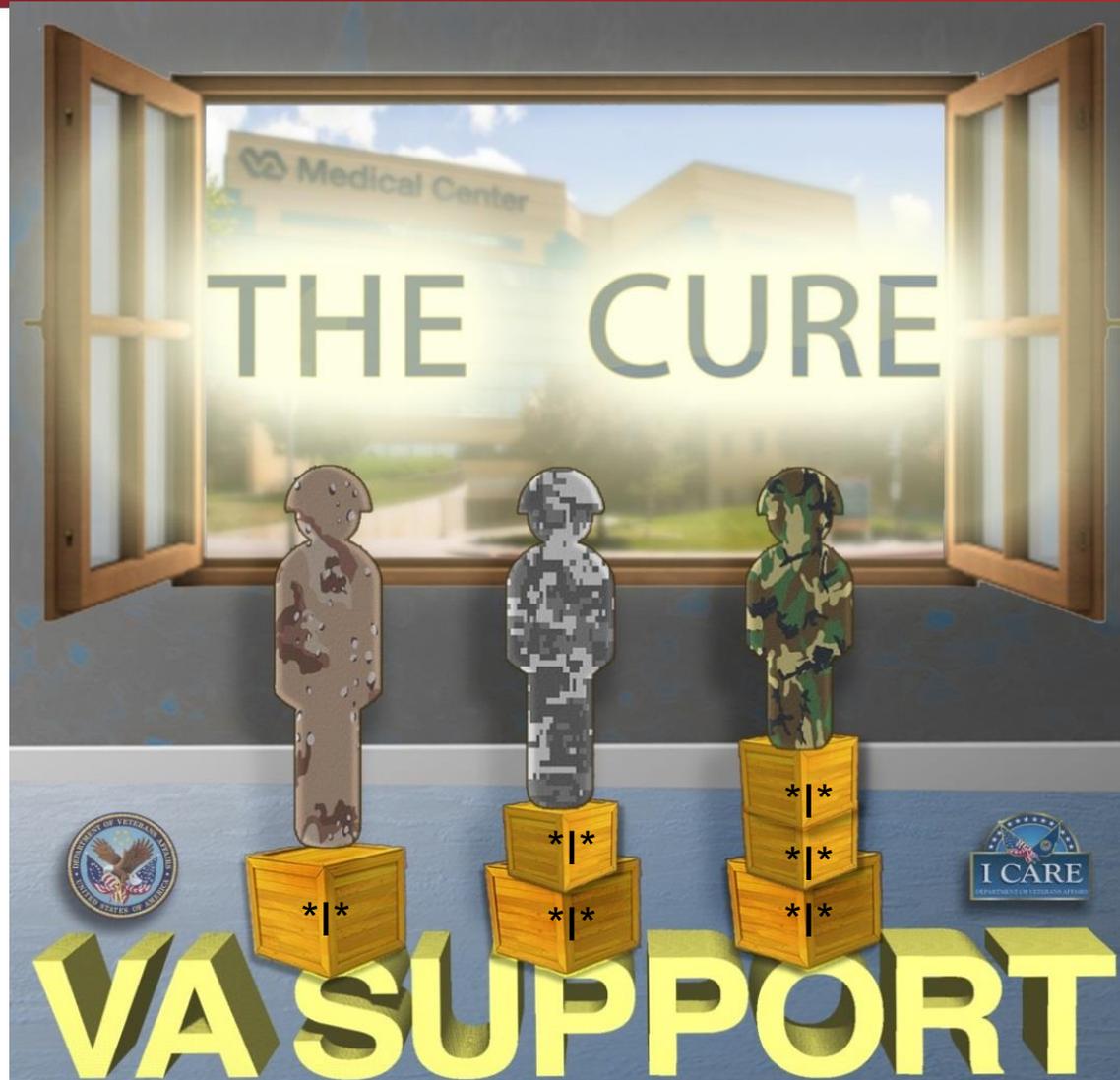
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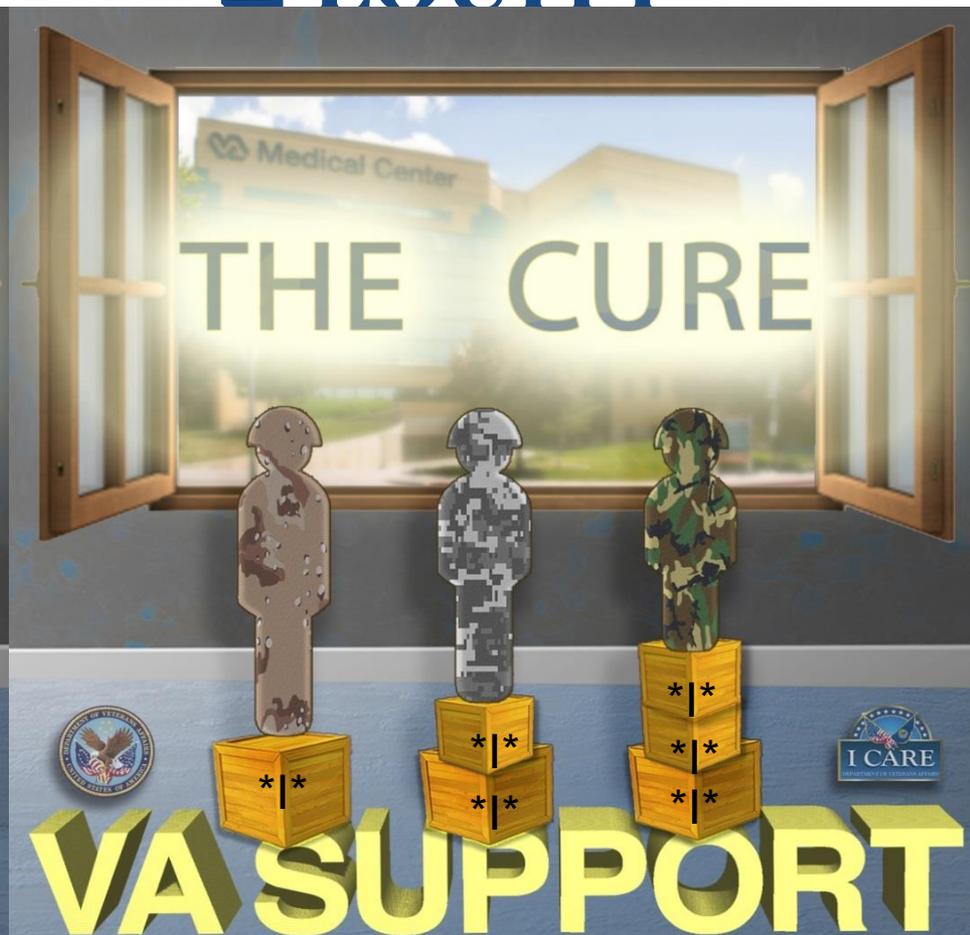
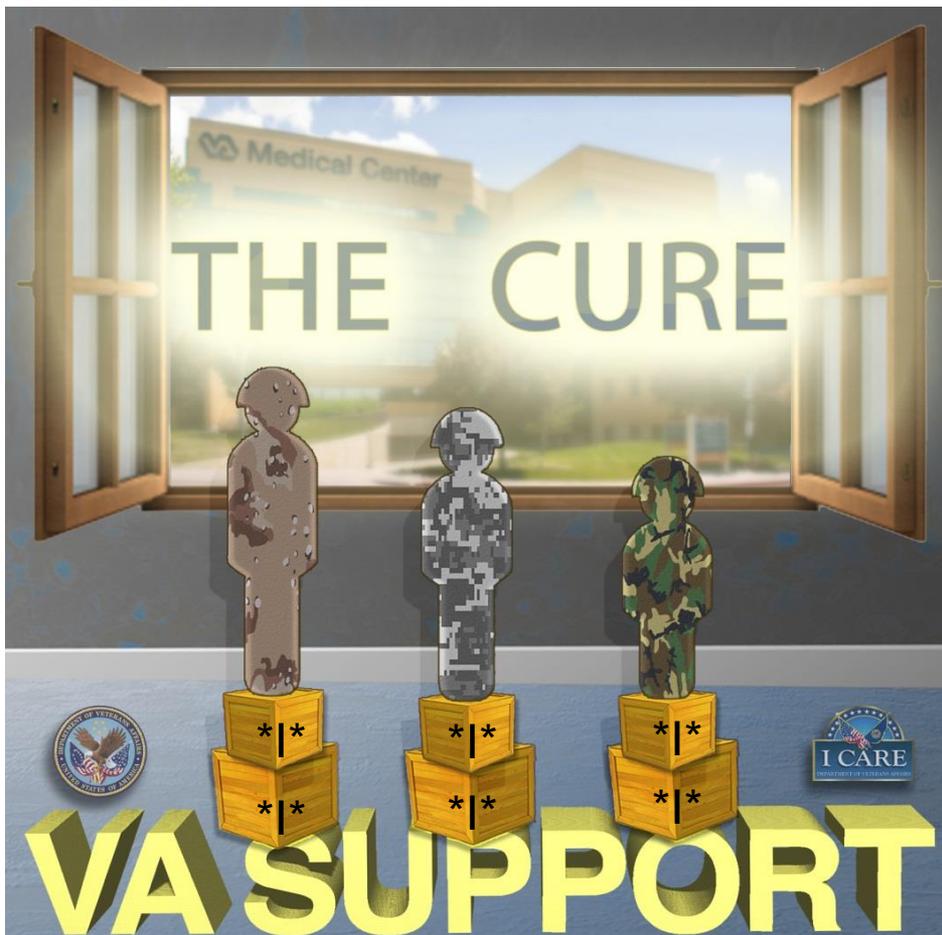
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Hepatitis C Among Veterans



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VA HCV Care

- VA is the largest single provider of HCV care in the United States.
- HIV, Hepatitis, and Public Health Pathogens Programs (HHPHP) Program Office charged with clinical public health services to VHA staff and patients.
- VA currently recommends HCV testing for Veterans born between 1945 and 1965.

<http://www.hiv.va.gov/pdf/stakeholders-report-2015.pdf>





HCV Prevalence

- ❑ VHA provided care to 174,302 Veterans with HCV in 2013.
- ❑ Prevalence of chronic hepatitis C in Veterans in VHA care is three times that of the general U.S. population.
- ❑ Percentage of Veterans screened for HCV doubled (27% to 56%) from 2002 to 2013.

<http://www.hiv.va.gov/pdf/stakeholders-report-2015.pdf>
<http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/pdf/HCV-State-of-Care-2014.pdf>





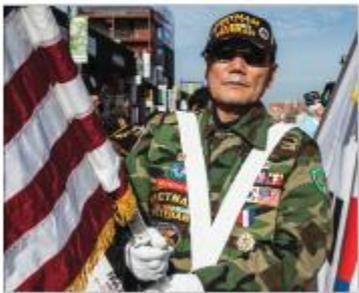
HCV Disparities



□ Hispanics had higher incidence rates of cirrhosis as compared to White Veterans with confirmed viremia between 2000 and 2009 in the VA HCV Clinical Case Registry (El-Serag et al., 2014)



□ HCV prevalence was 6.1% overall and highest among Blacks (11.8%), particularly Black men born in 1945 to 1965 (17.7%; Backus et al., 2014)





HCV as an Emerging Topic

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a news article on USA Today. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/21/va-outsource-care-vets-hepatitis/29055>. The article title is "VA to outsource care for 180,000 vets with hepatitis C". The author is Dennis Wagner from The Arizona Republic, and the article was published on June 21, 2015, at 12:27 a.m. EDT. The article includes a photo of the Department of Veterans Affairs building and social media sharing options for Facebook (1075), Twitter (189), LinkedIn (19), and Comment (13). The text of the article discusses the VA's plan to outsource care for 180,000 veterans with hepatitis C, a move that has drawn criticism from veterans advocates. A sidebar on the left shows social media sharing options, and a right sidebar contains an advertisement for "Managed Server Hosting".

VA to outsource care for 180,000 vets with hepatitis C

Dennis Wagner, The Arizona Republic 12:27 a.m. EDT June 21, 2015

PHOENIX — The Department of Veterans Affairs is moving to outsource care nationwide for up to 180,000 veterans who have hepatitis C, a serious blood and liver condition treated with expensive new drugs that are costing the government billions of dollars.

The VA has spent weeks developing a dramatic and controversial transition as patient loads have surged and funding has run out. Those efforts were not disclosed until records were released this week to *The Arizona Republic*.

Instructions on how to carry out the program show that the sickest veterans generally will get top priority for treatment. However, patients who have less than a year to live or who suffer "severe irreversible cognitive impairment" will not be eligible for treatment.

That provision, and the mass shifting of patients, drew immediate criticism from veterans advocates.

Tom Berger, executive director of a health council established by Vietnam Veterans of America, ripped the VA for launching a "faulty plan" and blasted the idea of medical





Acceleration of VHA HCV Treatment

- ❑ Congress authorizes \$500,000,000 on July 31, 2015 for HCV treatments through October 1, 2015.
- ❑ VA National Center for Ethics in Health Care develops *Protocol for Prioritizing HCV Treatment: An Ethical Framework*.
 - ❑ Participating stakeholders generally agreed that the clinical inclusion criteria should prioritize **“sickest patients who will benefit from the treatment to receive priority over those who are less ill.”**
 - ❑ VHA provides patient list to VISNs of patients with Advanced Liver Disease due to HCV on August 7, 2015.





Applying an Equity Lens on an Emerging Issue

- ❑ VHA Strategic Plan Goal 1e: *Quality & Equity – Veterans will receive timely, high quality, personalized, safe effective and equitable health care, irrespective of geography, gender, race, age, culture or sexual orientation.*

- ❑ Rationale for OHE involvement
 1. Disparities in HCV treatment have been reported.
 2. Treating everyone equally would likely perpetuate or even expand existing disparities.
 3. Opportunity to draw attention to disparities and advanced targeted action as warranted.

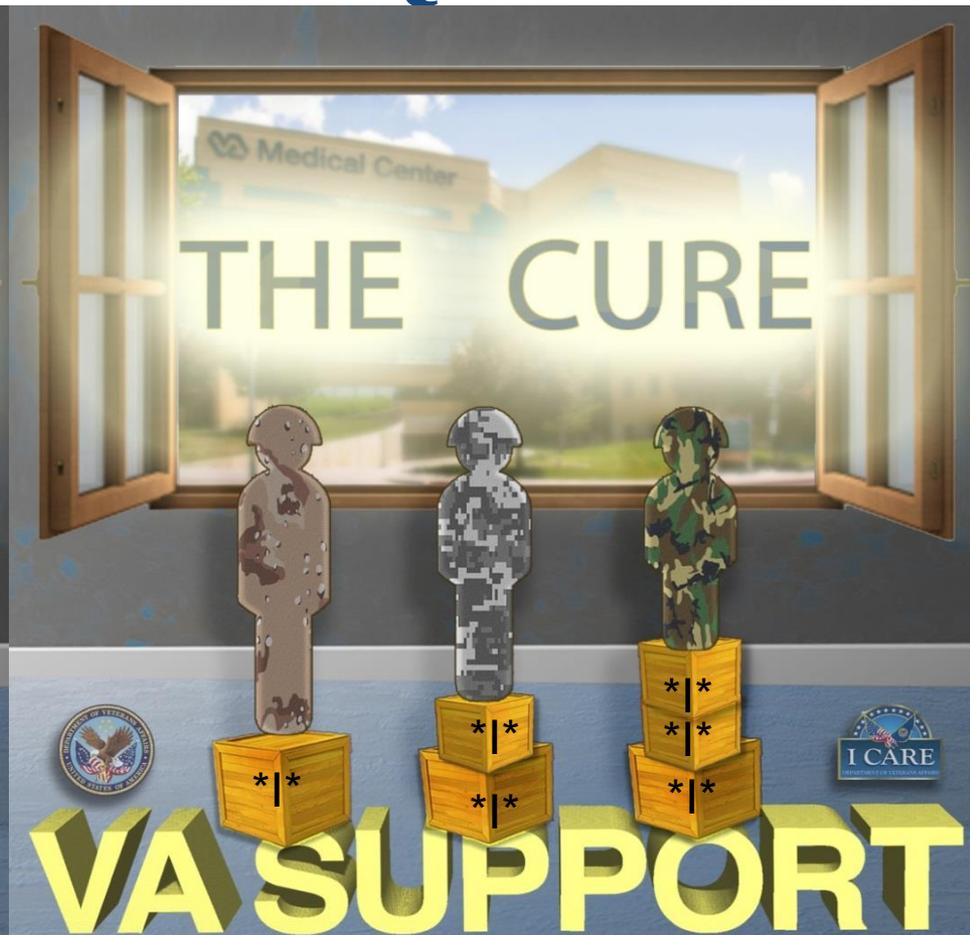
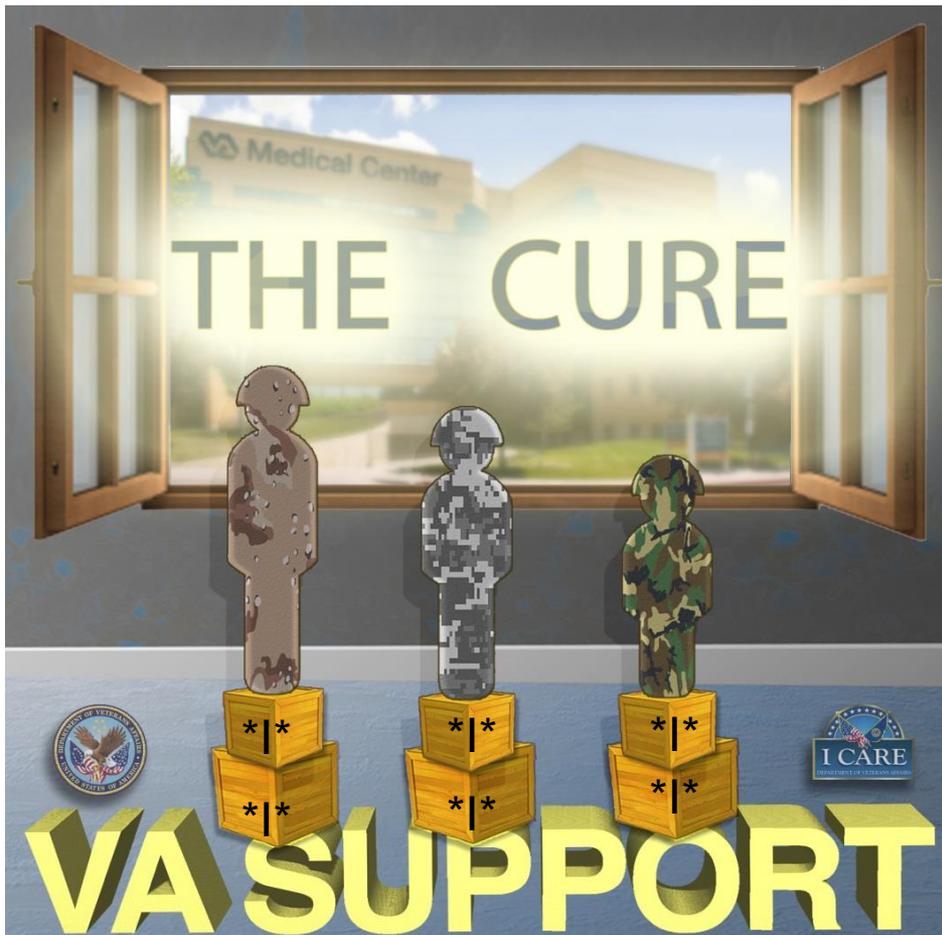




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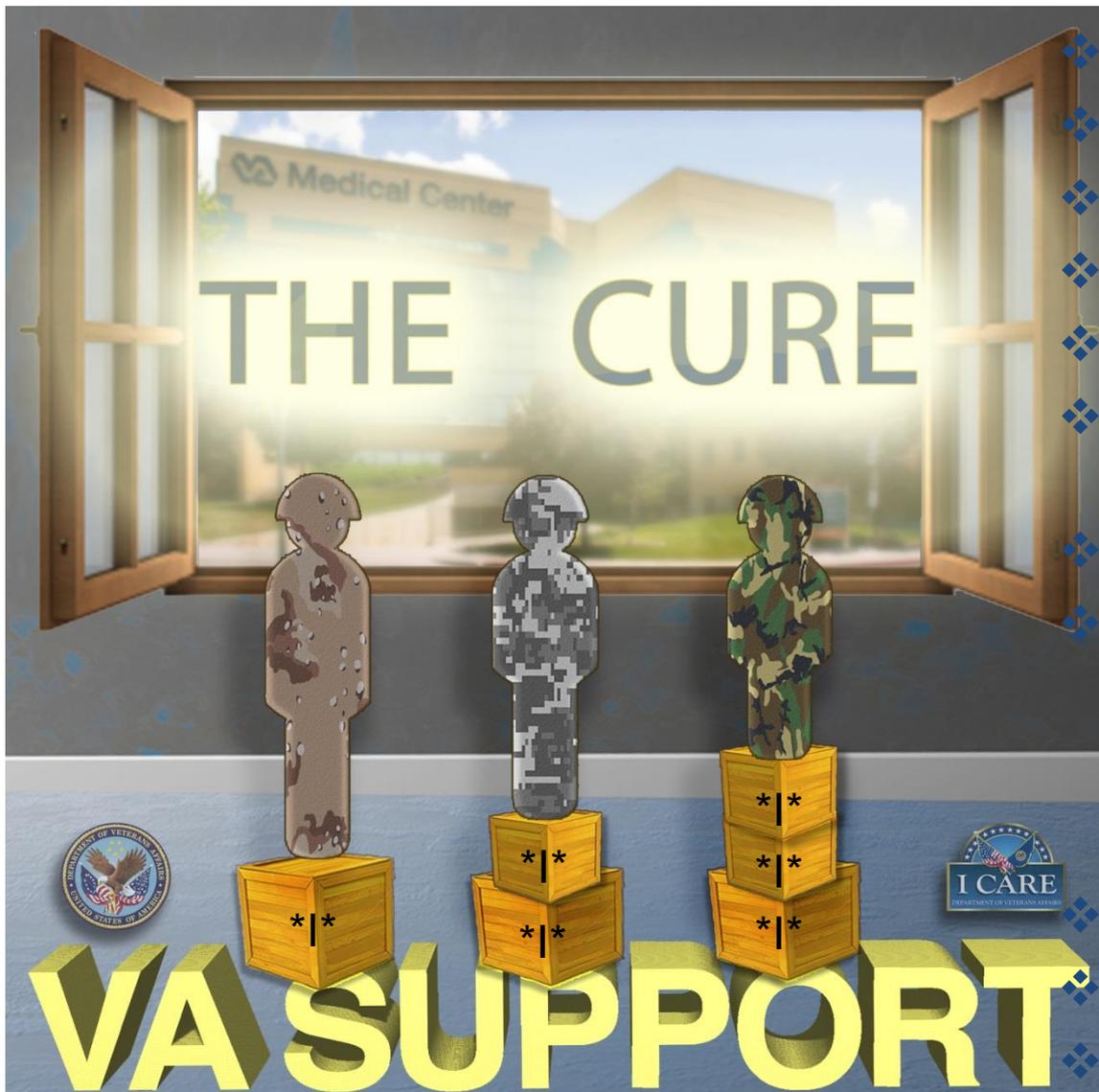
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Applying Equity - Intervention



- ❖ Outreach
- ❖ Awareness
- ❖ Advocacy
- ❖ Care Coordination
- ❖ Cultural Competency
- ❖ Personalized Treatment/Health Plan
- ❖ Patient Activation
- ❖ Support:
 - ❖ Family
 - ❖ Community
 - ❖ Economic
- ❖ Policy
- ❖ Operations
- ❖ Resources

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Audience Poll Question #3



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Audience Poll Questions #3

How can applying a health equity lens to an emerging topic improve population health?

Please type your response ...





Health Equity & HCV- ALD Dashboard - Why?

- ❑ Office of Health Equity is not HCV expert
- ❑ Role :
 - Bring focus to disparity in vulnerable groups
 - Catalyze action
 - Equity Lens on emerging issue proactively
- ❑ Imperative :
 - Moral
 - Ethical
 - Cost implications : pharmaceutical, missed opportunities, incomplete treatment, liver transplant etc.



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OHE HCV-ALD Dashboard

- ❑ Launched September 2015 on VHA intranet.
 - ❑ OHE obtained August 7, 2015 list provided to VISN and facilities by Office of Public Health.
 - ❑ Corporate Data Warehouse used to identify vulnerable Veteran groups within the cohort as defined by age, gender, geography, military era/service and race/ethnicity.
 - ❑ Data are compared to FY14 unique outpatient encounters.
 - ❑ Data can be viewed overall, VISN, station/facility, or by all stations/facilities within a VISN.





OHE HCV-ALD Dashboard Screenshot 1

Browser address bar: <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Dashboard/Dashboards/ALD%20Dash>

Site Actions: Browse Page

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Search this site...

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Dashboards | Data Connections | Libraries | PerformancePoint Content

ALD Dashboard : VISN | Facility | Overall | Facilities by VISN tables

The Office of Health Equity has prepared a fact sheet on [Hepatitis C, Advanced Liver Disease and Health Care Disparities](#). Please click the hyperlink to learn more.

The national and vulnerable group data come from the Corporate Data Warehouse. The national comparison group shown in charts represents those patients with at least one outpatient encounter in FY2014. The cohort of patients diagnosed with Hepatitis C Virus and advanced liver disease comes from the cohort listings shared with the field by the Office of Public Health and received by the Office of Health Equity on August 7, 2015. Please note: A patient may be counted in multiple facilities or VISNs if that patient has received care in more than one facilities or VISN.

ALD Overall Birth Cohort

Birth Cohort	Nation N	Nation %	ALD-N	ALD %
Born before 1945	1847787	30	3479	9
Born between 1945 and 1965	2822286	46	34562	89
Born after 1965	1458944	24	749	2
Unknown	18632	0	7	0

ALD Overall Gender

Gender	Nation N	Nation %	ALD-N	ALD %
Female	621432	10	853	2
Male	5519232	90	37930	98
Unknown	6985	0	14	0

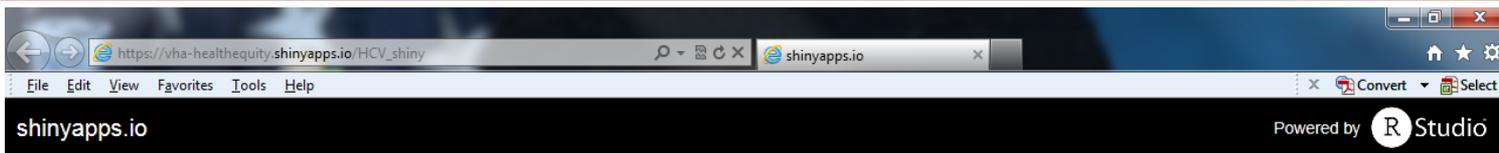
ALD Overall Race

Race	Nation N	Nation %	ALD-N	ALD %
American Indian and Alaska Native	32583	1	223	1
Asian	50737	1	58	0
Black	903666	15	13003	34
Hispanic or Latino	338989	6	2721	7
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	35981	1	203	1
White	3925616	64	19572	50
Multiple races	74632	1	892	2

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OHE HCV-ALD Dashboard Screenshot 2



Hepatitis C Virus-Advanced Liver Disease Dashboard



The purpose of the Dashboard is to promote equitable diagnosis and treatment of underserved Veterans with hepatitis C and advanced liver disease. The Dashboard utilizes a set of demographic slicers (age, gender, geography, service era, race/ethnicity) to characterize Veteran groups with ALD due to hepatitis C who may require targeted intervention to improve their health. The Dashboard advances the vision for quality care and improved access to care as identified in the [VA Blueprint for Excellence](#) and [VHA's Health Equity Action Plan](#).

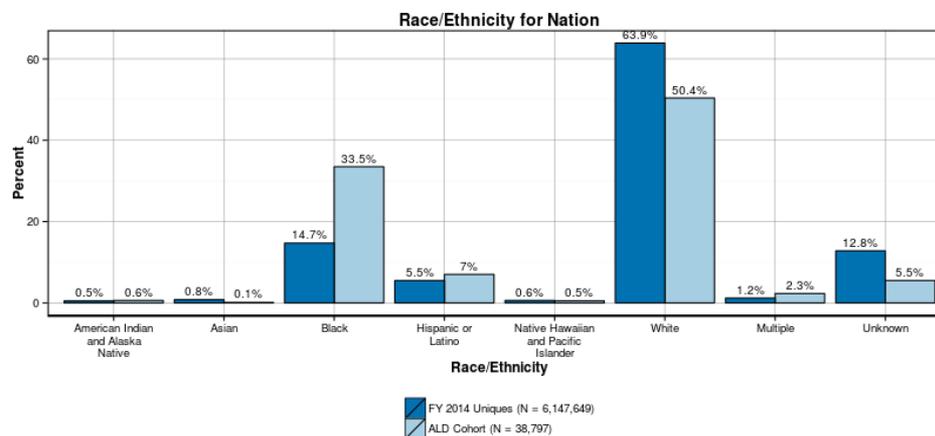
For more information about HCV-ALD Dashboard contact the Office of Health Equity at VHA10A6Action@va.gov.

Select Observation Level
Nation

Select Patient Group
Race/Ethnicity

- Birth Year
- Gender
- Geography
- Military Era
- Race/Ethnicity

Main Table Map Resources



Race/Ethnicity for Nation

Race/Ethnicity	FY 2014 Uniques (N = 6,147,649)		ALD Cohort (N = 38,797)	
	n	%	n	%
American Indian and Alaska Native	32,583	0.5	223	0.6
Asian	50,737	0.8	58	0.1
Black	903,666	14.7	13,003	33.5
Hispanic or Latino	338,989	5.5	2,721	7.0
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	35,981	0.6	203	0.5
White	3,925,616	63.9	19,572	50.4
Multiple	74,632	1.2	892	2.3
Unknown	785,445	12.8	2,125	5.5

Note: (B6) - Cell sizes less than 11 not shown.





OHE HCV-ALD Dashboard Screenshot 3



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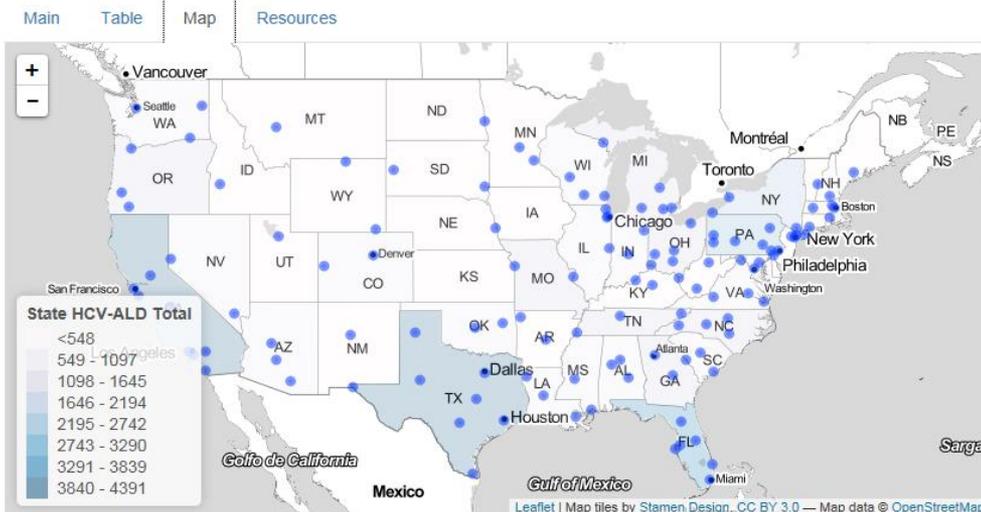
Select Observation Level

Nation

Select Patient Group

Birth Year

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OHE HCV-ALD Dashboard Demonstration



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VA Announces Dashboard Release

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Dashboard Bolsters VA Efforts to Identify and Treat Veterans With Hep C and Liver Disease

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is stepping up its efforts to accelerate treatment for Veterans with hepatitis C and advanced liver disease (ALD) through the creation of a Hepatitis C–ALD dashboard. The dashboard works by using a set of criteria, including age, gender, geography, service era along with and race and ethnicity, to distinguish Veteran groups at highest risk for ALD as a result of hepatitis C.

"The dashboard is a powerful data tool to help VA identify Veteran groups disproportionately affected by Advanced Liver Disease and to ensure they receive the appropriate health care," said Dr. David Shulkin, VA's Under Secretary for



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Action - What Can You Do?



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What's next?

- ❑ Outreach – internal and external to VA
- ❑ Provide patient specific data directly to VHA facilities POC for any of the vulnerable Veteran groups represented
- ❑ Work directly and collaborate with VA offices, programs, medical centers and other stakeholders to address any identified disparities and refine the current dashboard
- ❑ Dashboard Refinement
 - Incorporation of treatment data
 - Views at state and MyVA regions
 - Making aggregate data available on www.data.gov & Github.com





What can you do?

- ❑ Learn the facts – Fact sheet & VHA sites
- ❑ Share the facts
- ❑ Outreach to increase engagement-
 - Screening
 - Treatment linkage
 - Support to achieve treatment completion
 - Empower
 - Advocate for Veterans health equity





What can you do?

□ Veterans and advocates for Veterans

- Support the Veterans and the VA
- Encourage patients to be fully engaged in the cascade that is necessary to go from *awareness > screening > diagnosis > linkage to care > treatment initiation > completion & cure > to best possible health status*
- Family and Community support





What can you do?

□ Clinicians

- Culturally competent care
- Dialogue free of unconscious biases
- Patient activation
- Informed & shared decision making
- Tailored care +/- case management
- Identify barriers and seek solutions
- Share best practices





What can you do?

□ VAMCs and Academic Affiliates

- One of five VA USH Priorities - Identify and disseminate *best practices*
- Seize the opportunity - Tackle HCV and ALD disparities to win the challenge
- Narrow the gap & Improve quality overall
- Identify and Eliminate system barriers
- Partner for the CHOICE Act





What can you do?

□ Researchers

- Pose questions to fill in gaps in knowledge
- Synthesize evidence & advise decision makers
- Inform policy and operations.
- Evaluate the progress of care acceleration and impact of mitigating factors
- ...





What can you do?

Non- VA health and other providers

- Routinely Identify Veterans in your practice

Military History taking Pocket Card:

<http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/>

- Collaborate with VA – The CHOICE Act
- Care coordination
- Partner with VA – Strategic Partnerships

Everyone

- Outreach – Know and share the facts
- Support the Veterans and the VA



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Audience Poll Question #4



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Audience Poll Questions #4

- The HCV - ALD disparities data identified disparities in the following groups of Veterans. *Select the most accurate answer:*
1. Vietnam Era
 2. Racial/Ethnic Minorities esp. Black
 3. Urban dwellers
 4. Born between 1945 and 1965
 5. All of the above





OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY - FUTURE PLANS

- ❑ Full deployment of the VHA Health Equity Action Plan
 - Hepatitis C Disparities - *next steps*
 - VHA Health Equity Environmental Scan 2015 - *next steps*
 - VA National Health Equity Report – *coming soon*
 - OHE – QUERI Partnered Evaluation Center Data & Products
 - *Focus on Health Equity and Action – Cyber Seminar Series*
 - Community Health Worker project
 - Health Equity Virtual Patient Clinical Cases
 - Non Traditional Determinant of Health in EHR
 - Linkage of health and benefits data for socioeconomic status
 - Business Case for Health Equity
 - Advance Veteran issues at the IOM Roundtable for Promotion of Health Equity and Elimination of Health Disparities
- ❑ Ultimate goal- Equity lens in all policies & operations





GET INVOLVED!

- The pursuit of Health Equity should be everyone's business.
- It is a journey that takes time and effort.
- What can you do today in your area of influence to improve health equity?
- At a minimum - in all your actions - do not increase the disparity.
- Thank you!





VA PRESS RELEASE AND DATA FOR THE PUBLIC

VA News Release:

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<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2736>

Data on Github.com:

<https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/VHA-Asset/raw/master/Hep%20C%20FACT%20SHEET%20FINAL%2010162015.pdf>

<https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/VHA-Asset/raw/master/VHA%20Asset.csv>

Data on Data.Gov:

<http://catalog.data.gov/dataset/hepatitis-c-advanced-liver-disease-disparities-dashboard>



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DATA.GOV SCREEN SHOT

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Data.Gov website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://catalog.data.gov/dataset/hepatitis-c-advanced-liver-disease-disparities-dashb>. The browser tabs include 'shinyapps.io' and 'Hepatitis C - Advanced Live...'. The website header features the Data.Gov logo and navigation links: DATA, TOPICS, IMPACT, APPLICATIONS, DEVELOPERS, CONTACT. Below the header, there are tabs for 'DATA CATALOG', '/ Datasets', and 'Organizations'. The main content area is titled '/ Organizations / Department of Veterans Affairs' and includes a 'Report Data Issue' button. On the left side, there is a sidebar with the Department of Veterans Affairs logo, the text 'Department of Veterans Affairs', and sections for 'Publisher' (Department of Veterans Affairs), 'Contact' (VHA 10A6 Action Group), and 'Share on Social Sites' (Google+, Twitter, Facebook). The main content area features the title 'Hepatitis C - Advanced Liver Disease Disparities Dashboard' with a 'Federal' tag. Below the title, it states 'Metadata Updated: Nov 18, 2015'. The description reads: 'The Office of Health Equity (OHE) created the Hepatitis C-Advanced Liver Disease (HCV-ALD) dashboard to raise awareness of potential disparities among vulnerable Veterans for this life-threatening condition. The purpose of the HCV-ALD Dashboard is promote equitable diagnosis and treatment of underserved Veterans with hepatitis C and advanced liver disease. The Hepatitis C-ALD Dashboard utilizes a set of criteria - age, gender, geography, service era, race/ethnicity - to characterize Veteran groups with ALD due to hepatitis C who may require targeted intervention to improve their health. The dashboard advances the vision for quality care and improved access to care as identified in the VHA Blueprint for Excellence.' Below the description, there is a section for 'Access & Use Information' with 'Public: This dataset is intended for public access and use.' and 'License: Creative Commons CCZero'. The 'Downloads & Resources' section includes a 'Download' button for 'Hepatitis C - Advanced Liver Disease Disparity ... VHA%20Asset.csv' and a 'Visit page' button for the 'Landing Page'.



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Thank you!



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Appendix 1

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 - SharePoint - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Pages/Default.aspx>
- **Health Equity Coalition**
 - <http://vaww.pdush.med.va.gov/programs/ohe/oheCoalition.aspx>
- **Health Equity Action Plan (HEAP)**
 - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Pages/HEAP.aspx>
 - <http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/news/video/heap.cfm> (Video)
- **Healthcare Equality Index (HEI)**
 - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/CCC/SitePages/HEI.aspx>
- **Hepatitis C Disparities Dashboard 2015**
 - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Dashboard/Dashboards/ALDDashboard/VISN.aspx>





Appendix 2

- **American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) Supplemental Issue 2014**
 - https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Pages/VA_AJPH.aspx
 - <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/104/S4>
- **American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) Veterans Health Equity Collection Page 2015**
 - <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/topic/vahealthequity>
- **Health Equity Environmental Scan 2015**
 - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Pages/HEScan.aspx>
- **Clinical Look at Unconscious Biases (CLUB)**
 - <https://vaww.vha.vaco.portal.va.gov/sites/OHE/Pages/UB.aspx>





Appendix 3

- **Health Disparities Evidence-based Synthesis Reviews**

- Evidence Brief: Update on Prevalence of and Interventions to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities within the VA

<http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/publications/esp/HealthDisparities.cfm>

<http://vaww.hsrdr.research.va.gov/publications/esp/HealthDisparities.cfm>

- Health Disparities in Quality Indicators of Healthcare Among Adults with Mental Illness

http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/publications/esp/health_disparities.cfm

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK299084/>

- **Health Equity Presentation – Special Feature - National Rural Health Association Reilly Address 2015**

- [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1748-0361](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1748-0361)

- **VHA Health Equity Environmental Scan 2015**

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- **AAMC Reporter November 2015 : *Addressing Social Determinants of Health: Equity Research Among Veterans Provides Unique Insights.***

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Appendix 4

Health Equity Cyberseminars – Internet and Intranet:

- Disparities in Healthcare Quality Indicators among Adults with Mental Illness: A systematic review:
http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=965
http://vaww.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=965
- Partnership in Pursuit of Health Equity: Focus on Minority Veterans
http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=889
http://vaww.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=889
- ACA-Health Equity/Disparities Connection
http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=807
http://vaww.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=807
- VHA Office of Health Equity- What is it all about?
http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=769
http://vaww.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/cyber_seminars/archives/video_archive.cfm?SessionID=769

