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HepVu Data Launch:
New Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimates Stratified by Age, Sex, and Race

Dr. Ronald Valdiserri and Dr. Heather Bradley
Overview

I. Introduction: New Stratified Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimates
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II. Stratified Hep C Prevalence Estimates: Data Methods
    Heather Bradley, PhD
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III. Key Findings and Implications
    Heather Bradley

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Introduction: New Stratified Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimates

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HepVu Overview

- **HepVu.org is an online platform** that visualizes data and disseminates insights on the Hepatitis C epidemic across the United States

- Established in 2017 to **present the first standardized state-level estimates** of people living with Hepatitis C

- **HepVu is presented by** Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health in partnership with Gilead Sciences, Inc.
Mission

Vu visualizes data, presents insights, and catalyzes research to drive public health action across the U.S.

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  - UAB Emergency Medicine Department
  - UCSD
The Hepatitis C Epidemic

- Hepatitis C is a leading cause of liver-related morbidity and mortality in America
  - Hepatitis C-related deaths were greater than deaths from 60 other infectious diseases combined in 2013

- An estimated 2.3 million people were living with Hepatitis C from 2013 to 2016
  - Heaviest impact on males, Baby Boomers, Black Americans, and, increasingly, young persons in states highly affected by the opioid epidemic

- Hepatitis C and other infectious diseases are often-overlooked consequences of America’s opioid crisis
  - Hepatitis C infections have nearly tripled in recent years, with the largest increases among persons under 40, largely due to injection drug use
Eliminating Hepatitis C

- It is important to have a well-funded, robust public health surveillance system for Hepatitis C in order to have the data needed to end Hepatitis C in the U.S.

- HepVu visualizes and contextualizes the most accurate and timely data available to inform researchers and public health decision-makers’ prevention and care efforts.

“One of the most critical gaps is limited data to monitor viral hepatitis locally and nationally. The public health surveillance system for viral hepatitis is not as robust or extensive as it is for some other infectious diseases.”

— National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan, 2017-2020
New Data
Launched Today

State-level Hepatitis C prevalence estimates (2013-2016) stratified by:

- **Sex**
- **Age**
- **Race**
Stratified Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimation: Data Methods

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Data Methods: What We’ll Cover

- Background on Hepatitis C stratified prevalence estimation
- Overview of methodology
- Results
- Limitations and strengths
- Conclusions
Background on Hepatitis C Prevalence Estimation

- State-level burden of Hepatitis C infection informs policies, resource allocation, advocacy, and elimination efforts
- Prevalence of current infection (RNA)
  - Measured in nationally representative residential survey: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
  - In most states, it is challenging to measure directly from diagnoses reported to surveillance
- Statistical models allow combining national NHANES Hepatitis C prevalence with local information to yield state-level results
  - National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) mortality
  - American Community Survey (ACS) population sizes

Overview of Methodology

Method builds on previous approaches for national and state estimates
Review of Analytic Approach

1. Direct estimates
   Adjusted HCV prevalence by age/race/sex for NHANES-eligible population, 2013 – 2016

2. State-level HCV mortality
   Age/race/sex stratum and state-specific ratios for HCV mortality, 2013-2016

3. State-level narcotic overdose mortality
   Age/race/sex stratum and state specific ratios for Narcotic overdose mortality, 2013-2016

4. Literature review and within strata analysis for populations unsampled by NHANES
   Weighted average of state ratios according to birth cohort-specific trends in HCV exposure

### Data Sources for Steps 1-4

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<td>National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)</td>
<td>1999-2016</td>
<td>National HCV RNA prevalence overall and by strata of sex, race/ethnicity, birth cohort, and poverty. Trends in anti-HCV inform analysis weights.</td>
<td>47,387 with non-missing HCV RNA test results 47,590 with non-missing anti-HCV test results</td>
<td>575 with positive HCV RNA test 874 with positive anti-HCV test</td>
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<td>U.S. Census intercensal data</td>
<td>1999-2016</td>
<td>Population structure for modeling HCV- and overdose-related mortality rates.</td>
<td>4,109,869,228 person-years age 18 or above</td>
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<td>U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS)</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
<td>Noninstitutionalized United States population structure for final estimates.</td>
<td>12,023,450 observations of noninstitutionalized persons aged 18 or above</td>
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<td>National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)</td>
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<td>Distribution of Hepatitis C-related mortality, signaling underlying HCV prevalence, to inform distribution of older HCV infections.</td>
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<td>541,130 with unintentional or undetermined cause narcotic or unknown drug as cause of death</td>
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Limitations and Strengths

- **Limitations to consider**
  - NHANES representation of Hepatitis C increases among PWID
  - Hepatitis C- and narcotic-related mortality are incomplete proxies for underlying Hepatitis C infection
  - Estimates represent average during 2013-2016
    - Period of rising incidence
    - Likely increasing >2016
  - Model unable to produce robust, separate estimates for Hispanic/Latinx population

- **Strengths of approach**
  - Synthesis of large national datasets, with local information
  - Few model assumptions
  - Allows apples-to-apples comparisons between states
Differences From Some Jurisdictions’ Data

• Prevalence estimates may differ from some states’ own internal estimates
  • Common approach: Make adjustments to go from diagnosed cases to prevalent infections
  • Different data sources
  • Different methods, models, and assumptions
  • Differences in time periods described

• Best estimates from national prevalence surveillance and vital statistics data
  • State-specific methodologies not replicable in most jurisdictions with different or no case surveillance. Different assumptions required per jurisdiction
  • Previous 2010 estimates closely mirrored local estimates in many states with available comparison

• **Primary objective:** Standardized approach to allow state-to-state comparisons
  • Some jurisdictions may have additional data to inform HCV epidemic estimates, which are valuable and should be taken into consideration for local decision-making
Key Findings and Implications
New Stratified Maps

Hepatitis C prevalence estimates (2013-2016) stratified by:

- **Sex**
  - Male
  - Female
- **Age**
  - Less than 50
  - 50 – 74 (Baby Boomer)
  - 75 and older
- **Race**
  - Black
  - Non-Black
Hepatitis C by Sex

From 2013-2016, the rate of Hepatitis C was 2X higher among males than females across the U.S.
Estimated Rate of Males Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Estimated Rate of Females Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Key Findings

• Men had double the Hepatitis C prevalence of women – a ratio that was consistent in nearly every state

• Nationally, the rate of Hepatitis C prevalence was 1.3 percent for males and 0.6 percent for females

• This disparity is consistent with previously published estimates
The largest increase in new Hepatitis C infections over the last decade have been among people under 50, primarily as a consequence of injection drug use associated with the opioid crisis.
Estimated Rate of People Aged 49 or Under Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Estimated Rate of People Aged 50 to 74 (Baby Boomer) Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Estimated Rate of People Aged 75+ Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Key Findings

• Nationally, Hepatitis C prevalence among persons:
  • 50 – 74 years (Baby Boomers): 1.6%
  • 49 years or younger: 0.5%
  • 75 years or older: 0.2%

• 71% of infections were among Baby Boomers, but…

• …Younger Americans represent larger proportions of Hepatitis C infections in states hardest hit by the opioid epidemic
Hepatitis C by Race

Black Americans account for 23% of all Hepatitis C infections in the U.S., despite only accounting for 12% of the population.

Estimated Number of Black People Living with Hepatitis C, 2015-2016

SOURCE: HepVu.org

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Estimated Rate of Black People Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Estimated Rate of Non-Black People Living with Hepatitis C, 2013-2016
Key Findings

• Hepatitis C prevalence was more than twice as high for Black Americans than for non-Black Americans

• Black Americans account for 23% of Hepatitis C infections, but only 12% of the U.S. population

• All but five jurisdictions had more than 1.0% prevalence among non-Hispanic Black persons
Conclusions

• National surveys, in conjunction with local mortality data that capture multiple aspects of Hepatitis C epidemics, enable systematic estimation of state-level Hepatitis C prevalence

• Hepatitis C continues to affect populations including:
  • Males
  • Baby Boomers
  • Black Americans

• Highest rates frequently in states:
  • With history of increased levels of injection drug use and chronic Hepatitis C infection
  • That are deeply affected by opioid crisis

• Estimates can benchmark epidemic and guide prevention, diagnosis, and treatment efforts
New HepVu Features & Resources
State Profiles

Local Data: Idaho

There are approximately 11,200 people living with Hepatitis C in Idaho.

- **Estimated Number of People Living with Hepatitis C**: 2013-2016
  - Sex:
    - Male: 11,200
    - Female: 11,000
  - Age:
    - 67.0% Male | 33.0% Female
  - Other Data Comparisons:
    - Estimated percentage of people living with Hepatitis C, by race: 2013-2016
      - 2.4% Non-Black | 99.9% Black
    - Estimated percentage of people living with Hepatitis C, by age: 2013-2016
      - 1.8% less than 40 | 29.9% 40-59 | 39.9% 60-74 | 29.9% 75 and above

- **Hepatitis C Mortality**: 2013-2017
  - Number of deaths related to Hepatitis C: 2017: 84
  - Rate of deaths related to Hepatitis C (per 100,000): 2017: 5
  - Change in Hepatitis C-related Mortality, 2013-2017:
    - 2013: 110
    - 2014: 110
    - 2015: 105
    - 2016: 100
    - 2017: 84
State Profiles

Opioid Indicators

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<td>Pain Reliever Misuse Percent, 2015-2016</td>
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<td>Narcotic Overdose Mortality Rate, 2013-2016</td>
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Median Household Income

Living in Poverty
Shareable Resources on Stratified Data

- **New infographics** on Hepatitis C by sex, age, and race

- **Expert Q&A blogs** about viral hepatitis, opioids, and Hepatitis C elimination campaigns, with recent examples including:
  - Dr. John W. Ward, Director of the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination
  - Dr. Monica Graybeal, Hepatitis C ambulatory and community pharmacist at Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
  - Dr. Heather Bradley, HepVu Project Director *(introduction to stratified data)*
HepVu: Coming This Year

• Focus on viral hepatitis surveillance
  • Webinar with jurisdictional representatives: **Join us**
    January 28, 12:30 – 1:30 PM EST

• May: Hepatitis Awareness Month and Testing Day
  • National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day

• July: World Hepatitis Day
  • National African American Hepatitis C Action Day

• Ongoing blog series with experts and infographics
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