

8th ECHO-Plus Liver Congress – program

BW Premier Denham Inn & Suites, 5207-50th Ave, Leduc, 780 986-2241

Fri Oct 17: Arrivals, 1800 – 2000h, DBS testing workshop run by ISC. Marquis Room

Sat Oct 18:

Morning session on HCV (08:30-12:30)

8:30: Opening Prayer: Treaty 6 Elder

8:35: Land Acknowledgment: Sam Lee

8:36: ECHO Update 2024-25: Sam Lee, ECHO

8:50: CAAN Update 2025: Leona Quewezance , CAAN

9:10: Indigenous Services Canada Update: Chris Sarin, ISC (by Zoom)

9:30: Action Hepatitis Update: Jennifer van Gennip, AHC

9:50: HCV Management in Provincial Prisons: Kayley Goralczyk, AHS

10:15-10:35 *Health/coffee break*

10:35: Dried blood spot testing: hopes and progress, 2024-25: John Kim, National Virology Lab

11:00: Knowing your liver status: Lessons from Piikani testing program 2023-25: Lan Ngo, Piikani Health

11:20: HBV in Indigenous People: Henry Nguyen, Univ Calgary

11:50: *Panel Discussion:* Lived experience with HCV. Moderators: Denise Lambert and Linda Wonitoway. Panelists: Leslie Keays White and Jacqueline Flett

12:28: ECHO theme song: *Make Them Hear You* – Sam Lee

12:30 – 13:00 Lunch break

Afternoon session on other topics (13:00 – 17:00)

13:00: **Keynote 1:** My Journey: from Enoch River Cree to Parliament. Speaker: Hon. Billy Morin MP, Shadow Cabinet Minister for Indigenous Affairs

13:30: Managing cirrhosis complications. Minneke Coenraad, Univ. Leiden, NL (Zoom)

13:55: Harm Reduction in Alberta: Marliss Taylor, Boyle Street Clinic

14:20: Viral hepatitis community outreach in Newcomers. Henry Nguyen

14:40: Underdiagnosis of PBC and AIH in Indigenous People. Vladimir Marquez, UBC

15:05 – 15:20: *Health/coffee break*

15:20: Hybrid model for fatty liver care delivery in Indigenous Communities. Sam Lee

15:40: **Keynote 2:** Fatty liver in Manitoba First Nations: the Island Lake study. Julia Uhanova, Univ Manitoba

16:05: Introduction to AIVCC (AB Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic). Michelle Hoeber, AIVCC

16:30: **Keynote 3:** The roots of racism: strategies for mitigating workplace discrimination. Jasmine Van Loggerenberg (Employment equity lawyer)

1800-2030h: Congress dinner (at hotel)

Sun Oct 19:

9:00: *Presentation of Ally of the Year Award*

9:10-12:00

Morning interactive workshops on testing, treatment, surveillance, community engagement, with reports from CATIE, CUPS, Edmonton Indigenous Wellness Clinic, several First Nation Health centres Including: Kehewin, Bigstone, Stoney Nakoda, Kai'nai.

12:00: closing remarks: Sam Lee

12:05: Closing Prayer: Treaty 6 Elder

12:10 departures (participants will be given a take-away box lunch)