

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 (if enough interest/demand)

Sat Oct 18:

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

Opening Prayer: Indigenous Elder TBD

Land Acknowledgment: Sam Lee

ECHO Update 2024-25: Sam Lee, ECHO

CAAN Update 2025: Tawnya Crowshoe, CAAN

Indigenous Services Canada Update: Chris Sarin, ISC

Action Hepatitis Update: Jennifer van Gennip, AHC

HCV Rx in Prisons: Kayley Goralczyk, AHS

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

Dried blood spot testing: hopes and progress, 2023-25: John Kim, National Virology Lab

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

HBV in Indigenous People: Henry Nguyen, Univ Calgary

Panel: Lived experience with HCV: moderators: TBD and Denise Lambert. Panelists: Leslie Keys White and female with lived experience (TBD)

12:30 – 13:15 *Lunch break*

Afternoon session on other topics (13:15 – 17:00)

keynote 1: Obesity in indigenous people: TBD

Diagnosis and treatment of hepatic encephalopathy: Minneke Coenraad, Leiden, NL (Zoom)

Viral hepatitis community outreach in Newcomers: Henry Nguyen

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

Harm Reduction in Alberta: Marliss Taylor, Boyle Street Clinic

14:45 – 15:05: *Health/coffee break*

MASLD Update: Saumya Jayakumar, Univ Alberta

GLP1 agonists: how, when, why do they work?: TBD

Introduction to AIVCC (AB Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic): Michelle Hoeber

keynote 3: The roots of racism: strategies for reducing and mitigating workplace discrimination: Jasmine Van Loggerenberg (Employment equity lawyer)

1800-2000h: Congress dinner and presentation of Ally of the Year Award

Sun Oct 19:

09:00-12:00

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, Enoch River Cree.

!2:00: closing remarks: Sam Lee

12:05: Closing Prayer: Elder

12:00 departures (participants will be given a take-away box lunch)