

## **PURPOSE**

- Partner with Indigenous communities in co-designing an approach supporting local goals.
- Developing practical tools toward removing barriers in accessing specialist care for hepatitis C (HCV) during a pandemic.

## RESULTS

- Increased virtual community communication and involvement.
- Increasing HCV awareness and doubling the number of engaged communities.
- Incorporating COVID-19 Specialists and other liver disease case support into virtual community case sessions.

## CONCLUSIONS

 Using creative virtual approaches and team efforts to build and maintain relationships providing support for continuation of HCV awareness, screening, care and treatment with Indigenous communities during a pandemic.

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## Resilience and Creativity Expanding Hepatitis C Awareness and Access to Care with Indigenous Communities in Alberta

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