

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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