



**The San Francisco Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative**, End Hep C SF, is a multi-sector collective impact initiative that utilizes evidence-based practices, community wisdom, and the creative leveraging of resources to work toward hepatitis C elimination in San Francisco.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

San Francisco has a history of innovative and ambitious public health efforts. End Hep C SF emerges from that history to tackle an epidemic that kills more Americans than the deaths from sixty other reportable infectious diseases, including HIV, pneumococcal disease, and tuberculosis, combined.<sup>4,5</sup>

## Vision Statement

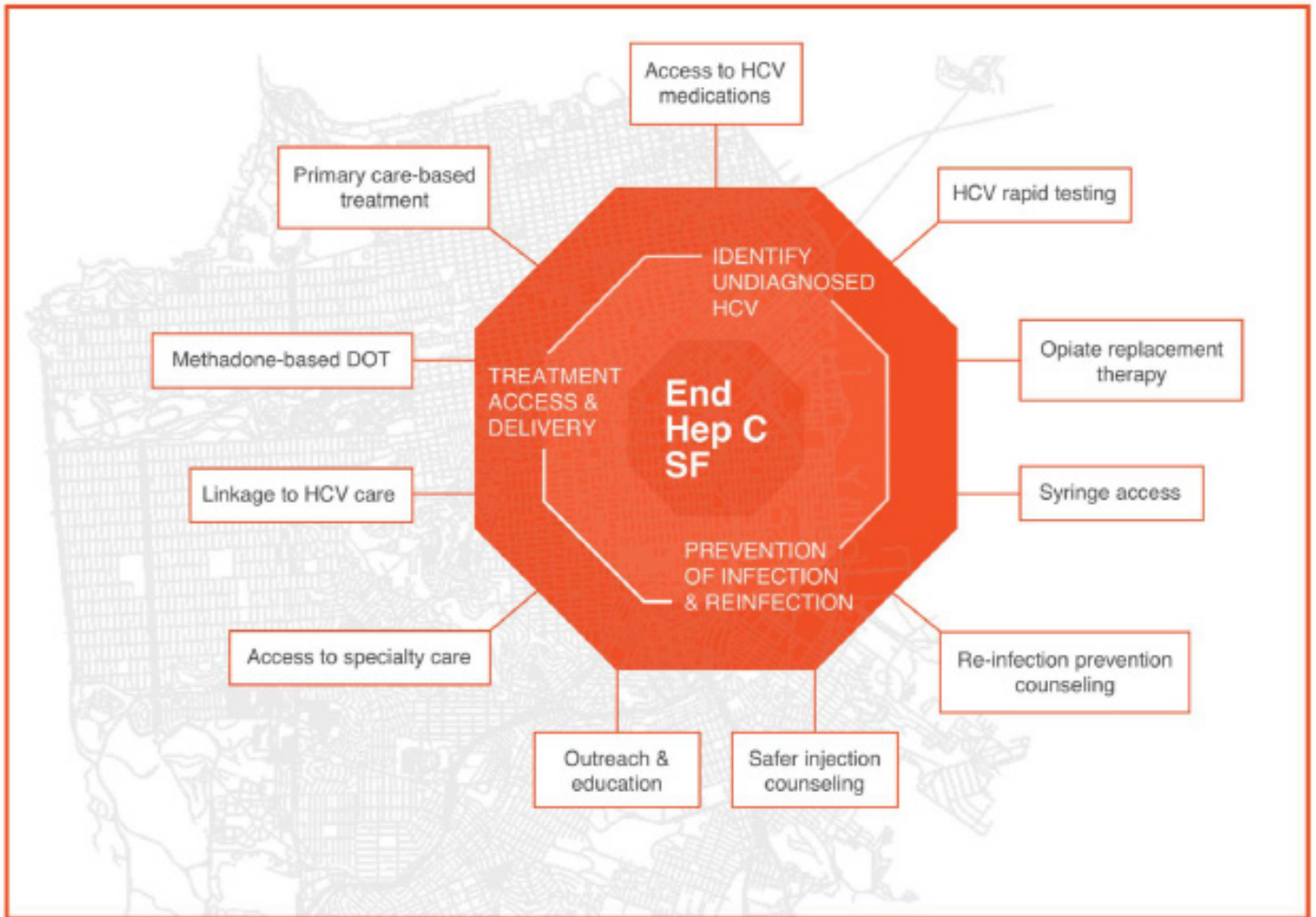
San Francisco is profoundly impacted by the hepatitis C virus (HCV), a communicable liver disease that is a significant driver of morbidity, liver cancer, and death. The availability of highly effective, well-tolerated oral HCV therapy gives us the remarkable ability to cure HCV in nearly all people living with the virus. We now have the tools to greatly reduce the negative health consequences of HCV, to break the cycle of forward transmission through cure as prevention, and to ultimately eliminate HCV in San Francisco. To realize the potential of modern HCV therapy, we have established End Hep C SF. Our long-term strategic plan is to lay the foundation for HCV elimination in San Francisco through a comprehensive approach based on three pillars:

1. Citywide community-based HCV testing for highly impacted populations paired with augmented HCV surveillance infrastructure to track the HCV epidemic and progress towards elimination;
2. Linkage to care and treatment access for all people living with HCV;
3. Prevention of new HCV infections and reinfection in those cured of HCV.

1. Elimination refers to the cessation of transmission of a disease in a single country, continent, or other limited geographic area, rather than global eradication (e.g., polio in the Americas).
2. Collective Impact is a framework to tackle deeply entrenched and complex social problems. It is an innovative and structured approach to making collaboration work across government, business, philanthropy, non-profit organizations and citizens to achieve significant and lasting social change.
3. <http://www.collaborationforimpact.com>
4. Ly KN, Hughes EM, Jiles RB, Holmberg SD. Rising Mortality Associated With Hepatitis C Virus in the United States, 2003–2013 Clin Infect Dis. first published online March 1, 2016 doi:10.1093/cid/ciw111
5. <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p0504-hepc-mortality.html>

## Community Partners

UCSF Alliance Health Project  
BAART Programs  
Bayview Hunters Point Foundation  
California Hepatitis Alliance (CalHEP)  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Facente Consulting  
Glide Foundation  
Harm Reduction Coalition  
HealthRIGHT 360  
Hellman Foundation  
Homeless Youth Alliance  
Kaiser Permanente  
Larkin Street Youth Services  
Mission Neighborhood Health Center  
Mission Wellness Pharmacy  
Native American Health Center  
Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program (OTOP)  
Positive Health Program  
Project Open Hand  
RTI International  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
San Francisco Community Health Center  
San Francisco Cancer Initiative (SF CAN)  
San Francisco Department of Public Health  
San Francisco Health Plan  
Shanti Project  
South of Market Health Center  
Sutter Health  
UCSF  
UCSF NOW (No One Waits) Study  
UCSF YETI Study  
The UFO Study  
Walgreens  
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital



## Committees and Work Groups

End Hep C SF is guided by a Coordinating Committee and four topic-specific work groups that recommend action steps to the Coordinating Committee. The Work Groups are comprised of individuals affected by HCV, healthcare and social service providers, community advocates, health department representatives, and other stakeholders. The Work Groups include: Policy & Advocacy; Prevention, Testing & Linkage; Community Research & Data Stewardship; and Treatment Access. The lifeblood of our initiative is our community members, especially those who have lived experience with HCV. We continuously strive to improve representation and build leadership in our initiative so that community members guide this work at all levels, and we believe in appropriate compensation for their labor and expertise.

## Coordinating Committee Members

Jordan Akerley - End Hep C SF  
 Joanne Kay - End Hep C SF  
 Shelley Facente, MPH - Facente Consulting  
 Annie Luetkemeyer, MD - UCSF  
 Jennifer Price, MD - UCSF DeLIVER Care  
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## End Hep C SF Community Partner Sign-On Notification

\_\_\_\_\_ shares the vision of hepatitis C elimination in San Francisco driven by broad-based prevention, testing, linkage, and treatment strategies. Our organization partners with End Hep C SF and will offer staff time in initiative meetings and expertise on the needs of impacted community members we serve. We believe every San Franciscan deserves the opportunity to prevent hepatitis C infection, know their hepatitis C status, and receive hepatitis C treatment if needed.

Signed,

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Working together we can end hepatitis C in San Francisco!