

November 2004 HepTalk Listserv

1. Announcements from HepTalk

- Welcome! This is the first bulletin of the Listserv, for the month of November 2004.
- **Thank you** to the 15 clinics across the country who have already welcomed HepTalk site visitors. We appreciate your help and look forward to visiting 15 more clinics. We'll complete these baseline visits by early spring 2005.
- Check the HepTalk webpage on the Migrant Clinicians Network website at migrantclinician.org. You can get to our page by clicking on "Clinical Excellence" on the Home page, and then clicking on "Hepatitis" on the menu at the left.

2. An Annotated List of Key Hepatitis Websites: In our first bulletin, we try to give you a few good, general hepatitis information websites. If any of these links are not working, you can copy and paste them directly into your search engine.

- **General information:** <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/>: This is the main CDC page for hepatitis. From here you can access pages for A, B, and C, and from each of those, many other sites of interest. **Ordering brochures:** From the home page, click on Resource Center or go directly to the following: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/resource/brochures.htm> From this link, you can order the brochures, and you can view the brochures in pdf format. The brochures we are currently sending out to clinics are Prevent Hepatitis A in English and Spanish, Prevent Hepatitis B in English and Spanish, and Hepatitis C Prevention in English and Spanish
- **General information:** <http://www.hepb.org/>: This is the website for the Hepatitis B Foundation. As well as other information, you will find a link to "*Viral Hepatitis - A National Perspective: Closing the Gaps,*" by **Harold S. Margolis**. Harold S Margolis, MD, is Director of the Division of Viral Hepatitis, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Go directly to this link by clicking on the address below or pasting in <http://www.hepb.org/expforum/speaker.aspx?speakerID=halMargolis&language=English> If this link doesn't work for you go directly to <http://www.hepb.org/>, and click on "Harold Margolis" in the Expert Speaker Forum section. This is a power point presentation as well, and an excellent source of information.
- **Treatment information:** <http://www.numedx.com/> This is the on-line access to Numedx, a journal with information on "medical treatment, nutrition, and exercise regimens as such affect people living with HIV, AIDS and HCV." Though this is mainly an HIV journal, it does cover A and B as well as C and has treatment and testing specifics. Under "Medicine" (on red menu on

the lefthand side) you can choose Hepatitis and get a good synopsis of all three. Most of the items on the red menu have specific hepatitis sections.

- **Immunization information:** www.immunize.org: This is the website for the Immunization Action Coalition. This organization has lots of useful information. We send, along with brochures, “Standing Orders for Administering Hepatitis A and B Vaccine to Adults,” from this organization. You can access this from their main website.
- **Global prevalence information:** <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/diseases> This is a link to the National Center for Infections Diseases Yellow Book: Health Information for the International Traveler 2003-2004. Click on Hepatitis (in the alphabetical listing). It has good and recent maps indicating prevalence for A and B across the globe. The maps are at the end of each page for A and B.

3. Links to two recent articles of interest

- “Hepatitis A in Hispanic children who live along the United States-Mexico border: the role of international travel and food-borne exposures.” Weinberg M, Hopkins J, Farrington L, Gresham L, Ginsberg M, Bell BP. *Pediatrics*. 2004 Jul;114(1):e68-73.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?CMD=Text&DB=pubmed>
- *First, Reduce the Harm: The Stages of Hope and Change in Harm Reduction*, by Edith Springer. This is a good article for insight into what you can provide for patients when options such as testing, vaccination and treatment are prohibitively expensive or not available.
<http://www.numedx.com/article.aspx?NewsCategoryID=38>

HepTalk is a project of the Migrant Clinicians Network and Community Health Education Concepts. HepTalk is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The goal of HepTalk is to help clinicians serving migrants and recent immigrants engage in productive discussions about hepatitis risks with their clients and help them make prevention plans. The HepTalk listserv is a support service for clinics participating in the project. This is a post-only listserv and postings will come from HepTalk staff about once a month. If others at your clinic would like to be on the listserv, or if you have questions about the listserv or resources listed here, or if you would like to add something to the posts, please contact Kathryn Anderson, HepTalk training and education coordinator and listserv administrator, at dempander@earthlink.net. You can also contact the listserv administrator if you would like to unsubscribe from the list. The content of the HepTalk listserv is compiled by HepTalk project staff.