

Treatment and Prevention Information

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**Did you know** that in Canada, it is estimated that over 250,000–300,000 people are infected with the Hepatitis C virus? Hepatitis C is an infectious liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

This infection is spread primarily by exposure to infected blood. It can be transmitted through sharing needles and unprotected sex.

There are an estimated 6,000 new cases of hepatitis C each year. The majority of these cases are reported in Ontario and British Columbia. Recognizing Hepatitis C as a growing concern, AIDS Vancouver’s Prevention Programs launched a new Hepatitis C curriculum last May. One year later and Prevention Program Facilitators have delivered over thirty HCV workshops throughout the city. Health care workers, teachers and recovery centre patrons have all had positive things to say about the new workshop. Here are just a few of the responses we have received:

“Thank you for the reminder about Hepatitis C! I’d completely forgotten to be careful because I had already cleared the virus and I didn’t realize or had forgotten that I could get it again!” (Resident from New Dawn Recovery Centre).

“I found the presentation very informative and as a future nurse and a nursing

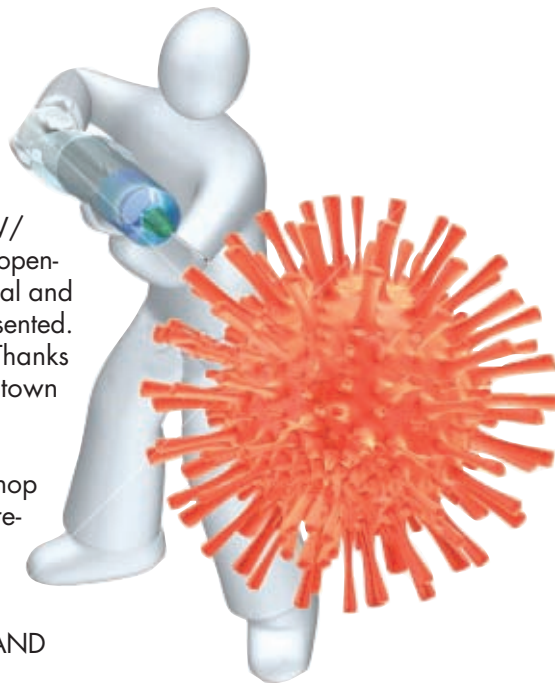
student I can share the knowledge with my patients.” (Nursing student at Langara College).

“I learned that, with care, one does not have to be afraid of HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C and I liked the openness and knowledge of the material and the expertise with which it was presented. Please keep up the good work! Thanks a million!” (Patron of the Downtown Eastside Women’s Centre).

Don’t hesitate to book your workshop today! Phone AIDS Vancouver’s Prevention Programs for more details at: 604-696-4682.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR AND INFORMATION BOOKLET

In other good news, thanks to the generosity and financial support of ViiV Healthcare and Shire Canada, AIDS Vancouver will put on a series of five Wellness Fairs in 2010 that focus specifically upon HIV/AIDS issues related to wellness, appearance, social connectedness, spirituality and aging for people living with HIV/AIDS. To compliment these fairs, the Prevention Department has created “The Complete Wellness Guide” information manual. This handy little booklet contains the answers to many of the common questions asked about HIV and HCV and our



five Wellness Fair themes. The manual also contains valuable information regarding who to contact for additional information. Stop by AIDS Vancouver’s Prevention Office to pick up a copy for yourself today.

Tasha Riley  
HIV Prevention & Awareness Educator



VOLUNTEER BULLETIN

Dr. Brian Chittock is the new Executive Director of AIDS Vancouver

Brian has worked in healthcare and social services and has many years of experience in the development, delivery and evaluation of wellness programs in the areas of AIDS/HIV, hospice care, and in residential, social and employment programs for people with disabilities. He is a trained counselor and a Family Therapist.



In 1984, he founded an AIDS organization in Edmonton, AB and in 1985 co-founded an AIDS organization in Montreal, QC. He is an Award Winning Author, and has volunteered in a variety of organizations including Rotary, Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS, BC Disability Games, to name a few. Brian graduated in 2002 from the Asia Pacific International University (USA) in San Francisco, CA, USA. with the degree of Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.) in International Management. He also holds a degree of Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) in International Management from the Asia Pacific International Institute, Graduate School of Management (New Zealand) in Vancouver, BC Canada; He joined AIDS Vancouver in March 2010 having spent the past 3 years as Executive Director of a small provincial mental health agency.

*“He is an Award Winning Author”*

On June 4 2010, Deepak Chopra was in Vancouver at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre giving one of his latest talks on Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul.



AIDS Vancouver is happy to announce that part proceeds of tickets sold for this event were donated to AIDS Vancouver. Anyone who used the promotional code found on the ticket master website was rewarded knowing that 10% of your ticket

sold goes directly to support AIDS Vancouver’s integral work. Deepak Chopra is a world-renowned authority in the field of mind-body healing, bestselling author, and the founder of the Chopra Center for Wellbeing. His talks are known throughout the world as being highly inspirational, informative and interesting.

We thank Deepak Chopra and Seed Productions Foundation for their generous support of AIDS Vancouver.

Fleur Cooper  
Development & Communications Mgr.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you or anyone you know are interested in volunteering with AIDS Vancouver, please visit our website [www.aidsvancouver.org](http://www.aidsvancouver.org) for a list of current volunteering opportunities, as well as our application process. If you don’t have web access you can call our Information line at: 604-696-4626

Submission Deadline: July 14th, 2010

**AIDS Vancouver Volunteer Resources Program Philosophy:** Volunteer Resources strives to build organizational commitment and competency by providing meaningful and relevant volunteer opportunities that support and enhance the mission of AIDS Vancouver. Paid and unpaid staff work together to alleviate vulnerabilities to HIV/AIDS. Production of this resource has been made possible through a financial contribution from the AIDS Community Action Program, the Public Health Agency of Canada. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

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# MAD HATTER Tea Party!



Our "Mad Hatter Tea Party" – Celebrating YOU during National Volunteer Week!

On April 20th this year AIDS Vancouver decided to celebrate our amazing volunteers by having a Tea Party complete with decorations and costumes! Staff and volunteers shared cucumber sandwiches, tea and delectable treats in our Resource Centre. Each year volunteers across Canada are celebrated during one week in April. AV would like to take this opportunity to let ALL our volunteers know how much we appreciate your time, talents and commitment to our clients! A Big Thank You to all staff who assisted in making this event one of a kind!

Kasandra Van Keith   
Volunteer Resources



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## VOLUNTEERS

The Prevention and Education Department proudly welcomes five new and highly-skilled volunteers. These volunteers have been trained by our HIV Prevention Educator to facilitate HIV and HCV prevention workshops and have already begun facilitating their own HIV workshops in schools, universities and recovery centers throughout Vancouver's lower mainland. Each volunteer will continue to

assist and support our HIV Prevention Educator towards the development of new and exciting material and course programs for 2010!



Tasha Riley   
HIV Prevention & Awareness Educator