

## The Need for a National Action Plan



In May 2016, Canada signed on to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s first ever Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal of **eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030**. The WHO strategy includes specific reduction targets, and **all countries were asked to develop a National Action Plan** to meet these targets.



However, at this point **Canada has no action plan in place**. An effective national action plan is required to align and coordinate all those involved in the prevention and management of HCV across our provinces and territories, toward the goal of elimination.



AHC, along with our many allies, are calling on our federal government to put in place a plan that will provide guidance and monitor progress on our prevention, monitoring, and treatment targets across the provinces and territories, saving thousands of lives and fulfilling our international commitments.

### National Action Plan MUST-HAVES:



National **targets** with well-defined indicators.



**Population-specific** strategies.



Increased access to **treatment**.



Improved continuum of HCV care **cascade**.



Adequately **resourced**.

Many of AHC's members are being consulted on the development of a new, integrated STBBI National Action Plan. A unified voice on these asks will strengthen our message and make us harder to ignore. As we move past asking for a strategy, and engage in discussions about what that strategy will look like, this list of must-haves can help move the conversation forward when talking about the role of the federal government in the elimination of hepatitis C.