

Special Presentation: Advancing diagnosis of current HCV infection: new tools, new opportunities

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Dr. Saleem Kamili is the Chief of the Laboratory Branch in the Division of Viral Hepatitis. He has been working for more than 20 years at CDC on various aspects of hepatitis viruses including pathogenesis, vaccine design and delivery and diagnostics. He co-authored CDC's updated guidelines on testing for hepatitis C virus infection and served on WHO's Guideline Development Group for hepatitis B and hepatitis C diagnostics and treatment.

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Dr. Furukawa works within the Office of the Director supporting the development of strategies, policies, programs, and partnerships that advance hepatitis C elimination. He has worked with the NIH and FDA to accelerate bringing an HCV point of care test to market through the Independent Test Assessment Program (ITAP). He is also developing strategies to improve hep C testing and treatment in high-impact decentralized settings including correctional settings, medication for opioid use disorder treatment facilities, and syringe service programs.

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Eric Hall is an Assistant Professor of epidemiology at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Public Health. Hall's work is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of infections of both domestic and global concern and his research focuses on the development and utilization of epidemiologic, statistical and economic evaluation methods to provide data and results that have a direct implication on public health programs or policy. He has collaborated extensively with CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis to better quantify the disease burden of HCV and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of various prevention and treatment strategies.

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