

# About the Hepatitis B Foundation

## About Us

The Hepatitis B Foundation (HBF) is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. Our commitment includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families, the medical and scientific community, and the general public.

## What We Do

Since our founding in 1991, the Hepatitis B Foundation has grown from a grassroots effort into a trusted global authority on hepatitis B. Our offices and labs are located in a state of the art research center that is dedicated to promoting excellent science rooted in human compassion.

### Research

Our research arm, the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, is one of the nation's leading centers for translational research, focusing on hepatitis B and liver cancer. Our scientists conduct drug discovery research for viral hepatitis, as well as early detection research for liver cancer and cirrhosis. HBF funds the largest concentration of nonprofit researchers searching for methods to adequately address hepatitis B and liver cancer worldwide.

### Public Health and Immunization

Our public health team leads nationwide public health efforts, conducts research, and develops and implements programs to eliminate the health disparities associated with HBV. In 2012, we established Hep B United, the first national hepatitis B coalition in partnership with Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), to promote screening, vaccination and linkage to care. Today, there are more than 30 local coalitions across 27 cities in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Internationally, we have built comprehensive public health coalitions in Haimen City, China and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to address the enormous burden of hepatitis B and liver cancer. Our hope is to continue to use the models we have developed to advance hepatitis B education and screening worldwide.

### Education and Awareness

Our outreach staff assist patients, family members, and health care providers across the U.S. and worldwide by providing information to people affected by hepatitis B through our comprehensive website and Hep B blog, along with information referral and support through email, phone, and social media outlets. Our national #justB storytelling campaign gives voice to the stories of real people affected by HBV, and dedicated programs such as our Hepatitis Delta Connect and Liver Cancer Connect programs focus on education and awareness of related diseases impacting those living with hepatitis B.

### Advocacy

The Hepatitis B Foundation is leading the charge to bring funding for hepatitis B and liver cancer research to the forefront of national health priorities through our Hep B Cure Campaign, Capitol Hill visits and expert legislative testimony. We have also worked with legislators to provide protections to end hepatitis B discrimination in the U.S.

**With 292 million people worldwide living with chronic hepatitis B, there are 292 million reasons why we remain so committed to our mission.**

Learn more or support our efforts at [www.hepb.org](http://www.hepb.org).



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