



### **Hepatitis B:** Are We on the Road To Elimination?

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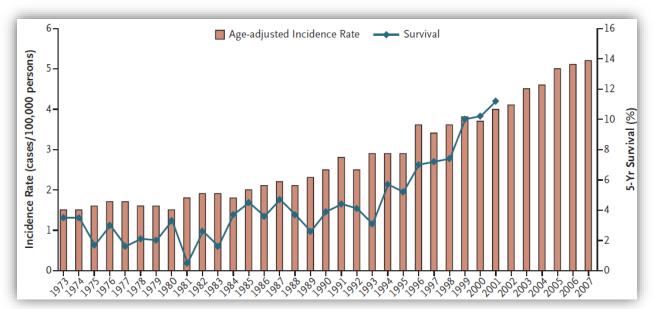




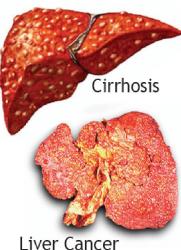


### Worldwide Burden of Hepatitis B

- 257 Million with chronic hepatitis B (CHB) infection in the world
  - More prevalent than HIV (37M) and HCV (71M) globally
  - Only 22 M (9%) know their diagnosis
- Liver cancer rates are on the rise globally & in US, largely due to viral hepatitis



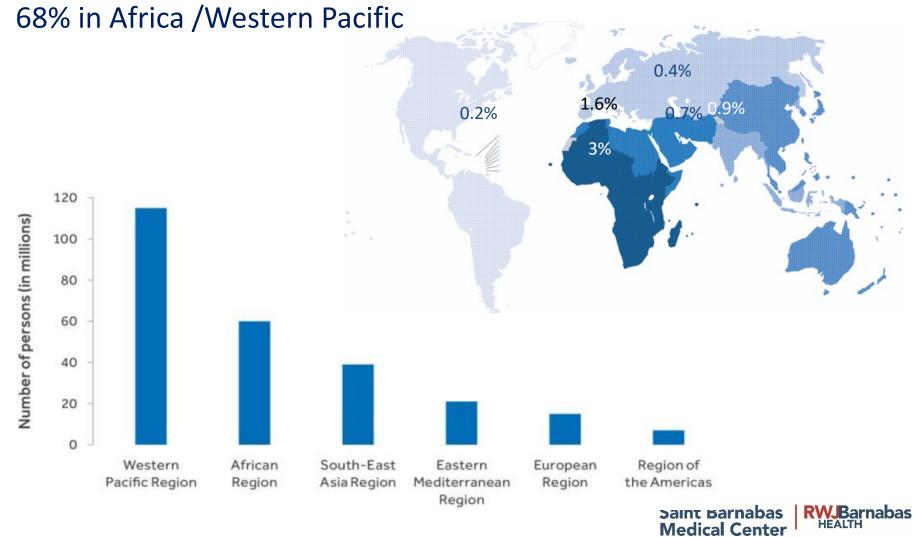




### **Hepatitis B in the World**

#### **Prevalence**

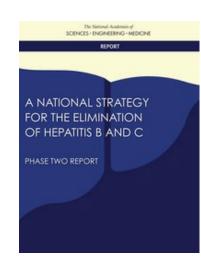
257 million people living with HBV



## We are in the Era of Viral Hepatitis Elimination

- We have the tools: screening diagnostics, effective prevention strategies, vaccinations, treatment & cure therapies
- In 2016, World Health Organization (WHO) adopted goal of viral hepatitis elimination by 2030 (193 countries)
- In 2018, the US National Academy of Science (formerly IOM) convened committee for national strategy which concluded:
  - "We have the tools to eliminate, but it will require significant resource allocation, commitment, and strategy."
  - → Status quo needs to change



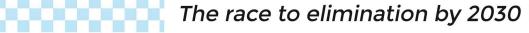






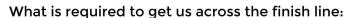
#### World Hepatitis ELIMINATE HEPATITIS







#### **Commentary and Analysis**









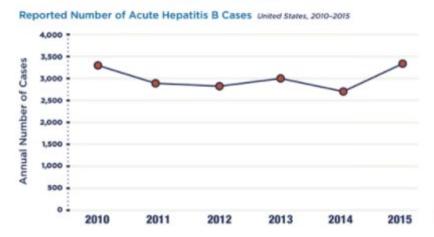
### **Hepatitis is Underfunded**

Virus	Disease Burden in US	CDC NCHHSTP Budget '18 \$1,127,000,000
HBV	0.8-2.2 million 2.7-3.5 million	Division of Viral Hepatitis- \$39 Million  3% (for all viral hepatitis, domestic/international)
HIV	1.1 million	HIV/AIDS- \$788 Million 69% (domestic, not including international HIV work)

- Those affected are often the silent minorities, not well represented politically
- Funding impacts research, programs, surveillance, public awareness, provider awareness, progress...

### We Are Losing Ground in the Fight Against New Viral Hepatitis Infections

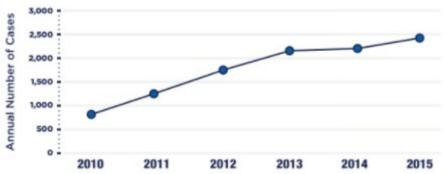
#### Reported Number of Acute Hepatitis B Cases 2010 - 2015



 New hepatitis C infections increased almost 300% from 2010 – 2015  National progress on hepatitis B prevention has stalled

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Reported Number of Acute Hepatitis C Cases United States, 2010-2015



### Status Quo Not Working: What Do We Need?

- Scale up screening in novel ways
- HBV services access
  - Frontline healthcare workers (primary care) doing screening and treating
  - Need medical guidelines simplification
  - Rx affordability
- Prevention: more HBV vaccines, eliminate maternal-child transmission
- Need a movement of patients and community
- More HBV research & cure development!



### Screening is the first step



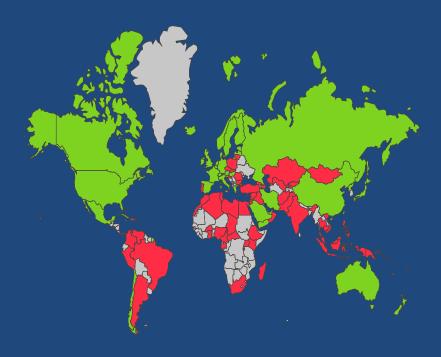
**NOhep- Hepatitis Elimination movement** 



## Elimination: Who is on Track with Diagnosis?

Global HBV Dx Rates

Global HCV Dx Rates



- Countries on target to reach WHO's interim target of 30% by 2020
- Countries <u>not</u> on target to reach WHO's interim target of 30% by 2020
- Data not available

## HBV Screening Recommended CDC, USPSTF, Medicare

### Screen high-risk populations, including those

- Born in HBV prevalent regions (Asia, Africa, Middle East, Eastern Europe, etc)
- US-born w/ parents born in above countries
- HIV, IVDA, MSM
- Living with or sexual partners of HBV+
- Persons with condition that may require immune-modifying therapy
- On hemodialysis

### HBV screening covered by insurance plans under ACA rules



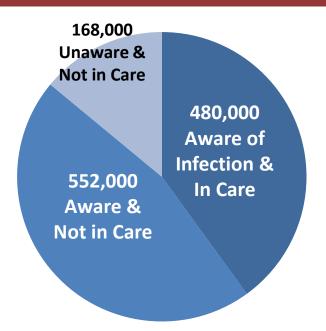




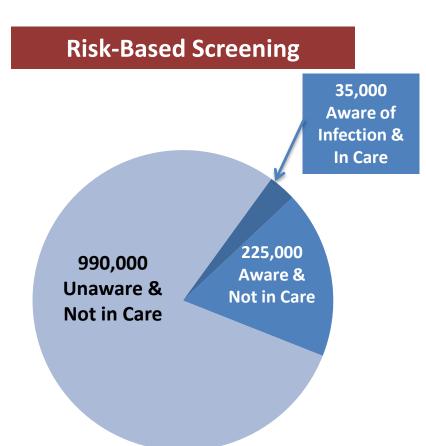
### Impact of national screening strategies: HIV vs HBV Care Cascade

**1,200,000** in US with **HIV** 

Routine Screening
One time for all adults,
as of 2006



1,250,000 in US with Chronic HBV (low estimate)



HIV –CDC HIV Surveillance System & Monitoring Project, 2011 https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/hiv-aids-medical-care/ HBV - Cohen, C. (2011) Is chronic hepatitis B being undertreated in the United States?. Journal of Viral Hepatitis, 18: 377–383

## Who Are We Missing? Patients who didn't get screened

- 68 year old retired librarian found to have 12 cm HCC (Chinese)
- 65 yo with primary CNS lymphoma w fulminant liver failure 2 to HBV reactivation from chemotherapy (Taiwanese)
- 54 yo wo DM, s/p CVA x2 found incidentally to have cirrhosis 2 to HBV (Haitian)

### Novel Screening/Linkage Strategies: ED-Based Automated Screening

- SBMC ED: ~100,000 visits/yr
- Automate screening through EMR algorithm
  - Goal: Integrate into normal workflow seamlessly
  - HBV: Collect country of birth at registration for endemic countries, automatically fires Hbsag order with labwork
  - HCV: date of birth
- Link HBV/HCV patients into care via navigator

# Saint Barnabas Medical Center Provides Hepatitis B & C Testing





This facility performs HBV and HCV testing as part of our routine health care, as recommended by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Chronic hepatitis is the leading cause of liver cancer.

Your healthcare provider may order these tests if you have not been tested within the past year in our network and you are considered at-risk:

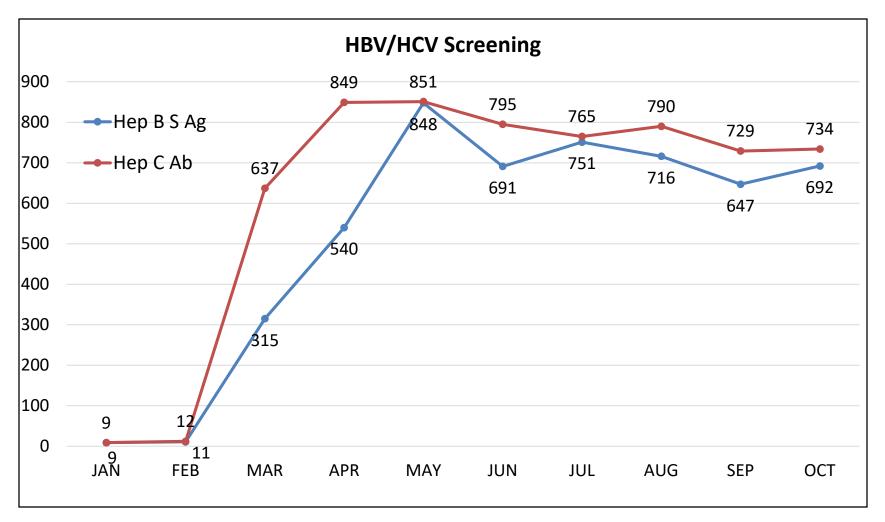
- Hepatitis C -- If you were born between 1945-1965
- ■Hepatitis B -- If you were born in a country where HBV is endemic

Incorporating hepatitis testing into routine care helps to diagnose patients and offer them care and treatment before the disease progresses.

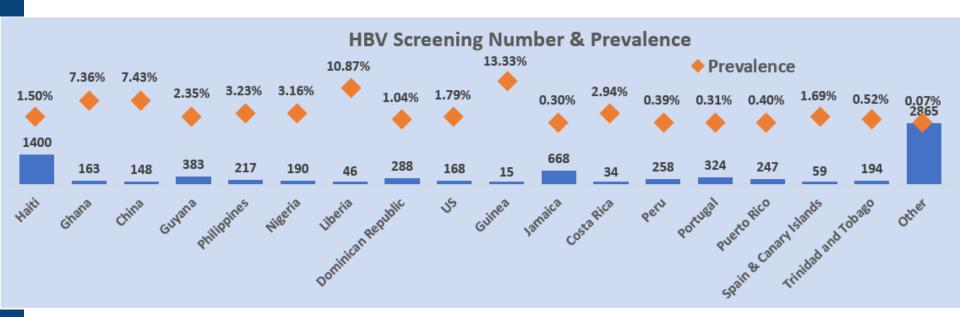
If you test positive, you will be contacted for further follow-up.

\*I understand that notification is contingent on providing accurate contact information.

## Results Uptick in screening- 2018



## HBV Screening Numbers & Prevalence by Different Countries



### **Preventing Perinatal HBV Transmission Low Coverage of HBV Universal Birth Dose**



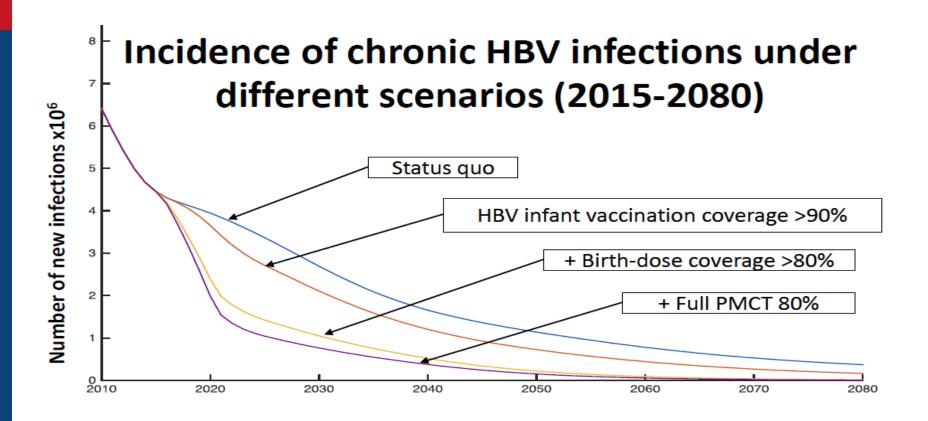
- ~1.8 million 5 year-olds living with HBV globally (2016)
- Yearly, 800-1000 infants infected in US
  - Failure of healthcare system- mother not dx, missed vax
  - Biologic Failures- high viral load
  - → Our goal should be 0 infants

"The goal of eliminating perinatal HBV transmission has not been achieved largely because of incomplete coverage of newborns with a birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine"- Institute of Medicine Report (2010)

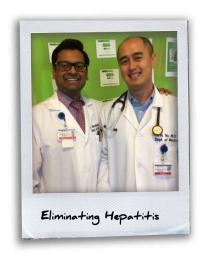
- HBV Birth Dose Rates in the Americas
  - US: 69%\*
  - Dominican Republic 82%, Costa Rica 89%, Mexico 89%, Cuba 99%

<sup>^</sup> http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/Hepatitis-and-Liver-Cancer-A-National-Strategy-for-Prevention-and-Control-of-Hepatitis-B-and-C.aspx

### **Modeling of PMTCT intervention impact**



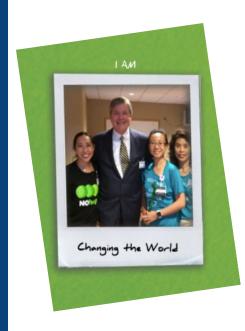
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## We have the tools. We need a movement















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### **FORGOTTEN NO MORE**

A long-overlooked scourge of millions, hepatitis B is in the crosshairs at last

ne in four people worldwide, a small boratory in a lonely nook of the Bocky ntains of Idaho plays an outsize ile. The lab, two nondescript buildigs that abut a forest off a dirt road. uses 600 woodchucks, also known groundhogs. These large rodents are

the quest to cure hepatitis B, an in- | a natural host for a cousin of the hepatitis | fectious disease that afflicts as many as B virus (HBV), making them a favorite research model for studying the disease. The owner, James Whipple, both traps pregnant females in the wild and breeds woodchucks in the colony. These days, he says, "It's a job keeping up with the demand."

> In woodchucks, as in people, the virus is a shape-shifter. It can lie low, tucking it-

of its presence. It can establish a chronic infection, churning out new viruses but doing little harm. Or it can rage, triggering liver damage that can develop into HBVrelated cirrhosis or cancer, which kills nearly 900,000 people around the world each year. Whippie's woodchucks, which his lab infects



The silent epidemic killing more people than HIV, malaria or TB

Viral hepatitis is on the rise. Tackling hepatitis B in Africa is key to fighting back.

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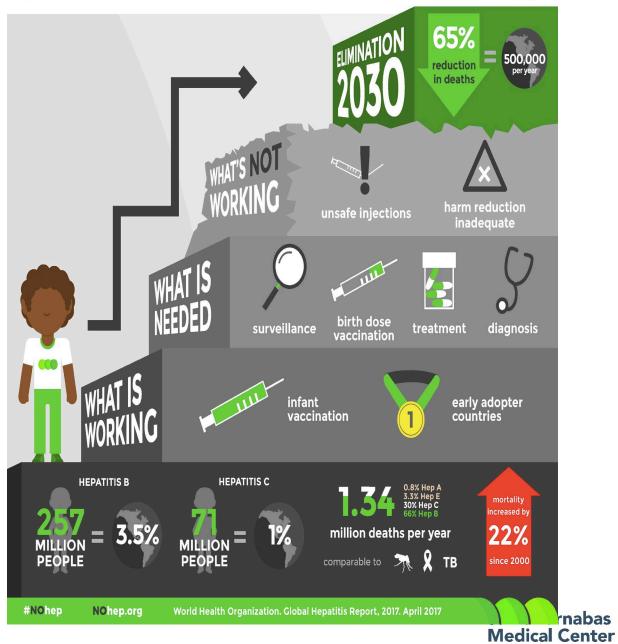
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### **ELIMINATION**

will not be achieved without involving

### PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED

by viral hepatitis

