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Request for information on guideline(s) or standards¹ for HCV prevention

Dear colleagues,

the CIAR is currently conducting a European project on the “Identification and optimisation of evidence-based HCV prevention in Europe for young drug users at risk”. One part of the project – funded by the European Commission - is to identify and collect guidelines, standards or national policy papers for the prevention of hepatitis C among drug users. In this respect we want to get information about national HCV prevention guidelines/ standards existing in the European Union Member States and targeting at drug users. In case there is a national policy on the prevention of Hepatitis C among drug users, we are also interested in information about this policy.

In detail, we would kindly ask you

- to provide information on guideline(s) or standards - or at least a national policy - on HCV prevention available in your country.
- To fill in the questionnaire. Please use for each prevention guideline/ standard/ policy paper a **separate** questionnaire.
- Please send this document back to the email of the responsible project partner. In addition we would like to get a **copy** of the guideline/ standard/ policy paper, either by email or by mail.

Remark:

Guidelines /standards for HCV prevention targeted at drug users might be part of a general hepatitis C prevention for the general population or a chapter on prevention might be included in a guideline for the treatment of hepatitis C. In both cases we would like to get information on these documents. The same applies if there is a national strategy or policy on the prevention of hepatitis C.

Many thanks for your support

Definition

¹ **Guidelines** for the prevention and control of infectious diseases and public health threats are comprehensive, systematically developed statements to improve the quality of professional practice and patient care. They aim at the improvement of quality and effectiveness of prevention approaches for the main population as well as for high-risk groups.

(Quality) **standards** are generally accepted principles or sets of rules for the best/ most appropriate way to implement an intervention. Frequently they refer to structural (formal) aspects of quality assurance, such as environment and staff composition. However they may also refer to aspects of content, processes and evaluation of the intervention.

0. To my knowledge there are no guidelines/ standards/ national policy papers available.

YES

NO

If the answer is NO, there is no need to fill in the following lines:

BUT please send this questionnaire back to the *Responsible project partner!*

A. Basic information on the guideline/ standard/ national policy

1. Title of the guideline/ standard/ policy paper.

2. With regard to the definition (see footnote): Is the document a guideline or standard for the prevention of hepatitis C?

Guideline

Standard

The document refers to a national policy / strategy: YES

2a. Please provide further short explanation on what the document is about.

3. A copy of the guideline / standard or policy paper is available and will be submitted.

YES

NO

B. Specific information on the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper

4. Year of publishing the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper.

5. Relevant website where guideline/ standard/ national policy paper is available.

6. Country of reference.

7. Who has edited the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper? Please name the editor(s) that are relevant for citation.

8. Who are the authors of the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper? Please name the individual authors or - in case of an institution or group - the respective institution or group.

9. In which language is the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper available?

- English Other, specify

10. Is the respective guideline/ standard/ national policy paper valid (or in force) on a national or regional level?

- National level Regional level

11. What is the overall objective of the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper? Please tick those applicable.

- No information
 Objective is not specified
 Recommendations for appropriate risk reduction for a specific health problem or target group
 Improvement of prevention and control of the spread of infectious diseases
 Other, specify

12. The guideline/ standard/ national policy paper covers the following approaches. Please tick all those applied.

Interventions

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> syringe exchange programmes | <input type="checkbox"/> drug consumption rooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hepatitis C testing | <input type="checkbox"/> hepatitis A/ B vaccination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> advice on safer use | <input type="checkbox"/> advice on safer sex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> health education/ health promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> risk assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blood awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> risk awareness for tattoo / piercing |
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Treatment of HCV

- treatment for hepatitis C
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Prevention approaches for specific groups

- general prevention of blood-borne diseases (HCV as part among other infections)
 selective approach for specific risk groups selective approach for infected individuals
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- Other, specify

13. To whom is the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper addressed? Please tick the target population.

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No information | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Target users are not specified | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> Health care planners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clients | <input type="checkbox"/> Health + social professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> Physicians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify | | |

14. Is the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper directed to a specific setting?

- No
- YES, to *community* services
- YES, to *prison* services
- health sector (hospitals, GPs)
- drug agencies
- harm reduction services

15. Which risk group is specifically addressed with the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper?

Please tick the group(s) applied.

- No information
- Risk group is not specified
- Young drug users
- Prisoners
- Other, specify
- IDUs
- Non-infected drug users
- Migrants
- Sex worker

16. Who belonged to the group that has developed the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper?

The guideline/ standard/ national policy paper development group included individuals from the following groups:

- No information
- Group is not specified
- Health + social professionals
- Other, specify
- Clients/ patients
- Physicians
- Researcher
- Politicians

C. Evidence base of the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper

17. Are aspects of or criteria for evaluation of prevention included in the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper?

18. On which consensus/ evidence-base has the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper been developed?

19. Has evidence been systematically considered and elaborated in development of the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper?

20. Is the evidence reported and part of the guideline/ standard/ national policy paper?

Thank you very much

Do you want to add additional information?