



Per-SVR

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Per-SVR (PrEseRvation of Sustained Virologic Response – pronounced “persevere”) is a prospective longitudinal cohort of patients who have successfully completed direct-acting antiviral therapy and achieved an undetectable viral load at end-of-treatment.

About

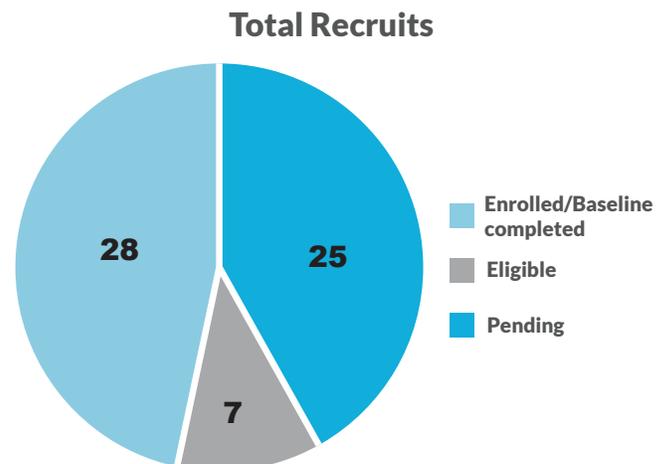
- There are new, safe, and effective drugs for treating the hepatitis C virus (HCV) called direct-acting antiviral therapy (DAAs).
- However, once cured, there is a possibility of HCV reinfection.
- We want to better understand HCV reinfection and factors that protect against reinfection.

Why is this Study important?

- Past research tells us that many populations face barriers to accessing healthcare services.
- Understanding HCV reinfection will help us make the case for treatment as a way to prevent future HCV infections and reinfections in the community.

Recruitment

- The study is taking place at 4 sites: The Immunodeficiency Clinic (IDC), 625 Powell Street, the Gastrointestinal Research Institute (GIRI) and the Liver and Intestinal Research Center (LAIR).
- Each visit consists of an interview as well as blood and urine testing.



Who is eligible?

Anyone who:

- Has an undetectable viral load following completion of HCV therapy.
- Has cleared HCV in the past three months using DAAs.
- Is 19 years or older.
- Resides in Greater Vancouver.
- Has the ability to communicate in English.

Get to know the Per-SVR Team



Sandi Mitchell (Clinical Research Associate) has worked as a Nurse in a variety of settings throughout Canada and Australia focusing on vulnerable populations. She recently completed her PhD in Public Health at the University of Sydney, focusing on women's experiences of living with HCV. Currently she is working on the Per-SVR study as the Clinical Research Associate. In her role she is responsible for conducting participant interviews at the 625 Powel Street site and overseeing the clinical aspects of the study. On her spare time, she likes to paddle and spend as much time as she can on the water.

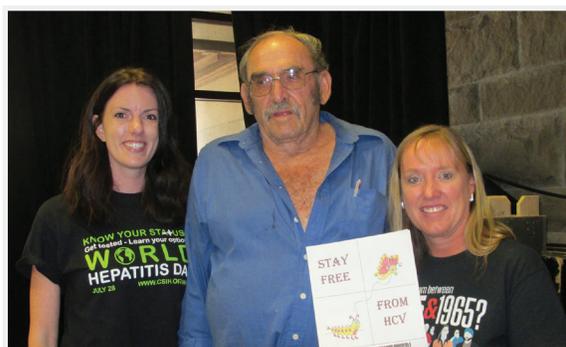
World Hepatitis Day 2017

The BC Centre for Excellence (BC-CfE) was excited to launch an art contest to mark World Hepatitis Day on July 28th 2017. The purpose of this contest was to raise awareness about World Hepatitis Day and HCV in Canada. Winners were announced at the Carnegie Centre World Hepatitis Day event.

Winners of the 2017 World Hepatitis Day Art Contest



Runner Up: #7985 - It's Harvoni



1st Place in the Category of Re-Infection

Message from the Per-SVR Study Team

This is an exciting time as we are now in full swing with recruitment at all four of our sites. We are happy for people to drop-in to our location on 611 Powell street to check us out.

The Per-SVR Study Team

If you have ideas for the newsletter or have activities or research that you would like to share please get in touch with us at persvr@cfenet.ubc.ca