Per-SVR Newsletter

CURRENT UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE PER-SVR STUDY

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We acknowledge that the land on which we work, learn and organize is the traditional, ancestral and unceded homelands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), x"mə0k"əyəm (Musqueam), and Səlílwəta?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

OVERVIEW OF PER-SVR STUDY

Per-SVR is part of the development of Treatment as Prevention® for HCV strategy in British Columbia. Per-SVR (PrEseRvation of Sustained Virological Response) is a longitudinal cohort study following people who have been successfully treated for HCV using Direct-Acting Antivirals (DAAs).

Clients are eligible if they are 19 years of age or older, have an undetectable viral load at the end of HCV treatment, reside in British Columbiaa Are currently on

HCV treatment or have completed treatment in the last three months.

HCV KNOWLEDGE AT BASELINE

Gathered throughout the study indicated that 80.08% of clients had achieved high HCV knowledge scores and understanding after

whilst enrolled in the study. 10.94% felt they had gained little to no knowledge or understanding and the remaining 8.98% showed a deeper understanding than before but were still looking for low barrier/easily

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digestible ways to avoid reinfection.

PARTICIPANT KNOWLEDGE

Fig 5: HCV Knowledge

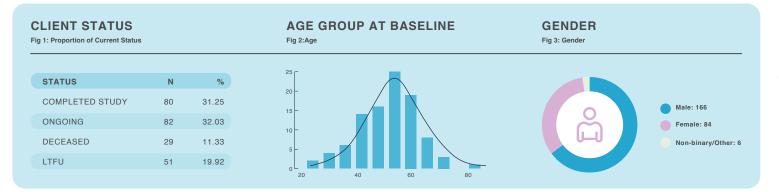
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Participation in the study will include 10 visits (four in the first year, and two per year for the remaining three years). Each visit will consist of an interview led by our researchers as well as blood (HCV RNA. Liver Function & HIV) and urine. Clients receive an honorarium of \$40 at the end of each visit and are connected back to their referring clinic if HCV/HIV is detected.



FIXED AT SUPERVISED INJECTION SITE (SIS) Fig 4: Recent & Total

FIXED RECENTLY	Ν	%
YES	48	44.57
NO	41	52.17
REFUSED	2	1.09
SKIPPED	1	2.17
TOTAL FIXED	Ν	%
YES	110	90.16
NO	12	9.84

This is what the LPN [Kirti Singh] had said to me when I was coming in for my regular follow-up surveys at Per-SVR study. As a peer worker in the DTES I regularly shared my experience with the team at the Per-SVR study. Until one day the interviewer said "You know what? We are looking for a lived experience research associate here at Per-SVR and you are a perfect fit!" Well I said, with the biggest smile, "I would be super grateful to work with the Per-SVR team." Well, the rest is indispensable history. I just signed my 3rd yearly contract in April 2022 and every single day I am super grateful, super proud and a wee bit bias that I work for the best little [huge in my mind] research

team in the canadian health sector. It's a bitter sweet day now that I have completed all my study visits at Per-SVR Study. While my interviews may be over, its a beautiful day for me that I get to work on this wonderful team of researchers as a team peer with lived experience as long as the Per-SVR study team will have me. So in conclusion, my HCV treatment journey is unlike any other from study visits to peer outreach and research I will always be a part of Per-SVR at BC-CfE. Well there it is in all it glory my little story of how a girl like me ended up on a research study team in the DTES and so proud for it!

Cheers. Christina Fulton



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