Impact of the hepatitis resolution adopted by the World Health Assembly (WHA 63.18)

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- 28 July designated as World Hepatitis Day
- Member States: improve surveillance, strengthen lab capacity, support integration, incorporate policies, strategies and tools recommended by WHO, strengthen national health systems, protect health-care workers, provide access to preventive, diagnostic and treatment technologies against viral hepatitis; implement monitoring and evaluation tools; observe World Hepatitis Day, promote injection safety

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 WHO: establish guidelines, strategies, time-bound goals and tools for surveillance, prevention and control of VH; support research, assess global and regional economic impact and burden; support events to mark World Hepatitis Day; strengthen surveillance, prevention and control programmes, diagnostic and laboratory capacity, and management of VH, enhance access to treatments in developing countries; strengthen SIGN; report to 65th WHA on the implementation



Resource Needs

- US\$ 30 million are needed for the next five years
- Technical units may need additional resources
- HQ: two additional professional and 1 general service staff
- One additional professional staff in each of regional offices
- Dedicated national staff in at least 10 countries
- Expansion into African, European, and Eastern Mediterranean regions and then into remaining regions

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Prevent

- Immunization against hepatitis B
 - HepB birth dose, increase HepB3
 - Increase coverage older children, MARPs, HCWs
 - Set and achieve control goals
- Safe healthcare to prevent blood-borne pathogen transmission
 - Safe blood, safe injection, community awareness
- Immunization, safe food and water to prevent hepatitis A



Identify and Treat

- Develop evidence and policy basis for screening and treatment of viral hepatitis
- Formulate guidelines for treatment of chronic viral hepatitis, especially for resource-constrained settings;
- Expand care and treatment services for people chronically infected with hepatitis viruses.



Integrate

- Integrate interventions for the prevention, treatment and care of HBV/HCV into existing services for those at risk for HIV and STI infections and for IDUs
 - access to sterile needles and syringes
 - hepatitis B vaccination
 - antiviral treatment
- Integrate viral hepatitis prevention and control into national cancer control programmes
- Services and programmes can provide good entry points for both infected and most-at risk people, and coordination can promote synergies.



Innovate

- Prioritize new preventive strategies to prevent chronic liver disease and liver cancer, including;
 - development of vaccines for hepatitis C and E
 - technologies for vaccination: use of vaccine out of cold chain, needle free delivery, etc
 - technologies for screening
 - technologies for safe health care



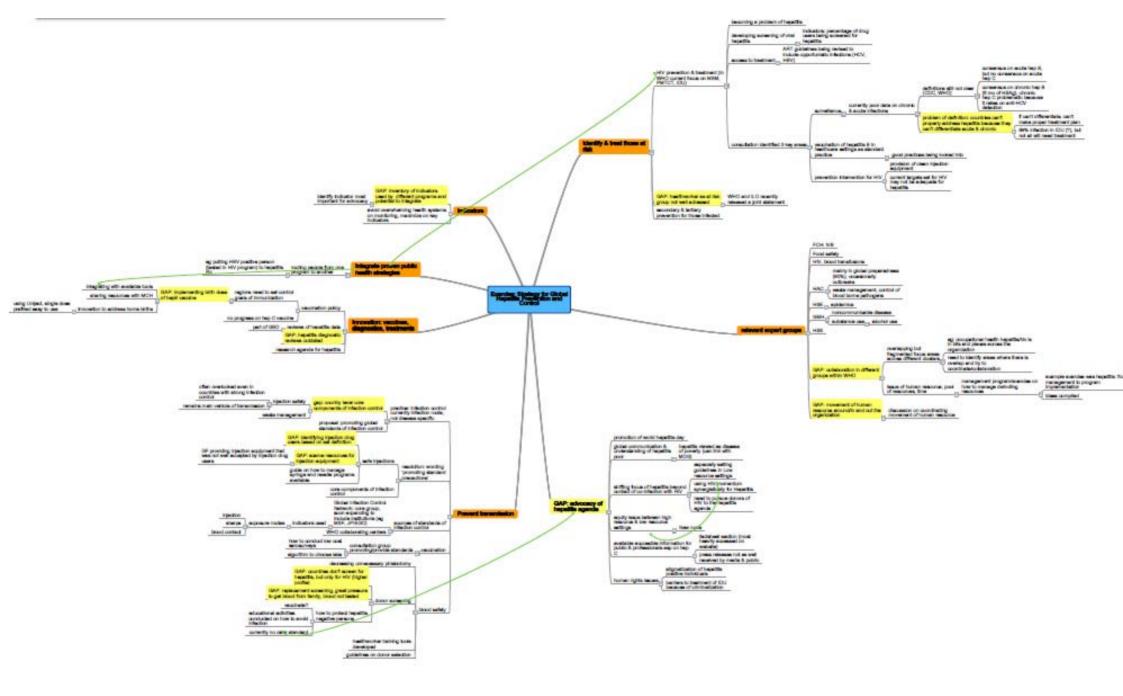
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Internal Consultation

- Inventory of current activities by functional areas
- Gap analysis
 - Coordination of hepatitis-related activities in WHO
 - Coordination with other stakeholder
 - Advocacy activities
 - Resource mobilization
 - Case definitions
 - Screening guidelines
 - Risk groups prevention
 - Core indicators
 - Treatment strategies







Core Indicators

- Exist for key prevention activities
- Need development for surveillance, screening, care & treatment, integration, innovation

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Regional Progress

- Western Pacific: Expert Review Panel reactivated
- Eastern Mediterranean: Focus on assessing progress
- Africa: Hepatitis TAG—Oct, TFI—Dec, RC—2011
- South-East Asia: Consultation—June
- Europe: ?
- Americas: ?



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