



The Bridging Project: Strengthening the Community-Based Response to the
HIV/HCV co-infection epidemic in BC
January 31 and February 1, 2012 - Nanaimo

Tuesday January 31st

8:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast/Registration
9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome Territory acknowledgement Introductions
9:30am – 10:45am	Overview/snapshot for the region – HCV and HIV/HCV Co-Infection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical overview • “Community” overview/assessment roundtable (North, Central, South)
10:45am – 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 12:00pm	Presentation/Q & A: Addressing Stigma and Self Esteem/Personal Empowerment/Communicating with your Healthcare Provider Presenter: Fran Falconer, Hepatitis C Support Nurse, AVI Health Centre
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Panel Discussion/Q & A: Accessing Treatment: Small Communities, Drug Users, and Bridging the Gap Between Corrections and Community Healthcare Moderated by: Hermione Jefferis, Health Promotion Educator, AIDS Vancouver Island Panellists: Carolyn Showler, Cool-Aid Medical Clinic; Fran Falconer, Hepatitis C Support Nurse, AVI Health Centre; Michelle Crosby, North Island Liver Clinic; Deb Schmitz, Pacific Hepatitis C Network.
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Presentation/Q & A: Disease Progression and Symptom Management: HCV Presenter: Dr. Keith Phillips, Senior Physician, AVI Health Centre
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Presentation/Q & A: Disease Progression and Symptom Management: HCV/HIV Co-infection Presenter: Pending confirmation.
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Facilitated Roundtable discussion - Sharing of Community Best Practices Closing and wrap up for day 1



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Wednesday February 1st

8:30am – 9:00am	Breakfast/Registration
9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome back Recap of day one, outline for day two
9:30am – 10:30am	Presentation/Q & A (online via webcast): New and Emerging Treatments Presenter (online via webcast): Dr. Eric Yoshida, Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Gastroenterology of the University of British Columbia and the Vancouver General Hospital. (In person): Fran Falconer, Hepatitis C Support Nurse, AVI Health Centre
10:30am - 10:45am	Break
10:45am – 11:45am	Presentation/Q & A: Recommendations for Living Well (Nutrition & Wellness) Presenter: Hermione Jefferis, Health Promotion Educator, AIDS Vancouver Island
11:45am – 12:45pm	Presentation/Q & A: Sexual Transmission of HCV Presenter: Robert Birch, Coordinator, Men's Wellness Program AIDS Vancouver Island
12:45am – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 2:45pm	Panel Presentation/Q & A: Harm Reduction Strategies and Best Practices in Community Support/Peer Empowerment Moderated by: Sheena Campbell, Harm Reduction Regional Coordinator, Vancouver Island Health Authority Panellists: Del Grimstad, Harm Reduction Worker, AIDS Vancouver Island (Courtenay); Gord Cote, Executive Director, NARSF Programs (Nanaimo); Katie Lacroix, Peer Support Worker, and Heather Hobbs, Programs Coordinator, S.O.L.I.D (Victoria)
2:45pm – 4:00pm	Facilitated Roundtable discussion Closing and Wrap up