

World Hepatitis Summit 2022

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**Achieving the
elimination of
viral hepatitis
within evolving
health systems**



 **World
Hepatitis
Alliance**



Hepatitis is one of the most devastating diseases on earth, but it's also one of the most preventable and treatable... there are few diseases we can realistically dream of eliminating but hepatitis is one of them. Sustained funding, relentless advocacy, and visionary political leadership will be essential for realising that dream.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO),
World Hepatitis Summit 2022, Opening session

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

The World Hepatitis Summit is a unique collaboration between the World Health Organization (WHO) and World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA).



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WHA is an international network of over 320 organisations working in over 100 countries towards the goal of eliminating hepatitis by 2030. They deliver this through advocacy, capacity building and awareness raising and are led and governed by people with lived experience of hepatitis to ensure that people with lived experience of hepatitis are at the heart of everything they do.

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INTRODUCTION

Message from Danjuma Adda, President of World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA)

This year, we were delighted to welcome participants, both in-person at our hub at the World Health Organization (WHO) offices in Geneva and virtually, to the third World Hepatitis Summit (WHS). We had participation from over 120 countries, representing a unique range of individuals and organisations that share our vision of a world free from viral hepatitis.

Previous summits have acted to galvanise the community, have ensured key commitments by funders and global policy-makers were made concrete, and stakeholders held accountable. It provided a crucial global platform for the people living with hepatitis, and the activists and organisations supporting them, both to share ideas and best practice; but also to ensure their voice is heard.

Co-sponsored by the WHO, this year's WHS came at a crucial point in time. Some gains have been made but progress is uneven, with those most impacted least likely to benefit and most countries failed to meet their 2020 targets. Stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to testing and care; and globally more than 350 million people are still living with this life-threatening disease.

The participants of this year's summit came together and spoke clearly with one voice to demand progress towards the elimination of viral hepatitis, providing concrete calls for action and reaffirming our commitment to move forward together - invigorated, inspired and determined to ensure we achieve our vision.

We thank all of those who helped make this possible and are now delighted to share this Summit Report with you. We will be working hard to keep the momentum going until we meet again in 2024 - Vemo-nos em Lisboa!



Message from Su Wang, Chair of the World Hepatitis Summit Organising Committee

The WHS is a unique event, bringing together people living with viral hepatitis, community organisations, medical professionals, policy-makers and governments and funders. It is an event at which the voices of people living with viral hepatitis are front and center, at which the global community learns from and shares the innovative work being done to find the missing millions, tackle stigma and discrimination, advocate and campaign for funding and deliver crucial programmes and support.

Globally, viral hepatitis continues to be neglected as a public health issue, and the uneven progress in the access to hepatitis prevention, testing and treatment is a human rights issue. The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated these issues and made it more important than ever that we come together to drive action.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, opened the summit in-person at the hub in Geneva and set the tone for the rest of the meeting when he declared 'Hepatitis is one of the few diseases we have the opportunity to eliminate in our lifetime'. We know we have the tools to eliminate and so the summit brought stakeholders together to discuss how we can implement a comprehensive response within evolving health systems.

Elimination will not be reached by working alone, and the summit enabled us to reach out to other global health agencies and so strengthen and diversify the hepatitis community.

The event, like many others, was organised within challenging times with the world still continuing to feel the impacts of Covid-19. However, it speaks volumes about the passion and drive of the hepatitis community that we turned challenges into opportunities – delivering a programme that reached a truly global audience, and ensuring that the voices of the affected community from across the world were at the heart of the summit.





Message from Dr. Meg Doherty, Programme Committee Member, Director of the Department of Global HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Programmes (HHS), World Health Organization

The WHS 2022 was a resounding success -- an innovative hybrid meeting that brought together senior national officials, global technical and funding agencies, civil society and patient organisations, and the global community to recommit to the goals of hepatitis elimination. Significant progress has been made since the launching of first Global Hepatitis Strategy¹ (2016-2021) which outlined a roadmap for the elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030: the global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target for 2020 hepatitis B childhood prevalence has been achieved and over 10 million people treated for hepatitis C. Yet still over 365 people are living with viral hepatitis, three million new infections and more than 1.1 million deaths due to hepatitis B and C occurred in 2019.

The summit provided an excellent opportunity to launch WHO's updated *Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections for the period of 2022 to 2030*, which prioritises a person-centred approach, integrated systems and sectors, meaningful community engagement, multisectoral collaboration and other key shifts to end the epidemic of viral hepatitis within a health care systems approach by 2030. These priorities were echoed in the conference theme of "**Achieving the elimination of viral hepatitis within evolving health systems**", sending a strong message to countries and partners to position the hepatitis response within the context of primary health care approaches under universal health care.

With only eight years to reach the 2030 goals, sustaining the momentum generated at the summit in support of country-led elimination efforts and accelerating the global hepatitis response is vital. Participants, programme managers and policy makers from key countries from every WHO region, shared best practices and lessons learned and strengthened collaborations for action to accelerate the response. The seven countries that participated in the elimination pilots provided credible results that reinforced the feasibility of different approaches to measure elimination targets based on different contexts and disease burdens.

Reducing new infections and deaths by 90% and 65%, respectively, by 2030 is, I believe, fully attainable since we have the strategy, prevention and diagnostic tools and transformative treatment for a coordinated response. Implementing WHO's normative guidance alongside relentless advocacy, involvement of people with lived experience and visionary political leadership will be essential for promoting current gains and progressing towards viral hepatitis elimination and liver cancer prevention.

We look forward to ongoing commitment and collaboration with all stakeholders and partners to realise the vision of viral hepatitis elimination by 2030.

1. World Health Organization. (2016). Global health sector strategy on viral hepatitis 2016-2021. Towards ending viral hepatitis. World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/246177>



WORLD HEPATITIS SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

Over **750**
delegates from
120
countries.

Featured **218**
speakers from
63
countries.

Over 10%
of all of our speakers or moderators had
lived experience of viral hepatitis.

92%
reported WHS
benefited them and
their organisation.

This is the largest joint
event between governments,
international organisations and
civil society worldwide on
viral hepatitis

**The summit set a new pace for
hepatitis elimination by 2030.**

WHS 2022 attendee survey feedback

THE WHS 2022 PROGRAMME

The theme of WHS 2022 was “Achieving the elimination of viral hepatitis within evolving health systems”, set against the context of the new Global Health Sector Strategy (GHSS) for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, 2022-2030, which sets out interim 2025 targets that countries will need to work towards. With less than three years till these interim targets and eight years until the 2030 targets it is likely that most countries will need to accelerate their efforts in addressing hepatitis A, B, C, D and E across the cascade of care. Further, these discussions will need to be had within the framework of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the reshaping of health systems post-Covid-19 to ensure a response which is integrated and sustainable.

The summit aimed to generate a cross-sectoral and integrated response which put people living with viral hepatitis at the centre of the response. Following the principle of ‘nothing about us, without us’, the summit also ensured that the affected community were given a platform and the community voice was strengthened. Successes were championed, gaps highlighted and discussions had on solutions to drive action. The summit also sought to engage and motivate governments and global agencies to increase resources for viral hepatitis.

The programme facilitated the achievement of these objectives through 32 different sessions that facilitated debate and encouraged conversations that were solutions orientated. Alongside sessions which addressed the cascade of care, from prevention to cure, how hepatitis can be integrated into health systems, hepatitis and the SDGs, the links to liver cancer and barriers to elimination such as financing and stigma and discrimination were all included.

Every session of WHS 2022 can be accessed [here](#).



EVALUATING OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

Based on the objectives for the summit, its immediate impact was assessed through five outcome measures:

- ▶ **Convening and networking**
- ▶ **Inclusive participation**
- ▶ **Calls to actions, commitments and launches**
- ▶ **Increasing knowledge and stimulating debate and new thinking**
- ▶ **Raising awareness and drive the global conversation**

1. CONVENING AND NETWORKING

The summit plays a crucial role within the global hepatitis movement by providing a platform for the hepatitis community to gather, share learnings, gain insight and network with peers and policy-makers. It is the global forum that convenes the widest diversity of stakeholders for a comprehensive hepatitis elimination response. The impact of the WHS was evaluated by examining metrics that include the number and diversity of attendees and speakers, the quality and breadth of the high-level speakers and the opportunities to engage with organisations from outside the hepatitis community.



- ▶ Over 750 delegates from 120 countries.
- ▶ 218 speakers from 63 countries.
- ▶ An impressive group of high-level speakers, each of whom reaffirmed commitments to deliver on elimination:
 - ◀ WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - ◀ Helen Clarke, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand
 - ◀ Ministers of Health from Rwanda, Egypt and Guyana
 - ◀ Representatives (senior programme managers) from a further 25 Ministries of Health
- ▶ Speakers from a diverse range of global health organisations were also convened, enabling delegates to strengthen existing partnerships and explore collaboration outside of the hepatitis community, including: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), The Global Fund, UHC2030, UNICEF, Unitaaid, UNDP, UNITE, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), World Medical Association.
- ▶ 10,775 engagements within the networking hub (clicking into the hub, creating connections, having live chats or video sessions)

WHS 2022 was also an opportunity to celebrate the 15th anniversary of WHA and bring together stakeholders that have helped to drive the hepatitis elimination response over that time. Awards were given to Charles Gore, Michael Ninburg, Raquel Pack, Su Wang and the WHO Hepatitis Team acknowledging the contributions they have each made.

I realised that there are several other UN agencies such as UNICEF that are already working closely with health services and local hepatitis programs in other countries. I will certainly reach out to the local UNICEF in Kiribati to seek out healthcare areas/gaps that they might be able to contribute and enhance.

WHS 2022 attendee survey feedback

2. INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

The summit had the principle of equitable access at its core. Attendee feedback demonstrated that both those online and in-person felt part of a “global effort to eliminate viral hepatitis” through their participation in the WHS.

- ▶ Over 50% of funded conference places were allocated to people from low- and middle-income countries.
- ▶ The summit provided financial support for 26 stakeholders to come to the in-person hub in Geneva – nine were people with lived experience of hepatitis, two were civil society representatives and 15 were from a ministry of health.
- ▶ Over 10% of all speakers or moderators had lived experience of viral hepatitis.
- ▶ Country representation spanned all six WHO regions.
- ▶ The usability of the platform, and the way in which the content was delivered, ensured an exceptionally high percentage of live participation, despite the global audience and time differences – more than 67% watched live, compared to a 50% industry average, and we had 6,983 hours of engagement across the platform which included live session viewing and networking.
- ▶ The full programme was available on demand for three months after the summit and was then made available on the WHS website, supporting more inclusive and equitable access given the challenges of time differences, travel and internet/connectivity issues.



The virtual summit is the way to go as you reach the grass root population that can't travel.

WHS 2022 attendee survey feedback

I had the ability to view presentations that were too early for my time zone.

WHS 2022 attendee survey feedback

The event increased the engagement of representatives from outside the traditional hepatitis space, including organisations working in maternal and child health, cancer, and universal health coverage. This engagement ensures the summit is a forum to build a wider community of organisations, funders and advocates who are working towards hepatitis elimination.

The atmosphere was electric and rich with knowledge moving us to elimination...”

WHS 2022 attendee survey feedback

World Hepatitis Summit 2022



By 2030 we need to make sure that everyone at risk of hepatitis has the knowledge and tools they need to prevent it, and everyone living with hepatitis gets the care they need.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus,
Director-General,
WHO, World Hepatitis
Summit 2022

3. CALLS TO ACTION, COMMITMENTS AND LAUNCHES

- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the WHO, spoke passionately about the urgency of the need for more action and commitment to elimination hepatitis.
- The Global Fund announced their next round of funding would include increased opportunities to support hepatitis B and C testing and treatment.
- The Minister of Guyana declared they would be making DAAs for hepatitis C available in the country for the first time, as well as expanding the treatment of hepatitis B to all district, regional and other specialised clinics.
- WHO presented the new Global Health Sector Strategy (GHSS) for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs. It was discussed at a conference for the first time, including how to implement recommendations and reach the new interim 2025 targets.

- The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), host of the World Cancer Congress, committed to working with WHA to provide a platform for the hepatitis community at the World Cancer Congress and further collaboration on efforts to raise awareness of hepatitis as a cause of liver cancer including during World Cancer Day.
- Helen Clark, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Board Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), announced PMNCH's support for the hepatitis pledging event being organised by The Hepatitis Fund.
- WHS delegates protested outside Gavi offices, demanding greater action on hepatitis B birth dose vaccine.
- A video series on hepatitis B cure FAQs was launched by ICE-HBV in collaboration with other partners, including the World Hepatitis Alliance.
- The summit delegates called for all stakeholders to recommit to the elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030 in the WHS 2022 declaration.

WHS 2022 declaration

Countries made a historic commitment to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030 at the 2016 World Health Assembly.

Since then, the Sustainable Development Goals 2020 target of reducing the prevalence of hepatitis B in children under five has been met and the number of people receiving treatment for hepatitis C has increased 10-fold.

However, these gains have been uneven across the world, with those most impacted least likely to benefit, and most countries failed to meet the 2020 targets. Few have timely access to birth dose in many low- and middle-income countries, with less than 10% of babies in Africa receiving a timely HBV birth dose vaccine. Stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to testing and care; and globally more than 350 million people are still living with this life-threatening disease.

The participants of the third World Hepatitis Summit believe that the new Global Health Sector Strategy (GHSS) for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, 2022-2030, provides an opportunity to refocus the global community, accelerate the

response and recommit to the elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030. To make the elimination of hepatitis a reality within evolving health systems, we call on countries to adopt the integrated and person-centred approach set out in the GHSS. We ask that multisectoral action is taken to drive hepatitis elimination with civil society and the affected community an integral partner in the process. We urge countries to act now to achieve the 2025 and 2030 targets by developing and implementing national hepatitis strategies which address the five strategic directions of the GHSS and put people living with viral hepatitis at the heart of the response.

We call on countries, global health agencies and donors to commit to prioritise and fund comprehensive hepatitis programmes so that everyone, everywhere, has access to affordable prevention, testing, treatment and care.

Hepatitis Can't Wait!"

4. INCREASING KNOWLEDGE AND STIMULATING DEBATE OR NEW THINKING

Delegates were provided with four days of content with abstract-driven programming. Themes included how hepatitis can be integrated into health systems, hepatitis and the SDGs, the links to liver cancer, the cascade of care, from prevention to cure, and barriers to elimination such as financing and stigma and discrimination. By sharing knowledge, best practice and insight, delegates were able to learn from peers in other countries or working in similar fields. Participants shared their experiences, asked questions or sparked debates.

- ▶ 292 abstracts from 61 countries were received – with 77 included as oral presentations.
- ▶ WHO presented the latest information on the acute hepatitis outbreak in children.
- ▶ New SAGE guidance on hepatitis A vaccination was shared with attendees.
- ▶ Speakers outside of the hepatitis space inspired conversations about how hepatitis fits within wider health systems, with commitments made for follow up with organisations including UICC and the World Medical Association.
- ▶ There were a number of side meetings on specialist topics, including the road for a hepatitis B cure.
- ▶ Each of the six WHO regional offices led regional meetings which enabled a deeper dive into the pertinent barriers and issues within that region.
- ▶ Over 92% of delegates felt that the summit benefited them or their organisation and 86% reported that it had enhanced their personal knowledge.



I have learnt how a multisectoral approach can be used to help fulfil all our joint goal of contributing to hepatitis elimination. We have projects planned where stakeholders I've met at the summit are expected to come forward to help us in our efforts.

I learned that achieving hepatitis elimination will require a multi-faceted approach.

Learned a lot from experiences of other countries. It will help us as we start implementing especially the HBV Birth Dose vaccine.

The data from one of the presentations concerning birth dose of hep B vaccination in Nigeria will be used as a base line to review my organisation's work in programming for demand creation for uptake of services by nursing mothers yet to vaccinate their children while advocating for increased support from the Nigerian Government.

WHS 2022 attendee feedback

5. RAISING AWARENESS AND DRIVING THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

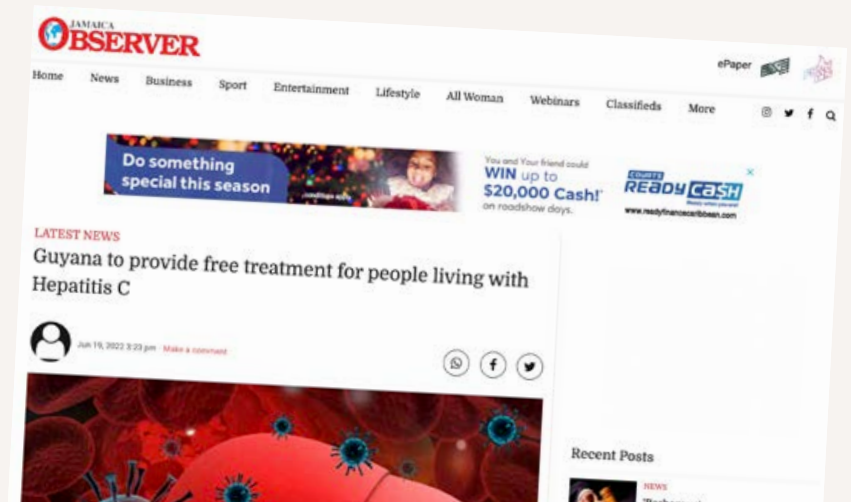
WHS aims to drive the global conversation on hepatitis. The summit is a platform to push hepatitis into the wider, mainstream media, a space where it is rarely given the visibility that the scale of the global challenge demands.

- ▶ WHS 2022 generated coverage in mainstream and special media outlets around the world with a combined reach of over 315M globally.
- ▶ #WorldHepatitisSummit hashtag on Twitter achieved a reach of over 41 million and trended in Switzerland on 7 June.
- ▶ WHS 2022 delivered extremely high engagement rates across World Hepatitis Alliance's social platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn when compared to industry benchmarks.



We were delighted with the success of the paid social campaigns we ran during the World Hepatitis Summit (WHS), which exceeded benchmarks for this type of campaign and resulted in over 1.4 million total views of our 'Hep Can't Wait' videos. Additionally, the LinkedIn Poll received an immediate boost in responses when WHS attendees were prompted to participate during Janssen's 'Sponsor Break video.' Overall, WHS was a great platform for us to reach and engage with both existing and new audiences via social.

Janssen, WHS 2022 Gold supporter



STORIES FROM THE SUMMIT



Sharing my story
with others has
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incredibly
important part
of my life.

DAVID'S STORY

I was adopted out of Seoul, South Korea when I was five months old. My adoptive parents were told that I had a clean bill of health and had already been vaccinated for hepatitis B. However, after having blood tests run in the United States, they discovered I had chronic hepatitis B and must have had it since birth, most likely perinatally.

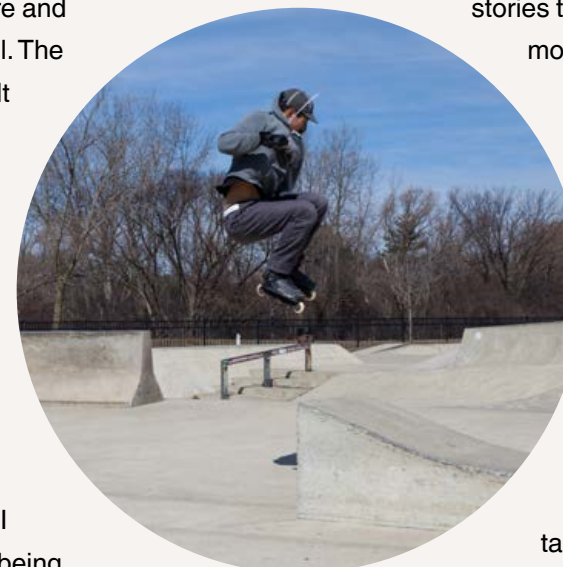
I was not told about my diagnosis until I was 13 and reacted very negatively when I was taken to the clinic to be officially diagnosed. I suddenly felt hopeless about my future and wanted to crawl inside a ball. The next 15 years were a difficult and painful time in my life. I became extremely depressed and isolated myself from my social connections. I was feeling suicidal nearly every day and didn't feel like I had anyone I could talk to. A month or so before my 14th birthday, I attempted suicide. Despite being offered help through therapy, I wasn't ready to start caring about myself and spent many years self-medicating with cannabis and alcohol, eventually moving to harder drugs. In my late twenties, I finally decided to be honest with my liver doctors and take my health seriously. I am now on medication I take once a day and my hepatitis B is under control.

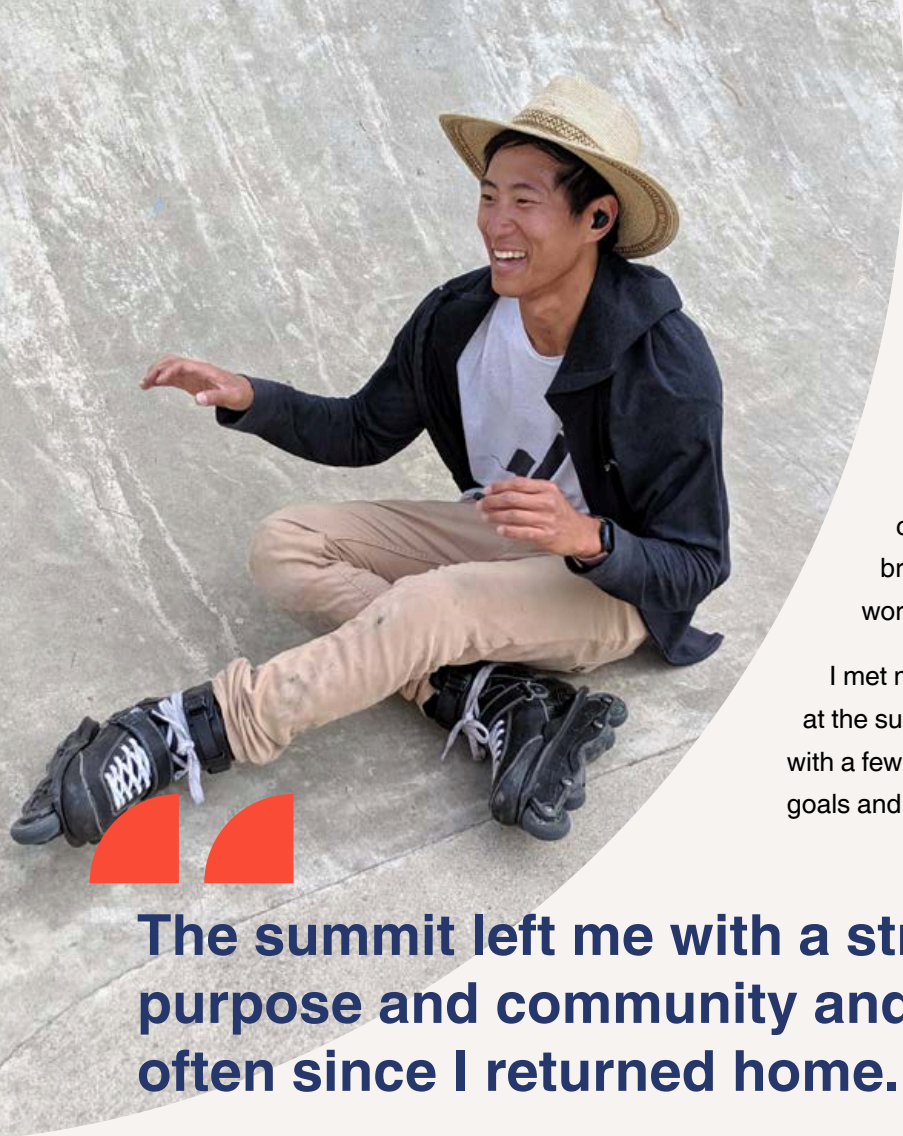
Sharing my story with others has become an incredibly important part of my life. My journey to advocacy hit a turning point when I watched and liked a #justB video on Facebook. The story being told moved me to tears and gave me a connection to the hepatitis B patient community, who I had never interacted with up until that point. After a very short conversation with a Hepatitis B

Foundation staff member, I quickly volunteered to fly out to California, meet with other hepatitis B patients, and share my story. This experience completely changed my life. I understand how powerful a storytelling tool is and felt the calling to share my story so that someone might see it and feel less alone.

Sharing our stories as patients is so important. When we speak up as patients, it builds empathy, spreads awareness, and attaches faces and stories to a disease that is invisible to most of the world. I see the need for so many more patient voices to be active and loud, particularly those that resonate with young people just receiving their diagnosis, as I did almost 20 years ago.

When WHA asked me to speak at the World Hepatitis Summit, I was taken aback. Up until that point, I had done steady advocacy work but had never imagined I'd be invited to speak at an event of this magnitude. I thought, "this is a big event, am I ready for this moment?" My amazement turned to focus and I knew that I was ready and that this opportunity felt right. The event is such a wide-arching platform that can reach so many people living with hepatitis across the world and is a place where a patient advocate can have the space to share their story in front of many policy-makers and decision-makers in a way that can make a lasting impact on policy-change. I recognise that I come from a place of extreme privilege in the US and not every patient can share their status without legitimate fears of losing employment or relationships. This fact inspires and motivates me to keep sharing my story as





much as I can, and I feel at the summit I was speaking on behalf of those that cannot – stories like mine, and millions of others, need to be heard. Sometimes we forget a story can have as much power to change minds, hearts, and policy as all the facts and figures in the world. We cannot separate patient stories from the broader hepatitis movement, we have to work as a collective every step of the way.

I met many interesting and passionate people at the summit and have continued to correspond with a few of them, asking for advice on advocacy goals and sharing thoughts with each other.

The summit left me with a stronger sense of purpose and community and has inspired me often since I returned home.

I engaged with many more online during and after the event. I've received a few e-mails from patients, expressing gratitude that I shared my story at the summit and how it had resonated with them. This is always such a humbling experience and serves as motivation and a gentle reminder to keep going in my advocacy journey, even on the days when it is tough for me to get out of bed.

I left the WHS with a clear goal in mind. I want to intensify my advocacy efforts and share my story in a way that will directly help to make policy changes that help hepatitis patients. We need so many more patient voices, especially younger ones, at every hepatitis event. I think there are many waiting for an opportunity to let their voice be heard, we just have to help facilitate that. I will share my story for the rest of my life in the hopes that it will continue to help more patients to feel less alone and feel empowered to share their stories as well.

The summit left me with a stronger sense of purpose and community and has inspired me often since I returned home.

I told my story at a session called 'Youth Can't Wait', which focussed on understanding the needs and experiences of young people, as well as discussing how to empower young people to become advocates for change. I believe this is an area and age group that desperately needs our attention, and that the global patient advocacy community can use platforms like that provided by the WHS to inspire people, energise activists, and accelerate change. With more youth-centred spaces, there will be the opportunity to plant the seeds for advocacy in the minds of young people. I envision a world where all teenagers and youth diagnosed with hepatitis are given the support they need and are connected with the global patient advocacy community. Until there is no more hepatitis, we will always need these spaces to tell our stories. We can't wait!

ATTENDEE VOICES

The summit set a new pace for hepatitis elimination by 2030.

The summit had a comprehensive approach and all sectors were very well represented.

A forum to meet, deliberate on, and be inspired to work harder toward hepatitis elimination.

This summit has widened my vision for the work that needs to be done not just worldwide, but locally.

It is an important event to understand the global effort in eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat and provide an opportunity to make connection with people in various community organisations.

An excellent opportunity to get up to date, and to generate commitments from the countries. It commits governments to engage and work with civil society.

SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

The WHS would not be possible without the financial support and partnership of the following organisations. The summit is a unique event, with a diverse audience, delivered by a small team who are also grateful for the ongoing support and endorsement of friends and collaborators who help make it a success.

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World Hepatitis Summit 2024

LISBON, PORTUGAL

Join us for the World Hepatitis Summit 2024 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Building on the legacies of previous summits, WHS 2024 will be an opportunity for the global community to once again come together and ensure we continue to drive action towards hepatitis elimination. Coming just one year before the WHO interim 2025 targets it will be a critical juncture at which to take stock of progress to date and reaffirm the steps required to reach both the 2025 and 2030 targets.

Vemo-nos em Lisboa!

See you in Lisbon!

[Register your interest here.](#)



ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2

Objectives of WHS 2022 were:

1. To generate a cross-sectorial response to achieving hepatitis elimination, highlighting integration opportunities and pathways, by increasing innovation, collaboration and joint-working.
2. To engage and motivate governments and, policymakers, health systems and global agencies to increase resources for programmes for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis.
3. To highlight the importance of a people centered approach, with access to critical health services in a decentralised or demedicalised setting, and integration of health systems with communities as pivotal to elimination achievement.
4. To amplify and strengthen the voice of all stakeholders, especially patients, to drive action for hepatitis elimination.
5. Provide a platform for the communities disproportionately affected by viral hepatitis, to connect with decision makers and the wider community.
6. To accelerate the sharing of best practice of vanguard countries and programmes in regard to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis to drive global change.
7. To identify how hepatitis elimination can be embedded in UHC programmes and across evolving health systems amidst COVID-19.
8. To empower governments by building knowledge and technical skills and exploring how disease specific responses can fit within wider UHC efforts to overcome barriers to reach the 2030 targets of eliminating viral hepatitis.
9. To recognise the achievements made to date, identify gaps in global, regional and national responses and explore opportunities for closing those gaps across the continuum of care, and specifically in regard to access to diagnostics and medications.

ANNEX 3

WHS 2022 programme at a glance.

TUESDAY 7 JUNE				WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE				THURSDAY 9 JUNE		FRIDAY 10 JUNE				
								08.00-10.00	Viral hepatitis in WPR					
								08.00-10.00	Viral hepatitis in AFR					
								09.00-11.15	Viral hepatitis in EMR					
								09.30-11.30	Viral hepatitis in EUR		11.00-12.10	The road to hepatitis B cure		
								10.00-12.10	Viral hepatitis in SEAR					
12.00-13.15	Welcome and high level panel			13.00-14.30	A whole system approach to hepatitis elimination			12.00-13.00	Meet the author 1	12.15-12.45	AbbVie symposium: The road to HCV elimination			
13.15-15.30	New momentum and high impact through the new WHO Global Health Sector Strategy			14.30-15.30	Hepatitis and liver cancer	Fighting stigma and discrimination	Hepatitis integration within health systems	13.00-14.00	Meet the author 2	13.00-14.30	Financing for viral hepatitis			
								13.30-15.15	Acute viral hepatitis: What is new?	14.30-15.30	The role of good data	Covid-19: impact and opportunities	Innovations	
15.30-16.30	Lightning talks: Advocacy, awareness and education efforts			15.30-16.00	Lightning talks: Prevention and vaccination			15.30-18.30	Viral hepatitis in PAHO	15.30-16.30	Lightning talks: Delivering innovations to people living with viral hepatitis			
16.30-17.30	Hepatitis-free generation	From policy to people	Leave no one behind	16.00-17.00	Hepatitis and the sustainable development goals (SDGs)					16.30-17.30	Hep Can't Wait and closing remarks			
17.30-18.30	Janssen symposium: The impact of stigma and discrimination affecting people living with hepatitis B			17.00-18.00	Bridging gaps in hepatitis B care and treatment	Youth can't wait	Reaching communities that need it most							
18.30-19.30	WHA 15th anniversary party			18.00-19.30	IAPAC symposium: Urban hepatitis C elimination - Lessons from Fast-Track cities									



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