

## **Program Element #38: Multnomah County Hepatitis C Registry Study (MCHRS)**

- 1. Purpose of MCHRS.** Funds provided under the Agreement for this Program Element may only be used, in accordance with and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth below, to establish population-based surveillance for persons diagnosed with hepatitis C virus (HCV), as reported to Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD) by medical laboratories in Multnomah County, so as to:
  - a. describe the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of persons with HCV infection;
  - b. estimate the burden of disease among persons newly-identified with HCV;
  - c. estimate duration of infection in order to estimate the extent of ongoing transmission in the county; and
  - d. assess stage of illness and the need for medical and personal preventive services (e.g., health insurance status, access to primary and specialty care, history of vaccination against hepatitis A and B virus, current alcohol/drug use) in the subset of patients aged 18-30 years.
  
- 2. Definitions Specific to MCHRS.**

**Hepatitis C Registry:** a database maintained by MCHD containing data on patients with hepatitis C, as reported by Multnomah county medical laboratories.
  
- 3. Service Components Included in MCHRS Services.** OHSU MCHRS services must be conducted in accordance with the following procedural and operational requirements:
  - a. OHSU must ensure an adequate level of staff to provide MCHRS services, as described in this Program Element Description, to include a surveillance program hepatologist (0.10 FTE), which shall be a physician with board certification in gastroenterology;
  - b. OHSU must assist in establishing a surveillance system for persons newly-identified with HCV in Multnomah county
  - c. OHSU must be available by telephone to provide consultation to MCHD and Department staff responsible for recruiting and interviewing patients
  - d. OHSU must meet with Department monthly, to review progress in identifying and enrolling patients into the surveillance program.
  - e. OHSU must provide Department with a detailed semiannual written update on the progress made in enrolling eligible patients and the characteristics of enrolled patients.