



Hepatitis A Outbreak in LA County

Recorded webinar with CME

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Webinar Overview

There are currently several outbreaks of hepatitis A virus (HAV) among the homeless and illicit drug using populations in California, including in Los Angeles County. In addition, there are an increased number of cases of HAV occurring among men who have sex with men in LA County and elsewhere. This webinar is designed to inform the medical community about current issues around diagnosis, management, prevention and control of hepatitis A in LA County. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the clinical presentation and natural history of hepatitis A.
2. Interpret serological test results for hepatitis A.
3. List what populations require immediate reporting to the Health Department if hepatitis A is suspected.
4. List hepatitis A outbreak vaccine priority groups.

Presenter

Dr. Sharon Balter is the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Acute Communicable Disease Control Program where she is responsible for the control of the majority of reportable infectious diseases, including Hepatitis A. Dr. Balter obtained her Doctor of Medicine from New York University School of Medicine in New York, NY. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. She then served in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) in the Respiratory Disease Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia and worked for two years at the National Immunization Program. Dr. Balter was previously the Director of the Enteric, Waterborne and Health Education Program at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where, among her many roles, she led surveillance and response for multiple hepatitis investigations and response.



Target Audience

This activity is applicable for physicians working in internal medicine, pediatrics, family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, and urgent care. Other groups who are encouraged to participate include nurses, epidemiologists, public health investigators, health educators, and community health workers.

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