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Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre
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The Australian National University, Canberra

The impact of chronic hepatitis B in Australia: Projecting mortality, morbidity and economic impact

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Abstract

Infection with hepatitis B virus (HBV) leads to a range of health outcomes ranging from spontaneous clearance of the virus without medical intervention through to death from hepatitis-related liver cancer. This seminar coincides with the release of ACERH Research Report No.7 which provides projections of the epidemiological and economic burden associated with HBV infection in Australia for the 10-year period 2008 to 2017. It also provides an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of enhancing the management and treatment of HBV infection to bring greater numbers of people infected with the virus into treatment. The Report suggests that this strategy is cost-effective and that investment in a National Strategy for Hepatitis B is economically justified. This study has received financial support from an unrestricted grant made by Bristol-Myers Squibb to the 'Advancing the Clinical Treatment of Hepatitis B Virus' (ACT-HBV) Australia initiative.

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Enquiries

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