

12 Asks for 2012

The Australian government along with other countries worldwide have been approached to sign up to '12 asks' for viral hepatitis by 2012. Six of these 'asks' will be common across all nations and the other six have been developed with specific reference to the Australian context. We hope Australia will sign up as an 'early adopter' government.

6 global asks

1. Public recognition of chronic viral hepatitis as an urgent public health issue
2. The appointment of an individual to lead Government strategy nationally
3. The development of a patient pathway for screening, diagnosis, referral and treatment
4. Clear, quantifiable targets for reducing incidence and prevalence
5. Clear, quantifiable targets for reducing mortality
6. Clear, quantifiable targets for screening

6 local asks

7. The establishment of the first national hepatitis B strategy and third national hepatitis C strategy
8. Clear, quantifiable targets for treatment
9. Clear, quantifiable targets to increase access to Needle and Syringe Program services
10. The development of targeted strategies to reduce late diagnosis in key population groups
11. Public understanding of the key aspects of viral hepatitis transmission, prevention and treatment
12. Implementation of prevention, treatment and care guidelines in custodial settings



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