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BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022



#reconciliation
#BeBraveMakeChange & goals to
eliminate hepatitis by 2030. To
eliminate hep in Aus we need to
address inequality, structural
racism & over imprisonment of
Aboriginal people in Australia
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@BurnetInstitute



- Troy Combo (Burnet Institute / UQ)
 - Competing space
 - Where are sources of transmission?
 - Use your sphere of influence to bring about change
 - "Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow Don't walk behind me... I may not lead Walk beside me... just be my friend" (Albert Camus)
- Rights based framework, equity approach to National strategies.

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Hepatitis B

- Danjuma Adda (World Hepatitis Alliance, Nigeria)
 - hepatitis B most prevalent amongst the most marginalised
- Joe Tucker (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)
 - people living with hepatitis B are diverse
 - hepatitis polices driven by white men
 - hepatitis consensus statement medical model driven
 - community voices must inform policy
- Syndemic priority populations are disadvantaged and stigmatised
- Cure? Is finding a hepatitis B 'cure' possible?
- Public awareness campaigns



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Reaching hepatitis C prevention, testing and treatment targets

Priority settings

- Community corrections
- Homeless populations
- Mental health settings
- Prisons

Strategies

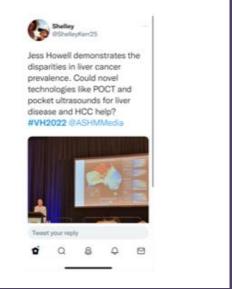
- Incentives
- Outreach
- Testing technologies POCT
- Maintain focus on prevention
- Underpinned by addressing stigma and discrimination



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The road to viral hepatitis

