



Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)

VHPB

More than **28** years active in the control
and prevention of viral hepatitis in
Europe



VHPB mission

Mission statement

The objective of VHPB is to contribute to the control and prevention of viral hepatitis:

- by drawing the attention to this important public health problem
- by issuing prevention and control guidance and catalyse the development of recommendations.
- by encouraging actions to improve control, prevention and elimination.

All activities are in line with **viral hepatitis elimination goals** defined by **WHO** Global strategy

Focus audiences are, in first instance, opinion leaders, policymakers, public health and health care professionals



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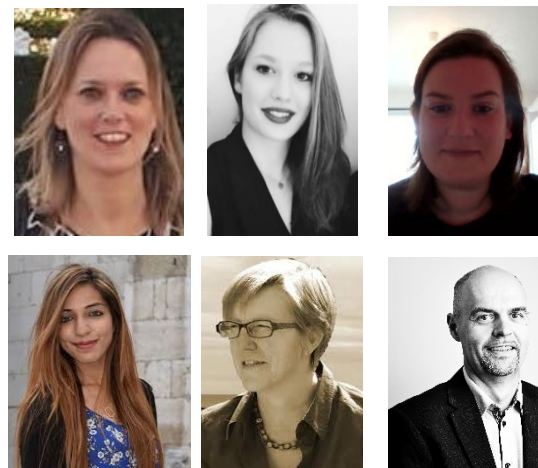
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Located within the facilities of

- the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp



HPV prevention and control board is embedded in the same facilities.



Activities: Two meetings a year

- 1. Technical meeting:** discuss, review and issue guidelines or recommendations for critical issues in viral hepatitis
- 2. Country meeting:**
 - Understand strategies and programs to control viral hepatitis in the country
 - Create awareness in the country for hepatitis as a public health problem
 - Create a platform where people of the country involved in viral hepatitis can discuss and can start future initiatives
 - Verify the WHO elimination targets and monitor the progress
 - Initiate or accelerate the development of National viral hepatitis plan
 - Draft guidelines to support countries based on lessons learned from other countries



VHPB TECHNICAL MEETING

+++Online+++

The impact of COVID-19 on the

Part 1: prevention of viral hepatitis – 18 March 2021 -16H30-19H30

Part 2: 2030 WHO elimination goals – 25 March 2021 – 16H30-19H30

Part 2: 25 March 2021 – 16h30 until 20h00

[MEETING agenda](#)



Meeting objectives

The impact of COVID-19 on the viral hepatitis elimination goals

- Evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on viral hepatitis, screening, control & treatment in Europe
- What is the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on the elimination goals, regionally and on country level
- Review the possible implementation of control measures, new prevention strategies and monitoring systems during and after a pandemic, lessons learnt.
- Assess the (extra) needs to achieve the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis as a major public health threat in Europe by 2030 as defined by WHO's Regional office for Europe. Discuss successes, issues and the new challenges

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Recent meetings

- ▶ 2021 March, Online VHPB meetings
- ▶ 2020 October, Online VHPB meetings
- ▶ 2020 June, Virtual VHPB meeting

Recent publications

- ▶ Many European countries 'flying blind' in their efforts to eliminate viral hepatitis. Lazarus JV, Safreed-Harmon K, Colombo M, Schatz E, ; ACHIEVE Coalition. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2017 Jul 26;14(8):445-446. doi: 10.1038/nrgastro.2017.98.
- ▶ Single-Dose Hepatitis A Immunization: 7.5-Year Observational Pilot Study in Nicaraguan Children to Assess Protective Effectiveness and Humoral Immune Memory Response.

Recent newsletters

- ▶ Highlighting underserved groups for screening, prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis B and C in Europe
- ▶ Prevention and control of viral hepatitis in the Baltic States: lessons learnt and the way forward
- ▶ Towards a hepatitis-free Europe: how to make it feasible and affordable

News - Report 2018 VHPB meeting - Moscow, Russia

The report of the VHPB meeting: Prevention and control of viral hepatitis in the Russian Federation in the Russian Federation: Lessons learnt and the way forward (Moscow, Russia, October 25-26, 2018) is now available [online](#).

[Read more](#)

News - NIH Webinar Series: Moving from hepatitis discovery to elimination

Kick-off webinar

Thursday, March 4th, 3-4:30 pm: The road to hepatitis elimination and the role of NIH
With remarks and presentations from:

[Read more](#)

News - WHO Global Progress Report

WHO has released the 2020 Global Progress Report on accelerating access to hepatitis C diagnostics and treatment.

View the report [here](#).

[Read more](#)

News - 2020 October, Online meetings

VHPB online meetings - Viral Hepatitis Treatment as Prevention.

1. TAP of Hepatitis C in Risk Groups
2. TAP of Hepatitis B to prevent mother to child transmission (MTCT) and to prevent liver disease progression

Older news items can be found in the [news archive](#).