

# BCH Services Guide - Hepatitis Education

Our Team at Ballarat Community Health can provide education and advice in regards to Hepatitis C, as well as the monitoring of clients who are undergoing treatment for Hepatitis C or in the work up of clients who are considering treatment.

**Fibroscans now available for a limited time:** Kirsty Simpson (Integrated Hepatitis C Nurse) currently has one of the EC Fibroscans for a short rotation and is available to perform Fibroscans at Ballarat Community Health and at other hepatitis C nurse led clinics at Daylesford, Maryborough, Stawell, Ararat, Horsham and Nhill. Appointments are available to all new and existing clients throughout the Grampians region. For more information, please contact Kirsty on 0459 819 601.

## Hepatitis Education

### What is it about?

One to one education for people living with Hepatitis C and people at Risk of Hepatitis C.

### Who is it for?

Anyone with Hepatitis or their family

### How much time will it take?

Initial sessions are 1 hour.

Follow-up can be arranged over the phone or with half to 1 hour sessions as required

### When is it held?

Appointments are between 9.00am–5.00pm

### Where is it held?

**Ballarat Community Health - 10 Learmonth Road, Wendouree**

**Ballarat Health Services Liver Clinic**

**- Drummond Street North, Ballarat (Friday**

mornings)

**Horsham Medical Centre** 6-12 Read Street  
Horsham - (first Wednesday of every Month)

**Grampians Community Health** 8-22 Patrick  
Street Stawell - (fourth Wednesday of every  
Month)

**Springs Medical Centre** 10 Hospital Street  
Daylesford - (Third Wednesday of every  
Month)

Arrangement can be made for an  
appointment at other Ballarat Community  
Health sites if required

### Who provides it?

Registered nurse with hepatitis training

### How do I get into the program?

Appointments and referral to any of the clinics can be made by individuals, health service providers or GP's.

Phone Ballarat Community Health on 5338 4500 to speak to the Intake Worker or fax 5339 3044

### Other information

Registered nurse is available to support clients undergoing treatment for Hepatitis C  
The Hepatitis C program is a free service.

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## Hepatitis C Health Promotion

The Body Art program is aimed at school age children in years 9 - 12 to increase awareness of the risks associated with self tattoo's.

The program provides information about non-sterile equipment and the risk of contracting hepatitis C. Support is also available for Secondary Teachers to facilitate school based Hepatitis C educational programs.

The Hepatitis C program is a free service.

## Needle & Syringe Exchange Program

Syringes/needles, swabs and disposal containers are provided free of charge, along with a disposal service for used needles.

Our Needle & Syringe Exchange Service is available weekdays 9am - 5pm from the following BCH sites:

- [Lucas](#) - 12 Lilburne Street
- [Sebastopol](#) - 260 Vickers Street
- [Wendouree](#) (Cooinda) - 10 Learmonth Road
- [Smythesdale](#) - The Well, 19 Heales Street

Health information, education, support and referral to other health services is also available.

### Useful Links:

[www.hrvic.org](http://www.hrvic.org)

## Program Information

### Where and when is it held?