Challenges in HCV Linkage and Treatment in Pregnancy

A Tip-Hep C Webinar

November 16, 2022 Program & Speaker Bios

**HepC in Pregnancy: Strategies to Improve Linkage to Care and Treatment**

**A TiP-HepC Community of Practice Webinar Series**

**November 16, 2022:**
Challenges to HCV Linkage and Treatment in Pregnancy

**January 25, 2023:**
Strategies to Improve HCV Linkage and Treatment in Pregnancy

**March 15, 2023:**
Actions and Recommendations to Improve HCV Linkage and Treatment in Pregnancy

**New Webinar Series Begins:**
**Nov.16, 10 am ET**


Although routine antenatal testing for hepatitis C is increasing, there is limited guidance regarding hepatitis C treatment when it comes to best practices regarding hepatitis C treatment for individuals diagnosed during pregnancy. As a result, very few individuals diagnosed with HCV in pregnancy are successfully treated, and they remain exposed to the ongoing risks associated with chronic hepatitis C infection.

**Dr. Intira Jeannie Collins, MSc PhD**
Principal Research Associate, MRC Clinical Trials Unit, Institute of Clinical Trials and Methodology, University College London, UK

**Dr. Elizabeth E. Krans, MD, MSc**
Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh

**Dr. Saeed Sadiq Hamid, MD, FRCP**
Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the Clinical Trials Unit at The Aga Khan University, Pakistan

**Professional Society Roundtable:**

- **Mona Prasad**
  American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

- **Deborah Money**
  International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics

- **Martina Badell**
  Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

- **Megan Buress**
  American Society of Addiction Medicine

- **Jennifer Price**
  American Association for the Study of Liver Disease/Infectious Diseases Society of America
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Speaker Bios

Dr. Intira Jeannie Collins, MSc PhD

Principal Research Associate, MRC Clinical Trials Unit, Institute of Clinical Trials and Methodology, University College London, UK

Jeannie is an epidemiologist specialized in maternal and pediatric infectious diseases. She co-leads the pediatric component of the European Pregnancy and Pediatric Infections Cohort Collaboration (EPPICC) and has extensive experience working in pediatric HIV research and more recently expanded to viral hepatitis and SARS-CoV-2. Her research interests include epidemiology, health economics and public health policy with a strong focus on global health. She is co-investigator on the HCVAVERT study exploring treatment options for pregnant women living with hepatitis C, working closely with partners in Ukraine, Egypt and Pakistan. Jeannie has an MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries and a PhD in Epidemiology and Health Economics from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK.

Dr. Elizabeth Krans, MD, MSc

Associate Professor, Department of OB/GYN & Reproductive Sciences
Director, Pregnancy and Women’s Recovery Center
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital & the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Dr. Krans is Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. She is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and addiction medicine and serves as the Director of the Pregnancy and Women’s Recovery Center at Magee-Womens Hospital where she has been providing substance use treatment services for over 15 years. Dr. Krans received her medical degree from the University of Mississippi and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh. After residency, she received training in health services research as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Research Scholar at the University of Michigan. Her NIH-funded research program is focused on improving healthcare delivery processes for pregnant and postpartum persons with substance use disorders. She is an addiction medicine
expert for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and has served on various state and federal task forces focused on improving clinical care approaches for this population.

Dr. Saeed Hamid, MBBS, FRCP, FRCPI, FACP, FACG, FAASLD

Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the Clinical Trials Unit at The Aga Khan University, Pakistan

Dr. Saeed Sadiq Hamid is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and Director of the Clinical Trials Unit at The Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan. He formerly served as Chair, Department of Medicine from 2008-2018. He trained in Medicine and Gastroenterology in the UK, and in Hepatology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, USA. He has been Vice President, Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology and President of the Pakistan Society for the Study of Liver Diseases (PSSLD). He has been Chair of Hepatology Interest Group of the World Gastroenterology Organization, member of the Governing Council of WGO, member of the Executive Council of the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) from 2006-2010 and has chaired the WHO Guidelines Development Group for Hepatitis C in 2015, 2017 and in 2021. He sits on Advisory Committees of the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination (CGHE) and the Hepatitis Fund. He is Co-Chair of CEVHAP (Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis from Asia-Pacific). His main research interests are viral hepatitis and Liver Failure. He has been an author on over 190 peer reviewed publications and three book chapters. He has mentored a number of postgraduate GI trainees, PhD and other graduate students.
Dr. Martina Badell, MD

Associate Professor, Director, Emory Perinatal Center, Director, Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Department of Gynecology & Obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine
Representing Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr. Martina Badell is the Director of the Emory Perinatal Center, a regional referral center for high risk pregnant women in Georgia. She is also the Director of The Grady Health System HIV in Pregnancy clinic. Dr. Badell’s primary area of research is on infectious diseases in pregnancy. She has guest researcher status at the Center for Disease Control in the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Division of Reproductive Health and collaborates as an investigator in clinical trials to improve maternal and perinatal care in the setting of infectious diseases in pregnancy.

Dr. Deborah Money, Bsc, MD, FRCSC

Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Associate member, Department of Medicine and the School of Population and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Affiliate member, Department of Microbiology and Immunology Faculty of Science, University of British Columbia (UBC)

Dr. Deborah Money is a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is an associate member of both the Department of Medicine and the School of Population and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, and an affiliate member of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Science, at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Following a BSc in Microbiology, a MD and then residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology, at UBC, she did a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington, becoming Canada’s first dual specialist in OBGYN and Infectious Diseases. She has been active in teaching at the undergraduate, postgraduate and professional level. She built a Reproductive Infectious Diseases (RID) training program and there are now 6 individuals in Canada with this subspecialty. She is an active clinician scientist based at the Women’s Health Research
Institute, in Vancouver, BC, developing a RID research program with several large multicentered research projects in the maternal/infant microbiome and HIV in women, including being the lead for the study of the safety, immunogenicity and efficacy of the HPV vaccine in girls and women living with HIV in Canada. Since March 2020, she pivoted her research group to pull together three large pan-Canadian projects to study the impact of COVID-19 on pregnant women and their infants.

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Dr. Jennifer Price, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of GI/Hepatology at UCSF

Jennifer Price, MD, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Director of the UCSF Viral Hepatitis Center. She leads the UCSF HCV Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO), a model of medical education and care management focused on building capacity for HCV care among primary care providers throughout Northern California. She is the founding director of the UCSF DeLIVER Care Van, a mobile unit aimed at improving access to HCV screening and low-threshold HCV treatment among at-risk communities in San Francisco. Dr. Price is Chair of the AASLD HCV SIG and Co-Chair of the AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidance Panel.
Dr. Megan Buresh, MD, DFASAM
Assistant Professor, Medicine and Epidemiology, Medical Director, JHBMC
Addiction Consult Service, Division of Addiction Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Dr. Megan Buresh is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins. She is board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemical Sciences from Harvard University, completed medical school at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

She is medical director of the Johns Hopkins Bayview Inpatient Addiction Consult Service. She also provides integrated buprenorphine, HIV and HCV treatment as part of her outpatient primary care practice. She leads education and research efforts to expand access to addiction treatment across transitions of care and integration with general medical care.

Dr. Mona Prasad, DO, MPH
System Chief, Obstetrics and MFM at OhioHealth Columbus

Dr. Prasad is joining us today as a representative of ACOG on the topic of linkage to care for pregnancies complicated by HCV. She is a maternal fetal medicine specialist and boarded in addiction medicine. Her clinical interests include caring for pregnant patients with substance use disorder, and research interests have been highlighted in leading observational work conducted by the Maternal Fetal Medicine Units network to gain contemporary knowledge and insight into the care of pregnancies complicated by HCV.