

A NEW REPORT FOCUSED ON HCV ELIMINATION IN 29 COUNTRIES

WINNING THE RACE TO ELIMINATE HEPATITIS C

Accelerating efforts to reach the World Health Organization's 2030 elimination targets

Report overview

The report aims to:



Determine the progress made in elimination in the last three years

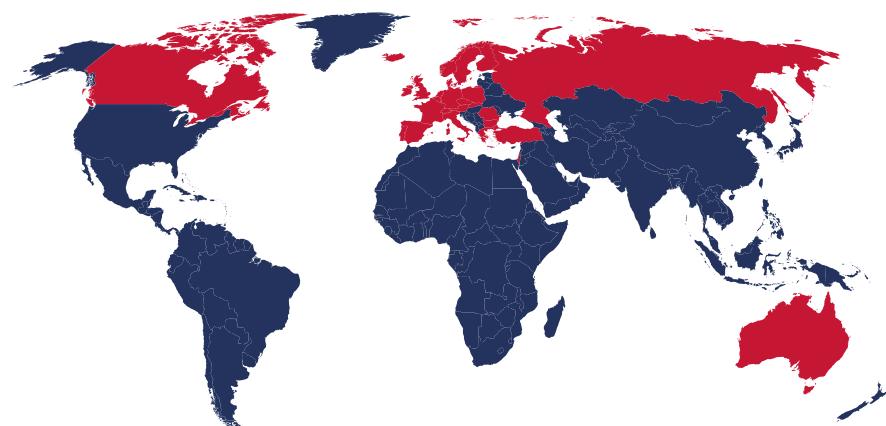


Analyze the main barriers and critical success factors to achieving elimination



Present a forward-looking people-centred approach

Countries analyzed in the report:¹



Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada

Czech Republic
Denmark
England
Finland
France

Germany
Greece
Iceland
Ireland
Israel

Italy
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Poland

Portugal
Romania
Russia
Scotland
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey

HCV elimination goals

In 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for the **elimination of HCV by 2030:**²

90%
reduction in
new chronic
infections

90%
of individuals
living with HCV
diagnosed

80%
of eligible
HCV populations
treated

65%
reduction in
liver-related
deaths

Progress towards elimination

Since the last Boston Consulting Group report in HCV (2017), progress has been made and of the 29 countries evaluated in the report:¹

10 are currently on track to meet the WHO targets by 2030



Australia



Canada



France



Germany



Iceland



Italy



Spain



Sweden

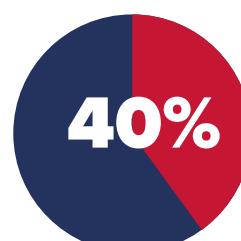


Switzerland

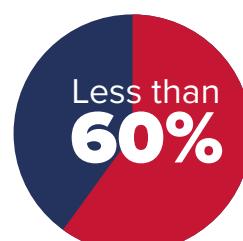


United Kingdom

However,



lack a national
elimination plan¹



have a national HCV
patient database, to help
ensure that patients
complete the care process¹

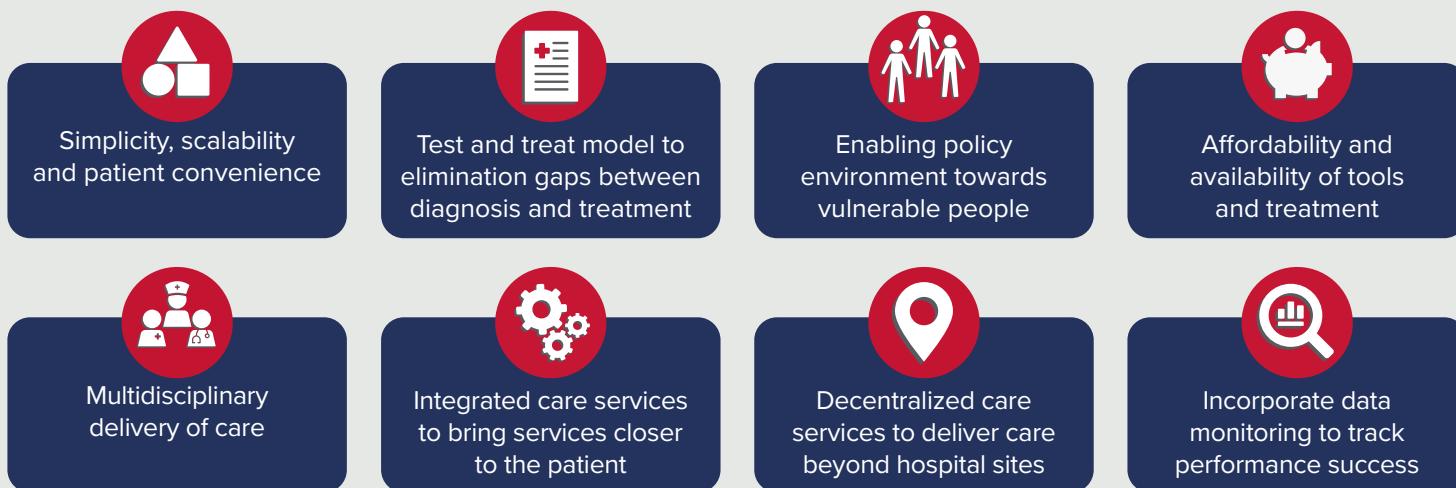
Populations that should be prioritized

To achieve elimination, countries should **develop people-centred programs** focussing on the four most relevant populations.¹

	 People who inject drugs:	 Men who have sex with men:	 Migrants:	 Selected birth cohorts: (i.e. baby boomers)
HCV incidence	High	High	Medium	Low
Authorities' focus	High	Low	Low	Medium
Key challenge	Linkage to care	Awareness and prevention	Healthcare access	Diagnosis
Proposed solution	Simplify care pathways, decentralize treatment and integrate HCV in harm reduction services	Launch educational campaigns and offer integrated STI testing services	Increase access to healthcare services and HCV testing as part of integrated screening campaigns	Increase HCV awareness, promote testing and reach better pricing agreements to lower costs implications

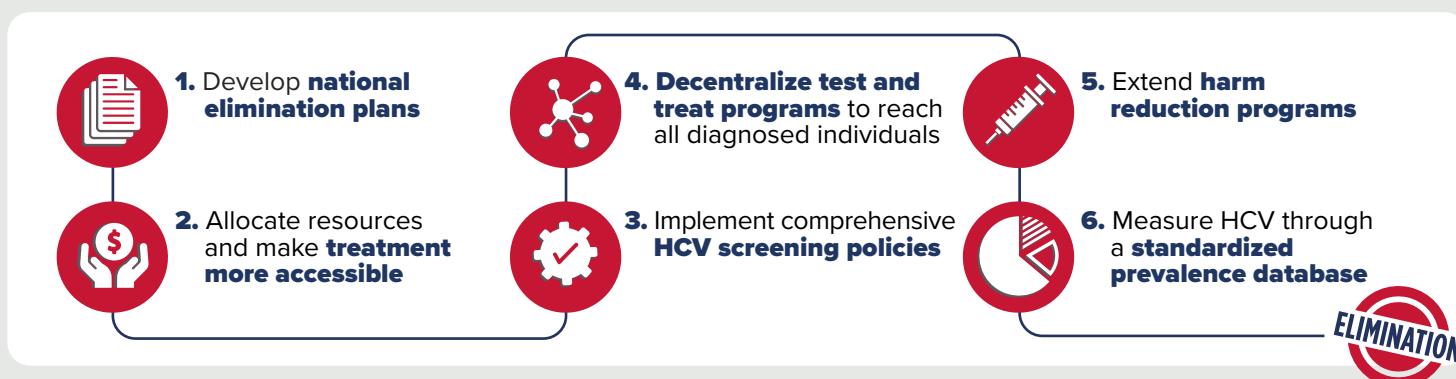
Hallmarks for successful models of care

Countries need **models of care suited to their healthcare systems and patient populations**:¹



Actions to help accelerate the pace towards elimination

The following actions should be considered by all countries to reach the WHO elimination goal:¹



HCV elimination by 2030 can be achieved with a renewed political focus, increased investment and dedicated resources. **If we act now, together, we can eliminate hepatitis C.**

[Click here to read the full report](#)

1. Boston Consulting Group. Winning the Race to Eliminate Hepatitis C. June 2020. Available at: <https://web-assets.bcg.com/93/66/18060f3d45de834d7c62a8121454/winning-the-race-to-eliminatehepatitis-c.pdf>
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