

North Carolina Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program

Launched in 2016, the *Carolina Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program (NC CHAMP)* is a dynamic telemedicine training platform designed for providers delivered by providers.

The objective of NC CHAMP is to expand access to provider care networks for people infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV) by embracing an innovative training approach designed to remove barriers to hepatitis C care. The “tele-medicine” training model embraces the vision to increase access to specialty care beyond the urban setting by linking primary providers in rural or difficult to reach locations to academic mentors for disease specific training.

How NC CHAMP works:

- NC CHAMP is designed to engage and train primary providers to deliver hepatitis C care and curative treatments. Through training, providers will establish referral networks and foster peer collaborations in their region and across the state through regularly scheduled mentorship meetings delivered by clinical specialist from the University of North Carolina and Duke Medical Center.
- Clinicians enrolled in training will meet remotely, by WebEx, in small groups for approximately one-hour every other week. During that time, providers have the opportunity to present cases to their peers and mentor for review and feedback.
- The expectation for providers who participate in training will be to start implementing screening guidelines for hepatitis C in their clinical practice and begin delivering new curative therapies to prevent transmission of disease and reduce the burden of chronic disease care.

NC CHAMP is a collaborative program developed by clinical specialists and public health professionals. The program is sustained by the efforts and partnership of the following:

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