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Improving Linkage to HIV Care Following Release From Incarceration

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Abstract

The project will be a cross sectional study to survey hepatitis C screening uptake, diagnosis, and clinical characteristics of persons at the RIDOC with known or potential HCV diagnosis. The research team will perform a chart review of persons at the RIDOC with or at risk for HCV and update the EMR accordingly. While templates for HCV and liver disease exist for clinicians to input relevant data, various data may be missing or recorded elsewhere such as physician attachments and electronic copies of lab results.

The project will assess the percentage of RIDOC population with an HCV diagnosis, HCV testing history and results, clinical characteristics for HCV and liver disease evaluation, HCV evaluation and follow up rates and treatment history and eligibility. The study findings will present a snapshot of current magnitude of hepatitis C in the incarcerated population.