

New York State Community of Practice for Hepatitis C Point of Care Diagnostic Testing – Meeting Topics and Recordings

APRIL 24, 2025

- Community Partner Presentations:
 - Evergreen Health Services, Ian Eastman, Cortney Anderson
 - Erie County Medical Center, Dr. Anthony Martinez
- Data Reminders
- [4/24 Community of Practice Recording](#)

MAY 22, 2025

- Test Kits Orders Shelf Life: What You Need to Know Before You Order
- Community Partner Presentation:
 - In-person vs. Mobile Testing, from SACHR, Chiara Sovegni & Jazmyna Fanini
- Open Discussion – Insights from Onsite Installation Experience
- ECLRS Reporting Reminders
- [5/22 Community of Practice Recording](#)

JUNE 26, 2025

- Technical Assistance and Test Accuracy Information by Cepheid, Jennifer Rakeman and Tamara Ooms
- Community Partner Presentation:
 - POC Testing Experiences and Linkage to Care Project Safe Point (Catholic Charities), Ed Fox, Eric Gardner, Morgan Buck.
- Open Discussions
 - Reaching hard-to-engage clients
 - ECLRS Reporting experiences
- [6/26 Community of Practice Recording](#)

JULY 24, 2025

- Review ECLRS requirements
- Fingerstick collection: Tips and tricks
- Additional resources:
 - o [NYS Department of Health Point of Care Testing](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions for Hepatitis C Point of Care Test in New York](#)
 - [ECLRS Manual - Hepatitis C Point of Care Testing](#)
 - o [Cepheid-Xpert-HCV-FAQ-External-US-IVD-10121-English.pdf](#)
 - o [Cepheid - Contact Us](#) / Cepheid Hotline for technical assistance: 888-838-3222
- [7/24 Community of Practice Recording](#)

AUGUST

- No call.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

- Local Health Departments and Reporting, Lindsey Hutchison, NYSDOH AIDS Institute
- Community Partner Presentation:
 - o Testing on the go: Bringing the Cepheid Instrument into the field, Dr. Anthony Martinez, La Bodega
- Additional information:
 - o NYSDOH point of care testing resource page: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/providers/point_of_care.htm .
 - o Xpert HCV test cartridge storage temperature range is 2-28C, or 36-82F.
 - o Xpert Xpress machine operating temperature range is 15-30C, or 59-86F (20-80% humidity).
 - o Microtainer name and product ID# is “K2EDTA microtainer BD,” #365974.
 - o INHSU Point of Care Testing Forum Report: https://inhsu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/POCT-Forum-Report_June-2025_final-1-1.pdf
- [9/25 Community of Practice Recording](#)

OCTOBER 23, 2025

- Surveillance/Local Health Department Follow-up
- Community Partner Presentation:
 - o From Testing to Treatment, Peter Emery, AIDS Community Resources
- Open Discussion – Does your Hub offer hepatitis C treatment on-site?
- [10/23 Community of Practice Recording](#)