Harnessing Data to Launch
Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profiles
– Resources from Pilot Sites –

Robust data for viral hepatitis are critical in assisting health agencies broker partnerships with other governmental agencies, healthcare providers, and communities to assure availability of high quality services along the treatment cascade from testing to cure. Health agencies can augment surveillance data and promote innovative uses of traditional data sources through the development of viral hepatitis epidemiologic profiles.

In 2014, ASTHO, with support from CDC, funded three state health agencies to pilot the development and implementation of viral hepatitis epidemiologic profiles. The resulting profiles have been used to heighten awareness and drive decision making, serving as a catalyst for action around policies and programs at the state and local levels. Resources from the three pilot states may serve as examples for other health agencies seeking to develop and/or utilize viral hepatitis epidemiologic profiles:

Arkansas
- Hepatitis C Epidemiologic Profile: 2014
- Press release
- Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society, “Hepatitis C Trend Increasing in Arkansas”

Oregon
- Viral Hepatitis in Oregon: May 2015
- Fact Sheet: Hepatitis C Infectious in Oregon: September 2014
- Public Radio Interview: “Oregon’s High Hepatitis C Infection Rate and Why It Matters”

Wisconsin
- Epidemiologic Profile of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Wisconsin: 2014
- Fact Sheet: Hepatitis C in Wisconsin – Focus on Young People who Inject Drugs
- Fact Sheet: Hepatitis C in Wisconsin – Focus on Baby Boomers
- Congressional Briefing Slides: An Emerging Epidemic – The Public Health Response to Hepatitis C Infection Among Young People Who Inject Drugs
- State Health Officer Webcast