**BACKGROUND AND AIMS**

HepCare Europe is a three-year, EU-funded project involving collaboration with four member states. The vision for the project is to create an innovative, integrated system for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) screening and treatment among key ‘at-risk’ groups, including people who inject drugs and the homeless, through outreach to the community and integration of primary and secondary care services.

With clinical sites in Dublin, London, Seville and Bucharest, and economic evaluation in Bristol UK, the consortium has developed a number of work packages, including HepCheck, focused on operationalizing the multiple components of testing, care and cure that are key components of the strategy to eradicate HCV in the EU. Consortium members include UCD (Ireland) SAS (Spain) SVB (Romania) University of Bristol and University College London (UK).

**RESULTS**

**FIG 1: OVERALL SCREENING RESULTS**

- Offered Testing: 2821
- Total Screened: 2154
- HCV AB Positive: 728 (34.2%)

* Figure 2 shows cohort characteristics.

**TABLE 1: COHORT CHARACTERISTICS**

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<th>Characteristic</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gender: male</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>History of or current homelessness</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>History of or current incarceration</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>History of injecting drug use</td>
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- In-depth analysis of cohort characteristics is ongoing and includes identification of HCV acquisition, risk factors, HCV related liver disease, other blood borne viruses and linkage to care.

**REFERENCES**


**CONCLUSIONS**

- Community based screening across four EU sites highlighted similar (comparable) risk-factors.
- This cohort are being identified as they transition in and out of services yet are not being captured, further evaluated and cured of their HCV.
- Our data reinforces the need to improve linkage to care by developing engagement interventions within these community settings.

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