

Propositions accompanying the thesis:

TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF CHRONIC VIRAL HEPATITIS IN EUROPE

Prevalence, Risk Groups and Screening Strategies

1. Migrants born in endemic countries are disproportionately affected by chronic viral hepatitis in the EU/EEA. (*this thesis*)
2. The prevalence of markers of chronic viral hepatitis infection in the general population in countries of birth can be used as a proxy for the prevalence among migrants. (*this thesis*)
3. Screening for HBV/HCV among migrants born in low prevalence countries is an ineffective use of scarce (public) health care resources. (*this thesis*)
4. Restrictions in access to treatment for chronic viral hepatitis exist for some vulnerable migrants, even in national health systems founded on principles of universalism. (*this thesis*)
5. Building partnerships between stakeholders (especially between public health services, primary care and secondary care) when developing screening interventions is essential to success. (*this thesis*)
6. We have the methods and the medicine to achieve HBV/HCV elimination; the funding and political will is lacking.
7. Social justice is the foundation of public health.
8. "Discussions about language are really discussions about ideas; a linguistic issue is commonly an ideological issue." Sir Michael Marmott *'Social justice, Epidemiology and Health Inequalities.'* European Journal of Epidemiology (2017).
9. "[Scientists] are all slaves to publishers. What other industry receives its raw materials [for free] from its customers, gets those same customers to carry out the quality control of those materials [for free], and then sells the same materials back to the customers at a vastly inflated price?" Professor Adrian Sutton, Professor of Nanotechnology at Imperial College London.
10. "And so, in the end, the question of markets is really a question about how we want to live together. Do we want a society where everything is up for sale? Or are there certain moral and civic goods that markets do not honor and money cannot buy?" In *'What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets'* by Michael J. Sandel, Professor of Political Philosophy Harvard University.
11. "At a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity." Eleanor Roosevelt.

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