The Global Impact of Viral Hepatitis

Viral hepatitis is a growing global public health problem, causing serious illness and death from acute hepatitis infection, liver cancer and liver cirrhosis.

Globally:

400 million people affected by viral hepatitis

1.45 million people die every year as a result of viral hepatitis

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Viral hepatitis is the 7th leading cause of death worldwide, killing more than HIV/AIDS every year.

2 billion people have been infected with HBV

240 million are chronically infected with HBV

686,000 people die from HBV related diseases every year

150 million people are chronically infected with HCV

703,800 people die from HCV-related liver diseases each year.

Despite enormous morbidity and mortality, viral hepatitis has consistently been left off the global health agenda

Millions denied access to effective prevention, treatment and care

The gap between the burden of disease and the level of awareness is often huge.

HBV/HIV and HCV/HIV co-infections are an increasing problem in countries with HIV epidemics. Viral hepatitis is becoming a major cause of death for people with HIV.