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.

people affected by viral hepatitis

Globally/worldwide:

people die every year as a result of viral hepatitis

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

people have been infected with HBV

are chronically infected with HBV (and at risk of serious illness and death (from cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma)

people die from HBV related diseases every year

Patient groups are helpful to physicians and other healthcare workers by providing a wide range of services that physicians/HCWs find time consuming or impossible to offer.

Patient groups can:

- Provide & develop advocacy to improve treatment & care
- Give information & training
- Raise awareness
- Work with marginalised groups (especially those who may not be in contact with healthcare services, e.g. migrants)
- Give support
- Undertake research (particularly on patient needs)
- Counter discrimination & stigma
- Build coalitions with patient groups in related areas