



Effective Health Care

Transmission of Hepatitis C Virus through Sharing of Drugs Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- The topic, *Transmission for Hepatitis Virus C through Sharing of Drugs*, did not include enough information for further assessment by the Effective Health Care Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator(s): *Individual*
Nomination Summary: The nominator asserts that hepatitis C virus can be transmitted through the sharing of any type of straw used to snort coke (i.e., cocaine), but that this possible form of transmission has not been studied.

Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews provide comprehensive, science-based information on common, costly medical conditions, and new health care technologies and strategies. Systematic reviews are the building blocks underlying evidence-based practice; they focus attention on the strength and limits of evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- This topic could not be further evaluated because it did not include enough information in the original nomination to define the relevant populations, interventions, comparators, and/or outcomes of interest. No further program activity will be undertaken on this nomination.