

Hepatitis B

The alarming rate of hepatitis B (HBV) in the Asian community represents the largest health disparity faced by this population. According to the [Asian Liver Center at Stanford University](#), Asians account for over half of the 1.3 million HBV cases in the US, and more than half of the deaths that result from HBV infection. One in ten Asians live with chronic HBV, many of whom without knowing it. This lack of knowledge has deadly consequences: one in four people who have chronic HBV will die from liver cancer or liver failure.

AHSC is working to fill the need for culturally competent and linguistically appropriate HBV programming for Asians in the Portland area with the ***Help End the Problem of Hepatitis B (HEP-B)*** Project. ***HEP-B*** will involve a comprehensive two-stage effort to increase awareness, detect, control, and prevent HBV in Portland's Asian community. Currently, AHSC has an existing Hepatitis B Resource Center where community members can pick up brochures in different languages.