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ACNBA Hosting Hepatitis C Awareness Week

Events, Presentations Being Held Around North Bay

The **AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area (ACNBA)** will be marking **Hepatitis C Awareness Week**, Monday, May 5th, 2014 to Friday May 9th, 2014.

Hepatitis C is the number one blood-borne virus in Canada. It attacks the liver causing inflammation, which can lead to cirrhosis of the liver (permanent scarring), cancer of the liver and death. The disease is the leading cause for liver transplants.

Some other hepatitis C facts:

- Approximately one million people die from hepatitis B and/or C each year.
- There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.
- Nearly 250,000 Canadians are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). (Public Health Agency of Canada)
- About one in five people are not aware they have hepatitis C.
- Baby Boomers (those born between 1945 and 1965) are more likely to be infected with hepatitis C than other age groups.

Information and awareness presentations will be taking place at various locations around North Bay during the week.

For more information on ACNBA's Hepatitis C Awareness Week go to www.aidsnorthbay.com or contact:

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