

South Carolina Center for  
**Rural and Primary Healthcare**

## Reducing Viral Hepatitis C in SC

The Southeast Viral Hepatitis Interactive Case Conference (SVICC) uses iCARE funds to promote early Hepatitis C intervention and treatment. This program provides expert infectious disease case consultation and education to primary care providers in rural areas across SC and the southeast.

### Hepatitis C in SC

There are approximately

**45,000 - 55,000 people** living with Hepatitis C in South Carolina

Between 2017 and 2019, South Carolina experienced an

**8% increase** in the number of Hepatitis C related medical visits

- Hepatitis C is a silent disease and the majority of infected patients are asymptomatic
- Untreated Hepatitis C can cause serious health problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis (scarring of the liver), liver cancer, and even death

### What is SVICC?

The Southeast Viral Hepatitis Interactive Case Conference (SVICC) is an interdisciplinary collaboration incorporating

**physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and case managers**

from across the Southeast

Since SVICC's implementation in 2016,

Richland County's Hepatitis C related costs have been

**reduced by an estimated \$1.6 Million**

**143 providers** have participated in SVICC's weekly tele-consultations and **over 400 Hepatitis C patient cases** have been presented with real-time feedback from medical experts

Tele-consultations have allowed rural providers to better treat and manage their patients with Hepatitis C; thereby, lowering healthcare costs and improving outcomes for patients

**Due to the efforts of programs such as iCARE and SVICC, the focus of Hepatitis C care in South Carolina is quickly moving from diagnosis and treatment to the feasible elimination of this disease**