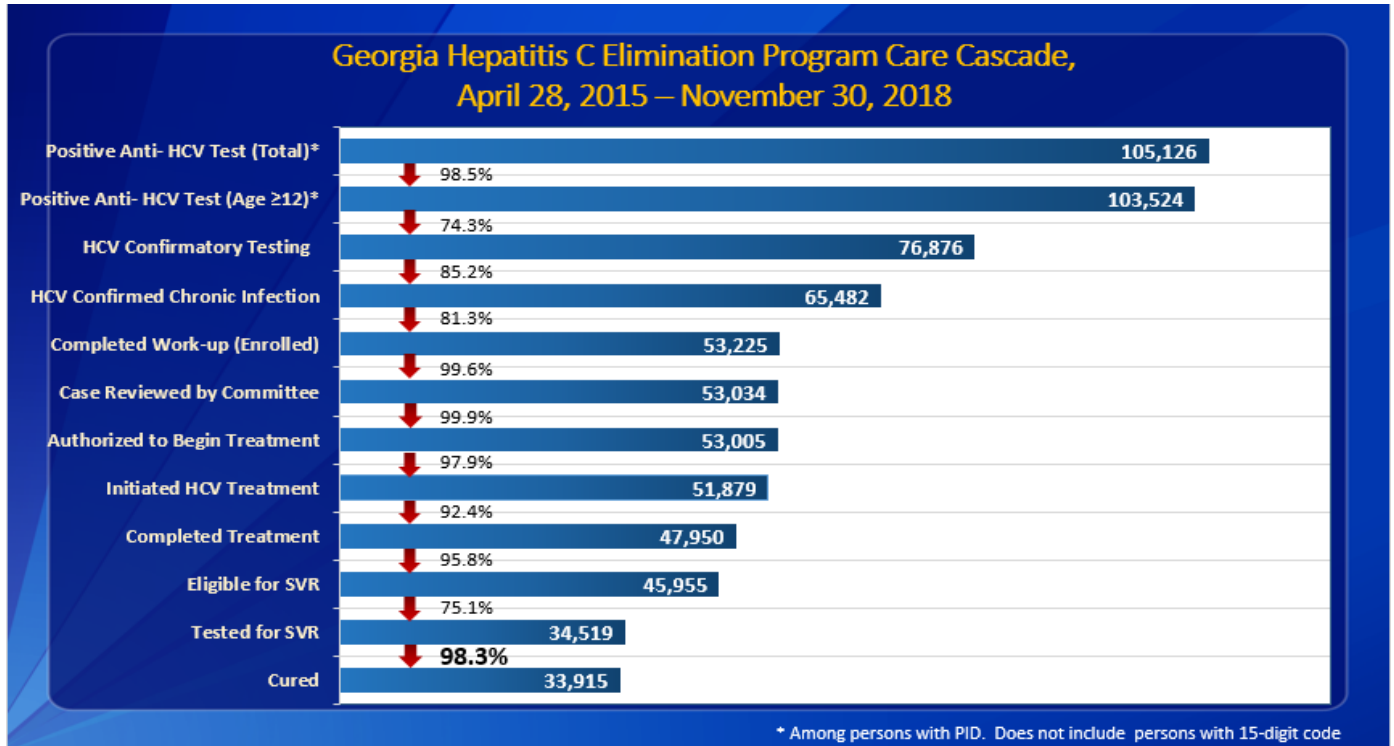


We would like to share activities of December 2018 regarding HCV Elimination Program in Georgia.

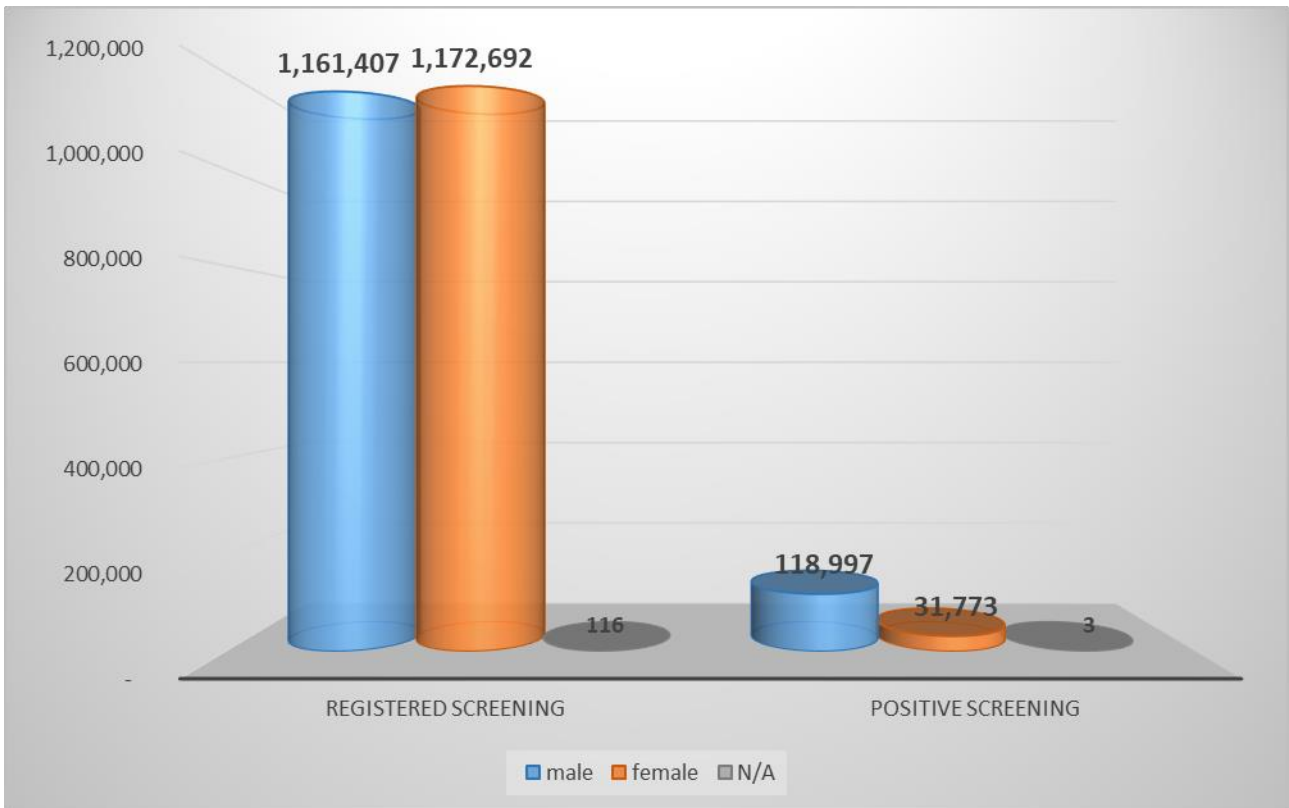
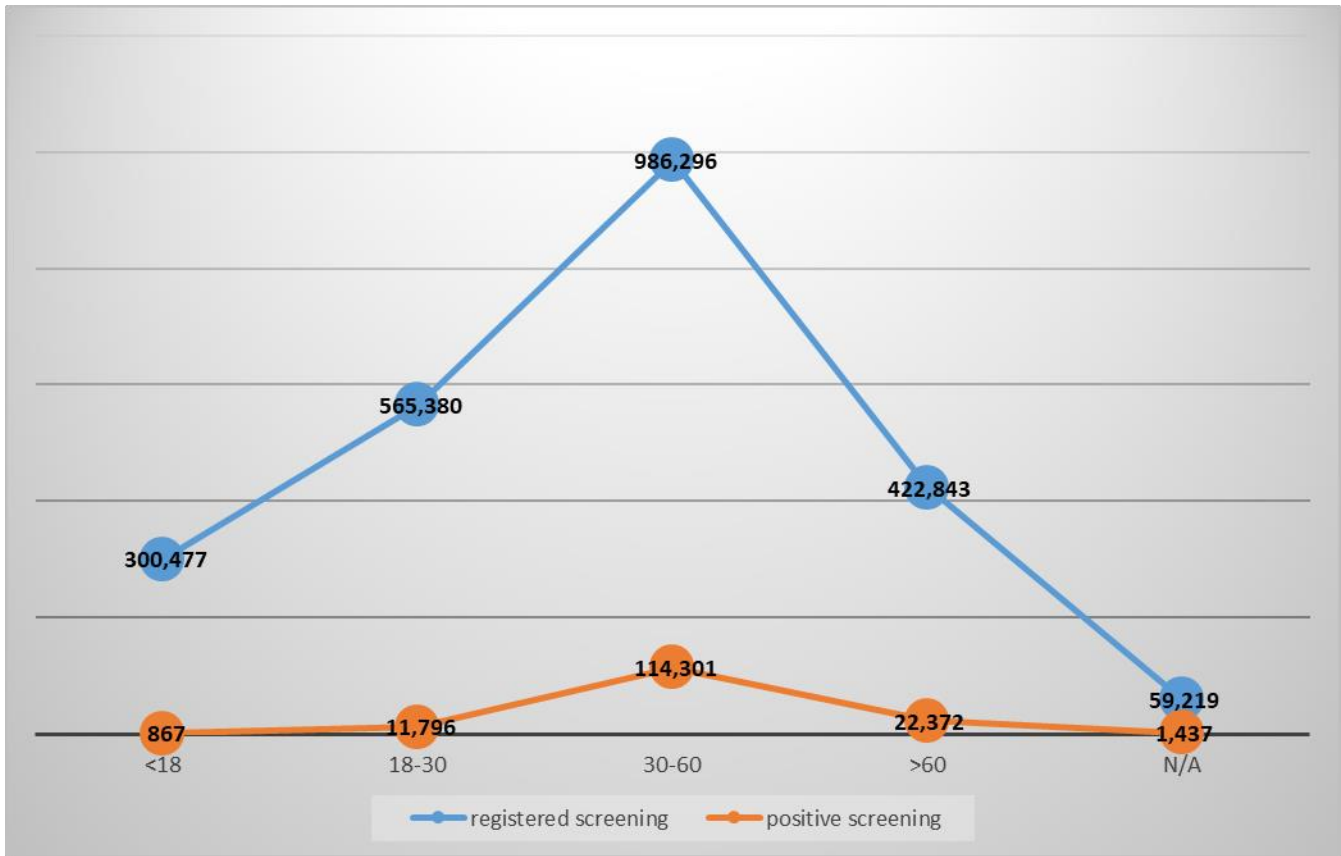
1. Statistics

1.1 Georgia Hepatitis C Elimination Program Care Cascade April 28, 2015 – November 31, 2018



1.2 Information about screening activities

- Total number of registered screening is 2 334 215
- Total number of positive screening among the registered ones is 150 773 (6.46%)
- Distribution by age and gender among the positive screenings:



1.3.Information about drugs

Total number of disbursed Sovaldi bottles: **39 478**

Sovaldi bottles delivered to service Providers: **34 586**

Sovaldi bottles donated to the Republic of Belarus: **1 500**

Sovaldi bottles donated to the Republic of Armenia: **3 000**

Sovaldi bottles remaining in central stock: **393 (validity period is expired, since sovaldi regimens in practice are almost no longer used for treatment)**

Total number of disbursed Harvoni bottles: **168 440 (including 40 000 new (2018) arrival)**

Harvoni bottles delivered to service Providers: **148 882**

Harvoni bottles remaining in central stock: **19 558 (7137 among them expired as of April 30th)**

Total number of disbursed Epclusa bottles: **9000**

Epclusa bottles delivered to service Providers: **1502**

Epclusa bottles remaining in central stock: **7498**

2. Information about Elimination Program Data System

- Analytical module has been activated:
Admin users of Hepatitis C screening and treatment electronic systems have an opportunity to obtain reports from the Module Interface using pre-created templates instead of obtaining information from database with help of the programmer (necessary reports and various types of daily, weekly, quarterly, annual report tables and charts, among them the report about side effects).
- In the electronic system of Hepatitis C treatment has been added Regimens with Epclusa.
- Optimization of the process of issuing drugs to the patients is ensured.

3. Other Activities

Meeting with EASL Foundation CEO

On December 6, 2018 the meeting was held with Dr. Stefano Gnes, Chief Executive Officer at the EASL International Liver Foundation. The meeting was attended by the Minister – Mr. David Sergeenko, Deputy Minister - Mrs. Maia Lagvilava and representatives of the Ministry and CDC.

Dr. Stefano Gnes introduced the concept of new initiative of EASL Foundation, which envisages Positioning Georgia as a National HCV Elimination Center of Excellence.

EASL experts network will bring support to Georgia in three directions: research, education and awareness:

- Providing support for ongoing and future research needs for the Georgia HCV Elimination Program, care and treatment, implementation science, diagnostics and surveillance;

- Increase capacity among family physicians and other HCPs in Georgia to support decentralization of HCV Screening, care and treatment services. Increasing diagnostics capacity. Providing training for neighboring countries on all aspects of HCV elimination;
- Dissemination of best-practices and lessons learned from HCV elimination through publications and international conferences. Support in Countering misinformation attacks (fake news etc.). Leveraging existing partnerships. Mapping and engaging new partners.

Minister was impressed by the proposed initiative and further partnership in this direction was fully supported.

Dr. Gnes mentioned that the key activities will be identified and developed in the beginning of 2019 in close collaboration with the Ministry and NCDC.

TAG recommendations

The draft version of TAG Recommendations is under revision, Ministry and NCDC will receive the final recommendations for TAG 2018 in early January 2019.

Hepatitis C Cured Patient Association became a member of World Hepatitis Alliance

Hepatitis C Cured Patient Association has been approved as a member of the World Hepatitis Alliance, after submitting the application and supporting documents to the Executive Board of the World Hepatitis Alliance.

The Association was established in March 2018 within HCV elimination program in Georgia by Temur Radiani, Doctor of Biology, Author of the idea; Mr. Irakli Koridze, an economist and Mr. Ezekiel Intskirveli-Chkheidze. These people were treated, along with thousands of other Georgians struggling with HCV; The mission of association is promoting successful implementation of HCV elimination program in Georgia, raising awareness on viral hepatitis and reduction of stigma and discrimination related to hepatitis in society.

Association leadership in close collaboration with WHA is committed to direct their efforts in support of HCV elimination programme in Georgia.

Spring Workshop

It is tentatively suggested to Plan spring workshop in the week of March 4th 2019.

EASL 2019

CDC is working to ensure a Georgia Special Session for EASL in April in Vienna (April 12-15), to showcase the Center of Excellence, in collaboration with EASL Foundation.

Vosevi Drug

With significant support of “Gilead Science Inc.” Georgian patient, who had not been cured through previous treatment regimens (Sovaldi, Harvoni), was given an opportunity to start retreatment of chronic hepatitis C virus. Considering ongoing fruitful collaboration, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all of your support rendered to our country within the framework of HCV elimination program in Georgia.