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# Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Summit





The Texas Perinatal Hepatitis Prevention Program Summit is a Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) conference hosted every other year. The conference brings together immunization partners to share, discuss, and recommend strategies to prevent and decrease the incidence of hepatitis B transmission and improve the care of those at risk for perinatal hepatitis B.

## **Questions**

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## DAY ONE Thursday, May 23

### Main Session

8:00–8:30 a.m.	Texas' Fight Against Perinatal Hepatitis B	Josh Hutchison
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program: A National Perspective	Nancy Fenlon
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Shaping a Healthier Future: A Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan for Texas	Samuel Hebbe Goings
10:15–10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Laboratory Diagnostic of Viral Hepatitis B: Testing Challenges and Case Scenarios	Dr. Jan Drobeniuc
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch break</b> <i>Please be back by 12:50 p.m. to keep the conference on time.</i>	
1:00–1:45 p.m.	Hep B Moms: Prevention of Perinatal Transmission and Management of Hepatitis B in Pregnancy and Post Partum	Dr. Amy Tang
1:45–2:30 p.m.	Estimating Annual Births to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen-Positive Women in Texas	Priya Venkat and Nikki Jackson
2:30–3:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
3–3:50 p.m.	Overview of Salesforce	Upasna Langar
3:50–4:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
4:00–4:45 p.m.	Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Online Database Training	Upasna Langar, Khalilah Loggins and Catherine Peterson

# SCHEDULE

## AT A GLANCE

# DAY TWO

## Friday, May 24

### Main Session

8:00–8:05 a.m.	Logistics	Will Armstrong
8:05–10:20 a.m.	Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Online Database Trainings	Upasna Langar, Khalilah Loggins and Catherine Peterson
10:20–10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:30–11:15 a.m.	Preventing Perinatal Transmission of Hepatitis B	Michaela Jackson
11:15 a.m.–Noon	Closing Presentation	Dr. Carlos Plascencia

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## Daily Evaluations

All attendees will receive an online evaluation at the end of each day. Participants feedback is greatly appreciated and will help improve future conferences.

**Note:** Attendees pursuing continuing CE credits, you must complete both daily evaluations by the close of business, Friday May 24. If not completed, CE credits will not be awarded.

## Instructions on Accessing the Virtual Platform

Use this link to access the livestream:  
<https://iemvirtual.com/perihepbsummit/>

The virtual livestream will occur at the following times:

**Day 1:** Thursday May 23, 8:00 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Day 2:** Friday May 24, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

# DAY ONE

Opening Session

## Texas' Fight Against Perinatal Hepatitis B

8:00–8:30 a.m.

Associate  
Commissioner  
Josh Hutchison  
welcomes attendees  
to the Texas  
Perinatal Hepatitis  
B Prevention  
Program Summit  
and provides an  
introduction to  
the Texas Perinatal  
Hepatitis B  
Prevention Program.



**Josh Hutchison, MBA**

Texas DSHS

Joshua Hutchison, MBA, serves as the Associate Commissioner for the Infectious Disease Prevention Division for the Texas DSHS. Prior to that, he served as the HIV/STD Section Director. Hutchison has overseen significant technology projects during his time at DSHS, including the STD/TB/HIV/AIDS Reporting and Response System project, and the Take Charge Texas enhancement project.

Hutchison previously worked as a vaccine finance manager and financial analyst within the Immunizations Section. Before working for the state of Texas, Hutchison served in the U.S. Army and worked at private companies. Josh has a Masters in Business Administration from Western Governor's University and a Bachelor of Science from Texas State University.



## Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program:

A National Perspective

8:30-9:15 a.m.

The presentation will offer a program overview of the National Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program and discuss the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as ways to address these challenges at various program levels.

**Nancy Fenlon, RN, MSN**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Nancy Fenlon is a registered nurse who completed her undergraduate degree from The State University of New York (SUNY) and holds a master's degree in Community Health Nursing from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. After completing her master's degree, Fenlon worked for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the state Medicaid Agency in Arizona, as the Maternity Coordinator. She then became the Maternal-Child Health Program Manager for a Medicaid Managed Care Plan in the Phoenix Metro area.

In 1999, Fenlon joined the Immunization Services Division of CDC to work on Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, and exchange of information (AFIX) now known as Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP).

## Shaping a Healthier Future: A Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan for Texas

9:15–10:15 a.m.

Presentation will focus on advancing perinatal hepatitis B prevention efforts within the broader framework of the Texas Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan. Attendees will gain insights into the goals, strategies, and collaborative efforts aimed at reducing the burden of perinatal hepatitis B transmission.

Through a comprehensive overview of the state's initiatives and partnerships, this presentation aims to inform and engage participants in contributing towards the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis in Texas.



**Samuel Hebbe Goings, MPH**

Texas DSHS

Samuel Hebbe Goings is a dedicated public health professional and currently driving impactful change as the HIV/STD/HCV Prevention Director at Texas DSHS. Samuel earned his Masters of Public Health from the University of Texas Health Science Center in 2016. With a career spanning more than a decade, he has championed community health initiatives dedicated to making health care more accessible.

Goings' expertise and leadership extends through his involvement in influential planning groups and advisory boards.

**Laboratory  
Diagnostic  
of Viral  
Hepatitis B:  
Testing Challenges  
and Case Scenarios**  
10:45–11:45 a.m.

An overview of viral hepatitis with an emphasis on the diagnosis of hepatitis B virus infection, availability of serologic and molecular tests, and challenges during testing and interpretation of results. Several diagnostic quandaries encountered by the PHBPP coordinators with potential solutions will be included.



**Jan Drobeniuc, MD, PhD**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Jan Drobeniuc is a senior microbiologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC) Drobeniuc leads the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Diagnostic Reference Team in the Division of Viral Hepatitis. Before joining the CDC in 1998, Drobeniuc built HBsAg-screening capacity and implemented one of the first hepatitis B vaccination program in Eastern Europe to prevent rampant mother to child transmission.

At the CDC, Drobeniuc studied epidemiology of viral hepatitis, built capacity to improve quality of diagnostic in the U.S. and abroad, developed and implemented External Quality Assurance Program for Hepatitis C Elimination and served on COVID-19 and Mpox emergency response.

**Hep B Moms:  
Prevention of  
Perinatal Transmission  
and Management  
of Hepatitis B in  
Pregnancy and  
Postpartum**

**1:00–1:45 p.m.**

This presentation will review hepatitis B perinatal management recommendations and how to implement a comprehensive primary care-based perinatal hepatitis B program within a community health center.



**Amy Shen Tang, MD**

North East Medical Services

Amy Shen Tang, MD is a primary care internist and the Director of Immigrant Health at North East Medical Services in the San Francisco Bay Area where she oversees hepatitis B/C and tuberculosis elimination programs. She is a graduate of University of California San Francisco School of Medicine and completed her primary care internal medicine residency at New York University and Bellevue Hospital in New York City where she cultivated her interest in immigrant health disparities, including hepatitis B. She served as the Hepatitis B Program Director at Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in New York City where she also served as Advocacy Chair for the NYC Hep B Coalition and Co-Chair for the National Task Force on Hepatitis B. She now serves on the Governance Council for SF Hep B Free- Bay Area. Tang has a special interest in building primary care capacity for chronic hepatitis B management, including liver cancer surveillance and perinatal hepatitis B care, and led a workgroup of hepatitis B specialists to develop simplified management guidance for primary care providers available on Hepatitis B Online.

# Estimating Annual Births to Hepatitis B Surface Antigen–Positive Women in Texas

1:45–2:30 p.m.

Estimating the births to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)–positive women can help public health programs plan surveillance and outreach activities to improve identification and management of at-risk women and infants. Forecasting disease burden plays a pivotal role in formulating effective intervention strategies and programs.



**Priya Venkat, MD, MPH**  
Texas DSHS

Priya Venkat holds a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Texas A&M University. Venkat is a physician by background with expertise in maternal and child health. She has extensive experience in the field of vaccine preventable disease transmission and prevention along with proficiency in epidemiological data analysis with years of clinical practice. Venkat’s primary focus is on reducing the disease burden of hepatitis B prevalence among pregnant women in the state.



**Nikki Jackson, MPH**  
Texas DSHS

Nikki Jackson is the Immunizations Epidemiology Team Lead at Texas DSHS. Jackson has been with DSHS since 2020, first with the lab, then Vital Statistics, before joining the Immunization Section. Jackson attended The University of Texas for her undergraduate education and then The University of Texas Health Science Center for graduate education. Jackson is passionate about data-driven public health, especially in her home state of Texas.

## Overview of Salesforce

3:00–3:50 p.m.

Provide guidance to prenatal providers, delivery facilities, labs, and coordinators from other states on how to access DSHS PHBPP Public Portal to report cases or potential cases requiring further investigation.



**Upasna Langar**

Ventas Consulting LLC

Upasna Langar has immersed herself in the Salesforce space since 2018, with a particular focus on perinatal hepatitis B. As a Salesforce consultant for the perinatal hepatitis B app, her role encompasses configuring and customizing Salesforce to seamlessly integrate the PHB processes.

Additionally, she is responsible for providing comprehensive training and ongoing support to users, ensuring their proficiency with the system. Langar takes charge of managing user access and permissions, safeguarding data integrity and security within the application.

# Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Online Database Training

4–4:45 p.m.

This training is tailored to familiarize attendees with the fundamentals of Salesforce for efficiently monitoring and tracking the progress of hepatitis B-positive women, infants, and contacts who are up to 24 months old.



**Upasna Langar**

Ventas Consulting LLC



**Khalilah Loggins**

Texas DSHS



**Catherine Peterson**

Texas DSHS

# DAY TWO

## Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Online Database Training

8:05–10:20 a.m.

**Upasna Langar, Khalilah Loggins and Catherine Peterson**

### Preventing Perinatal Transmission of Hepatitis B

10:30–11:15 a.m.

Discussion on new universal adult hepatitis B vaccination recommendations. This session incorporates the story of someone with lived hepatitis B experience and discusses how providers can integrate the messaging and resources to aid in preventing perinatal hepatitis B.



**Michaela Jackson, MPH, MS**  
Hepatitis B Foundation

Michaela Jackson is the Hepatitis B Foundation's program director of Prevention Policy. She led the Foundation's policy and advocacy initiatives around the new hepatitis B recommendations.

This included extensive work with community and provider stakeholders, as well as federal partners. Jackson has developed and led implementation strategies around these new recommendations.

Previously, she worked in hepatitis B community outreach, bringing the perspective of patients and people impacted directly by the virus.

## Closing Remarks

11:15 a.m.–Noon

This session highlights the work done to reduce the risk of perinatal hepatitis B and encourages continued efforts in this public health endeavor.



**Carlos Plasencia, MD, MPH**

Texas DSHS

Plasencia has more than 30 years experience in primary care and public health. Beginning his career in the Alaska Native Health Service, he later served in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in Alaska and Puerto Rico as a flight surgeon. After many years in community health centers in Texas, he was assigned as a senior officer to the Washington D.C. area where he worked in policy development under the Assistant Secretary for Health and supported the Department of Defense electronic health information system. For the past five years, he has served as Regional Medical Director for Texas DSHS Public Health Region 6/5 South.



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