

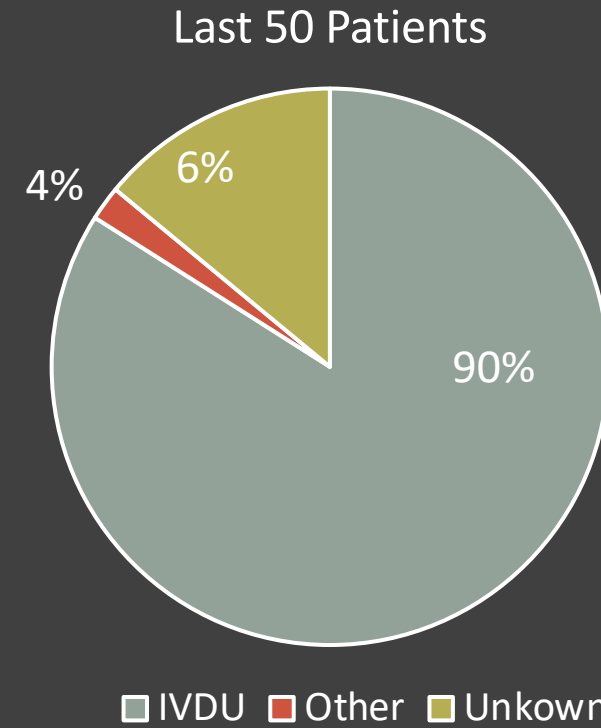
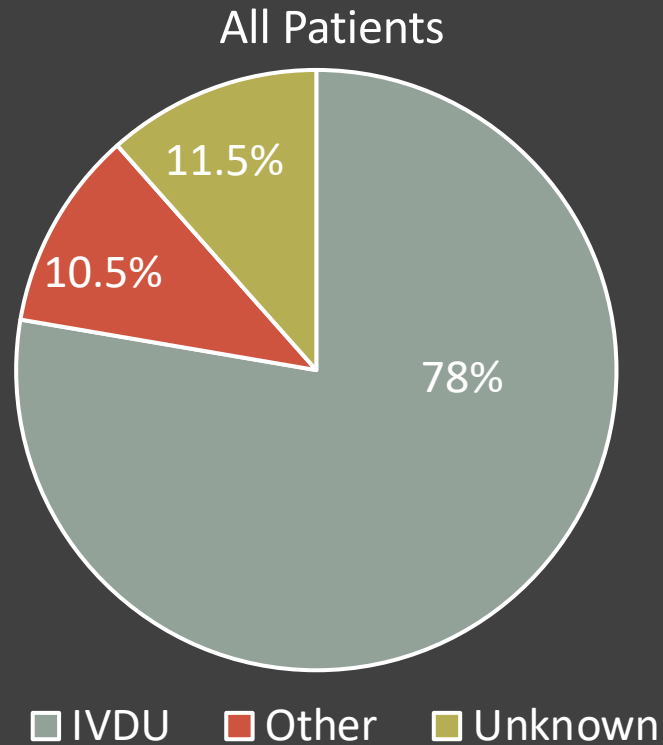
Cass Lake IHS Harm Reduction

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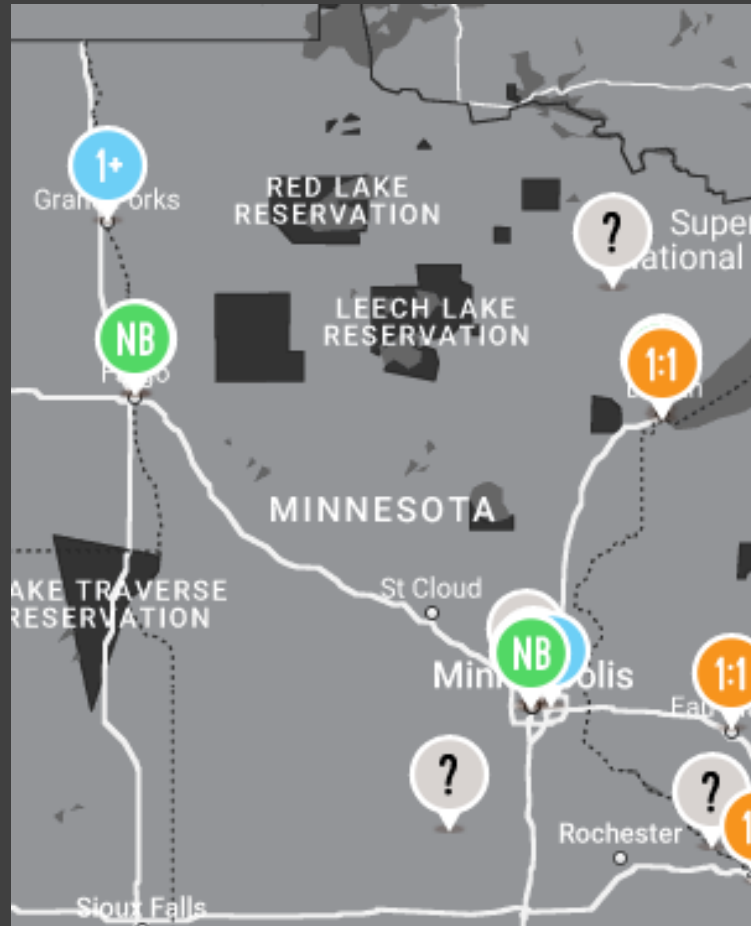
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Need for Local Harm Reduction Services

Risk Factors for Hepatitis C at Cass Lake IHS



Need for syringe services



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- ER visits for STD testing
 - Need for quick and easy access to testing outside of the ER
 - Association between our syphilis cases and IVDU
 - Increase in ER overdose visits
 - Need for additional access to naloxone
 - Patients accessing ER for services not empaneled with primary care provider

Getting Started

- Meetings with Tribal counterparts
 - What services we can both provide
 - What gaps can we fill for each other
 - Meeting with Tribal Police Department
- Pharmacy leadership and staff buy in
 - Survey staff
- Presentation to medical staff
- Word of mouth advertising
 - One Facebook post after ~ 3 months

Harm Reduction at CLIHS

- Within CLIHS pharmacy provides harm reduction services which include
 - Syringe services
 - Sharps containers/syringe disposal
 - Naloxone
 - STI testing
 - Condom distribution
 - Education on safer use
 - Resources for mental health and addiction





Harm Reduction Supplies

Harm Reduction at CLIHS

- Patients complete a voluntary intake form
 - Provided a participant card with an ID number
 - Encounter is not documented in medical record
 - Naloxone prescription and STD testing is entered in EHR, but not linked to harm reduction visit
- Pharmacist or student pharmacist provides information on what is available
 - Handouts on safer use and mental health and addiction resources
 - Participant can request items they would like
- Return visit participants can show their participant card to request services or ask to speak with a pharmacist
- Pharmacy tracks visits based on ID number



Harm reduction through Tribal Health

- 2 registered nurses and 1 community health worker
- All of the same services provided at Cass Lake IHS
- Ability to meet people where they are at
- Abscess and wound care
- Rapid HCV and HIV testing
- Visit 3 different communities one day each week
- Disease intervention services
 - Syphilis, HCV, other STIs

Participant Demographics

- First participant 10/24/22
- Currently have 31 participants
- Median age 32
 - Age range 22-67
- 24 participants with no primary care provider (77%)
- 138 visits
- ~7,000 syringes and 106 naloxone provided

Participant Demographics

- STD panel ordered at 8 visits (6 patients)
 - 3 positive HCV
 - 3 reactive RPR
 - 1 late latent case in need of treatment
 - 2 with history of treated syphilis

- 7 participants with known HCV in need of treatment

Difficult to Reach Patients

Tribal Disease Intervention Specialist Consult

- Utilized if unable to reach patient by phone
- Consult placed in EHR
- Can assist with getting patient into clinic, obtaining labs, or providing treatment

Follow up Flag

- Placed and removed by one pharmacist
- Only used as a last resort if patient unable to be contacted after multiple attempts
- Education needed for staff to ensure action when patient presents
- Need to proactively remove flag as soon as action is taken

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User Patient Tools Help Web Sites Dosing Calculator Vista Imaging Print RX

Privacy Patient Chart Communication RPMS MIIC Direct Web Mail MNTrac Quest iCare Forms/education RCIS EPCS Vista Imaging

Zany,Adolescent BB 38340 02-Dec-2004 (18) F Visit not selected Primary Care Team Unassigned Visit Summary 0 CIC Health Summary Report Postings WAF

Pharm Ed Broadcast Transfer Med List

Patient Record Flags

Category I Flags

Category II Flags

FOLLOW UP NEEDED

Flag Name: FOLLOW UP NEEDED

Assignment Narrative:
+RPR IN NEED OF TREATMENT- **SEE 2.22.23 PHARMACY NOTE**

Flag Type: CLINICAL
Flag Category: II (LOCAL)
Assignment Status: Active
Initial Assigned Date: OCT 31, 2022@14:19:08
Approved by: DICKSON,WHITNEY
Next Review Date: MAR 26, 2023
Owner Site: CASS LAKE HOSPITAL
Originating Site: CASS LAKE HOSPITAL

Signed, Linked Notes of Title: FOLLOW-UP NEEDED

Date	Action	Author

Diagnoses: Chaf...

Micro-Medex login - white3
pass word - earth2

Abstracts

Notifications Visit Requirements Notes Medications Labs CPT Superbill Consults D/C Summ Asthma Zones Anti-coagulation Designated Providers Reports

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Key Takeaways

- It is ok to start small
- Be flexible
- Alternate forms of communication are needed
- We are always learning

Questions?
