



PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS,  
TREATMENT AND MONITORING OF THE  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS IN THE MOBILE  
SCREENING UNIT "SAÚDE + PERTO"

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## Abstract Background

- Liga Portuguesa Contra a SIDA (LPCS) was founded in 1990 and since then provides care and support to People Living with HIV, Hepatitis and/or other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI).
- LPCS main project regarding Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of these infections is Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) “Saúde + Perto”.
- MSU aims to provide easy access to testing, counselling, diagnosis, care and treatment among key populations (MSM, Drug Users, Homeless people, Sex Workers and their clients, and Immigrants).

## Abstract Method

- This mobile unit goes through the councils of Lisboa, Loures, and Odivelas performing health screenings for HIV, Hepatitis B and C and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). These screenings are all free of charge, confidential, and anonymous.
- The MSU has a multidisciplinary team composed by: a doctor, a psychologist, a technical of screening analyses, and mediator.

## Abstract Results

- > From 1/10/2014 to 31/03/2023, 10587 patients performed a screening session at the MSU: 5938 (56%) men, 4628 (43.7%) women and 21 (0.2%) transgenders, with an average age of 41.3 years (SD=16.0), with 87% accepting an HCV screening session.
- > From 9183 HCV screening sessions, 524 patients had reactive results (88% accepted referral, 89% of these had an appointment, 374 patients confirmed diagnosis; 13% had antibody due to previous infection).
- > From 93% patients who started treatment (n=212), 13% abandoned therapy. From 242 patients who completed treatment, 206 are cured.

Reactive	Referral	Confirmed Presence Hospital	Confirmed Diagnosis	Antibody due to previous infections	Abandoned treatment	Cured
524	461	412	374	62	42	206
(4,1%)	(88%)	(89,4%)	(87,6%)	(13,4%)	(13%)	(85,1%)



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## Abstract Conclusion

- Considering the synergy between STIs, co-infections between HCV and other STI were analysed. 96 patients had reactive screening for HCV and at least one other STI (18% reactive HCV). Of these 82 people, 45% live with this STI and HIV. More than 50% of these HCV infections belong to patients from key populations: 31,9% are Drug Users, 19,7% are Homeless People.

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