

# Research Internship

## Healthcare Provider Barriers to Screening for Hepatitis C

Baylor College of Medicine

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is responsible for 50% of new liver cancers in the U.S. Approximately 3 million Americans are infected with HCV. Although life-saving and curative treatments are available for HCV – to help prevent progression to liver cancer and other liver complications -- *many people with HCV are unaware they are infected* because they do not have symptoms and because a healthcare provider has not tested them for HCV. In fact, it is estimated that *45%-85% of people with HCV are not aware they are infected*.

**All** adults born between 1945 to 1965 should be screened for HCV. Additionally, those adults with risk-factors for HCV also should be screened. These risk factors include a history of injection drug use, receiving a blood transfusion before 1992, and patients on hemodialysis.

We are looking for a University of Houston student to help survey healthcare providers about their knowledge of and barriers to hepatitis C screening. The student will be involved with survey design, healthcare provider recruitment, data collection, and data analysis.

The ultimate goal of this project is to develop campaigns that will assist providers in screening more of their patients.

The time commitment is minimum 10 hours per week; priority will be given to students who have more available hours to commit to this research.

Start date: to be determined by University of Houston in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine faculty

Tentative end date: April 30, 2017

This is a non-paid position; University of Houston school credit will be determined by University policies

Qualifications:

- *Must be a junior or senior*
- Exceptional organizational skills
- Strong communication skills both written and oral
- Must have a car for transportation

Interested students should send a cover letter and resume to [CAPS.HCV@bcm.edu](mailto:CAPS.HCV@bcm.edu). Please include “**HCV Campaign Research Intern**” in the subject line of the email.

