San Diego Launches Initiative to Eliminate Hepatitis C by 2030

The California city seeks to dramatically reduce new HCV infections and related deaths.

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A new initiative by public advocates in San Diego is aiming to effectively eliminate hepatitis C virus (HCV) across the city by 2030, with plans to reduce new infections by 80 percent and HCV-related deaths by 65 percent over the next 12 years, KUSI News reports.

By the end of this year, various committees of the Eliminate Hepatitis C San Diego County Initiative hope to develop recommendations on how exactly to eradicate the virus; they also intend to present an official plan of action to the County Board of Supervisors in late 2019.

Last year, San Diego County reported 3,112 new cases of hepatitis C. HCV was listed as the underlying cause of death in 70 to 100 deaths in the region over the past year, say San Diego health officials.

For more information about the city's elimination plan, click here.

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