Hepatitis C, Labor Day and the Road Ahead

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I always think of Labor Day as the official end of summer. It is when we rest, and then roll up our sleeves and get back to work. With hepatitis C, we have our work cut out for us. Recently, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued their hepatitis C screening recommendations. This means hepatitis C screening for persons at increased risk and 1-time screening of adults born between 1945 and 1965. The test is a preventive service with no cost to the individual. This good news has the potential to save lives.

We have work ahead of us. We need to help spread the word. First, rest this Labor Day weekend; enjoy your friends and family, the shorter days, and the still warm evening sunsets. Then roll up your sleeves and help spread the word. There are millions with hepatitis C that we need to reach; their future can be lengthened if we reach them in time.

Here is a link to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement regarding Screening for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adults

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