



An OASIS for Often-ignored Hepatitis C Patients

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In observance of Hepatitis Awareness Month, I am posting to this blog daily, highlighting websites and organizations that are doing remarkable work educating the public, raising awareness, and making a difference in the lives of those affected by viral hepatitis. I suggest you visit each site, and find out what they are doing, how you can stay informed, and possibly help with their efforts.

The best way to describe the [OASIS Clinic](#) is in their own words, “The primary mission of O.A.S.I.S. is to provide high quality medical care, develop successful models of clinical intervention, and to develop and provide educational materials for the medically marginalized. We serve a multi-ethnic community, approximately ⅓ of whom are medically uninsured or underinsured and over 50% of whom have substance abuse histories—including alcohol abuse—of greater than 20 years duration. Our treatment services are available to all persons, regardless of how they contracted hepatitis C.”

If you don't know the director, Diana Sylvestre, MD, or the OASIS staff, I can best describe them as compassionate. (Read peer educator Orlando Chavez's [HEP Story](#)) OASIS offers simple, humane healthcare; just as it should be everywhere.

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