Be Opinionated About Hepatitis Awareness Month

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For a number of years in the month of May, I've written a opinion piece about viral hepatitis for my local newspaper. It seems like a perfect way to observe Hepatitis Awareness Month. The incidence of hepatitis C is quite high in my rural community, and sometimes the best way to make a difference is to act locally.

Opinions are fascinating ways of generating discussion and making change. Although this Brookings Institute Medicaid story isn't strictly an op-ed, I thought it was interesting. This report discusses a novel strategy for increasing access to hepatitis C treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Think your opinion doesn't matter? Think again. More people die every year as a result of hepatitis C than from all 60 reportable infectious diseases combined. This fact alone is worth expressing an opinion.

Do you have a hepatitis-related opinion you'd like to express? If so, tweet @hepatitismag and let's generate some ideas.

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