July 28 Is World Hepatitis Day

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Thursday, July 28, is World Hepatitis Day. Launched in 2008 by the World Hepatitis Alliance, this year's event is coordinated for the first time with the World Health Organization (WHO). The groups seek to increase recognition of viral hepatitis as a major global health problem. More than 1 million people die every year from hepatitis worldwide. As many as 5.3 million people are estimated to be living with viral hepatitis in the United States—and most of them don't know they have it. To enhance the fight against hepatitis, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently released *Combating the Silent Epidemic of Viral Hepatitis: Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis*, a nationwide strategy to prevent new cases and expand treatment.

To learn more about World Hepatitis Day, click here.

To learn more about the HHS strategy, click here.

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