

Victorian Hepatitis C General Practitioners Education Program

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Background

- GP Education Working Group, HCV Subcommittee of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Blood-Borne and Sexually Transmissible Infections

Rates of Hepatitis C

- 210,000 people estimated to be living with Hepatitis C in Australia
- approximately 16,000 people becoming infected every year

Who is at risk?

- 81 percent of current infections attributed to unsafe injecting drug use
- A significant minority has medically acquired hepatitis C through receiving blood or blood products prior to 1990

Other factors leading to risk

- Incarceration
- Indigenous status
- A culturally and linguistically diverse background
- Geographic location

Knowledge deficiencies in BBV

- Differences in transmission of hepatitis A, B and C
- Risk factors for hepatitis C transmission
- Impact of hepatitis C on the quality of life of those infected
- Support needs of people with hepatitis C

The Victorian Hep C GP Education Program

- 12 month project (0.5 EFT)
- Co-managed by GPDV and DHS

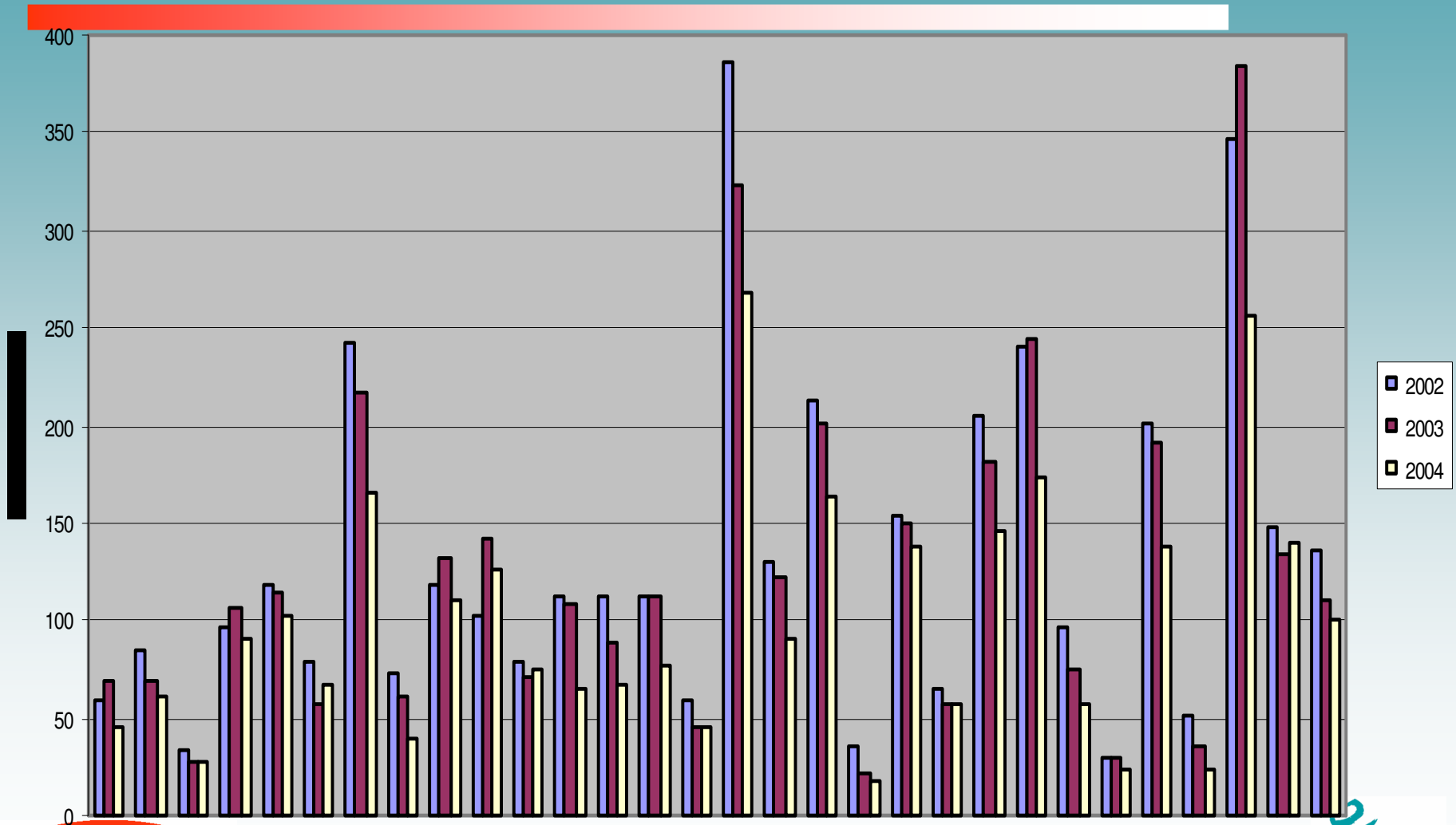
Key Activities

- Liaison with divisions
 - Existing programs
 - Local requirements
 - Contact within the Division

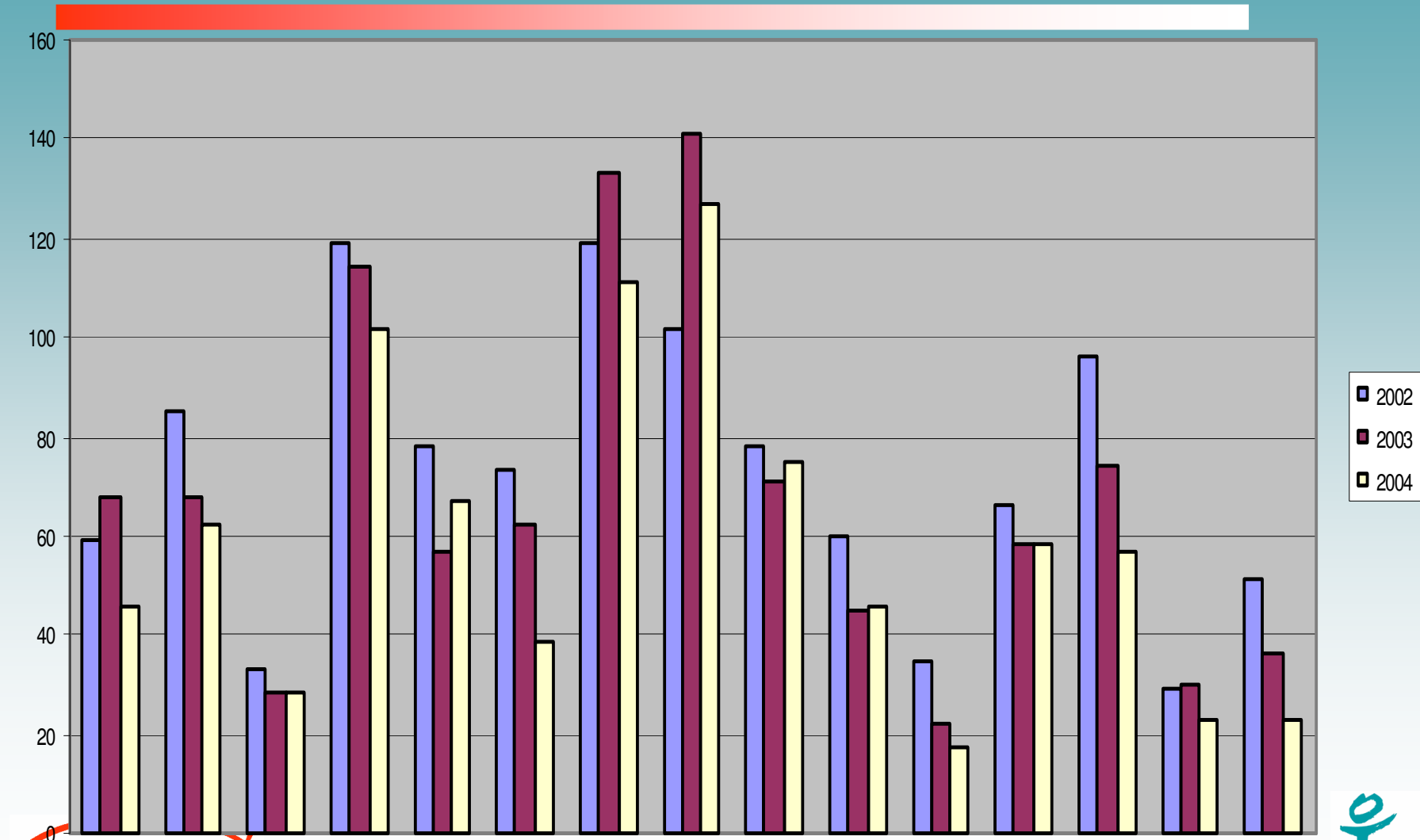
Key Activities

- Distribution of information packs to Victorian GPs
- Hepatitis C education sessions for GPs and practice nurses
- Reinforcing key messages to GPs and practice nurses
- Evaluation

Hep C notifications by all divisions



Rural notifications for Hep C



Metropolitan notifications for Hep C

