ARISTOTLE HCV-HIV is a community-based ‘seek-test-treat’ programme where people who inject drugs (PWID) are recruited using chain-referral sampling with monetary incentives.

**Aim:**
To increase linkage to care (LTC) and treatment initiation in HCV and HIV for people who use drugs in Athens, Greece.

**Why is the model needed?**
Out of 1365 clients enrolled in the programme between 2 April 2018 and 28 February 2019:
- 92% unemployed
- 27% homeless
- 79% no social security number
- 78% reported injection drug use in the past month
- 87% of 1048 patients were HCV RNA+ 

**What is the model and how does it work?**

Prometheus facility is based in the centre of Athens in an area renowned for a high level of drug use.

**Interventions used to enhance HCV testing, LTC and treatment uptake**
- Patient chain-referral sampling programme with monetary incentive
- Integrated on-site, community-based, peer-supported testing, counselling, education and treatment prescription
- Fast-track HCV evaluation and liver disease assessment using transient elastography

**Outcomes**
- Community-based peer-driven chain referral increases LTC and treatment initiation in PWID – a large, high-risk and underserved population in Athens.