

CAN WE REPORT THE STATUS OF A CASCADE OF CARE FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS B AND C IN ROMANIA?

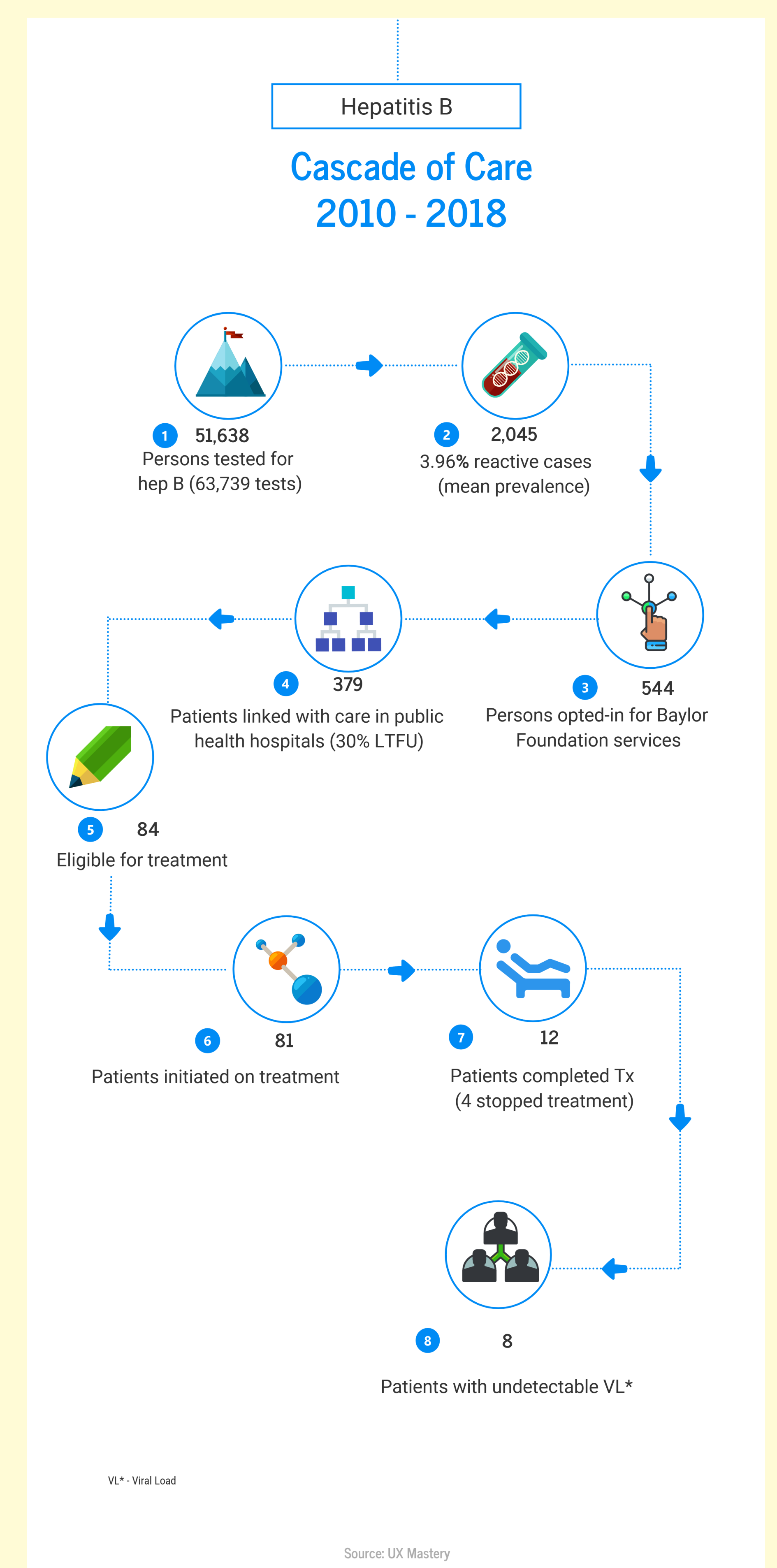
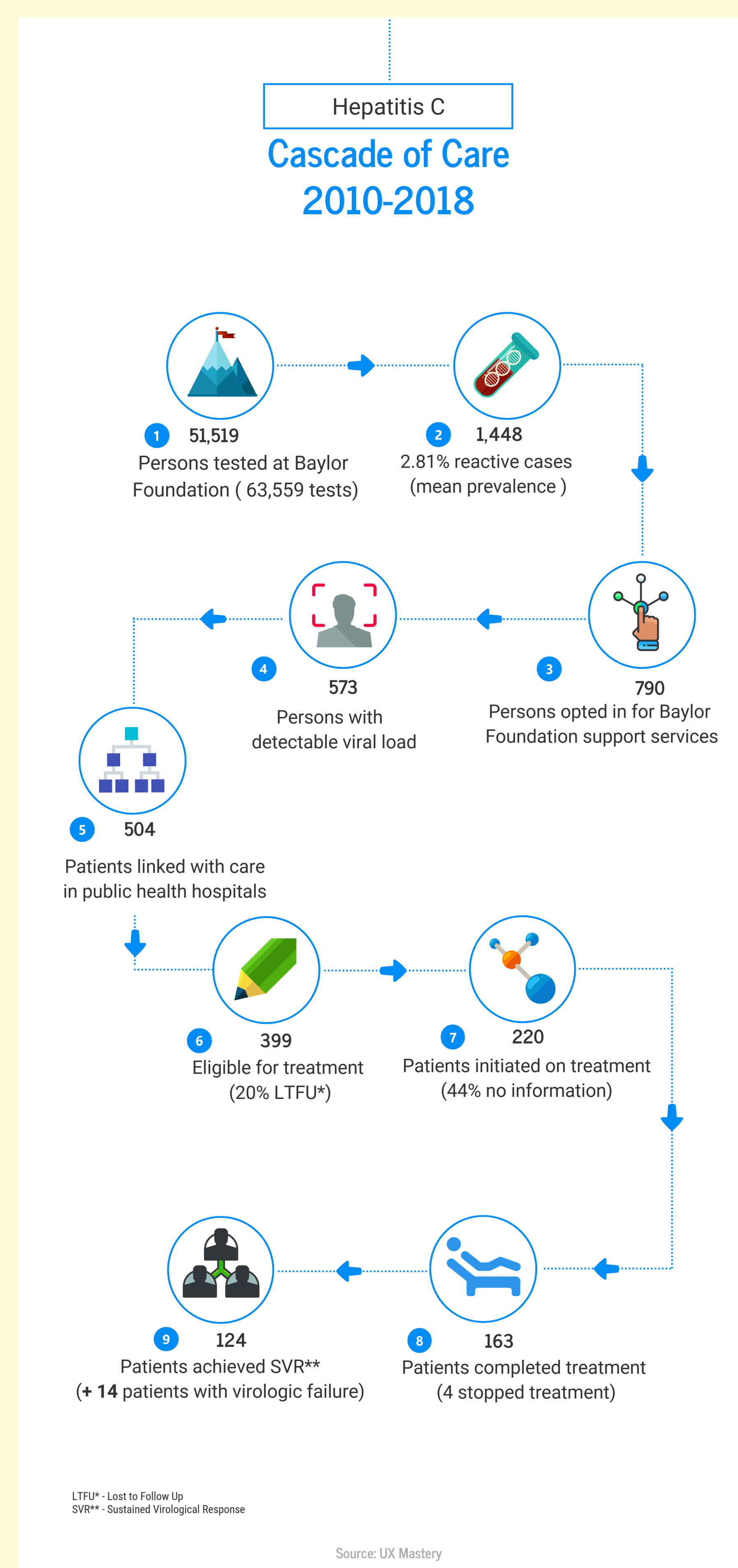
The Experience of Baylor Foundation's Hepatitis Screening and Care Program in Dobrogea Region between 2010 - 2018

Objectives

We aimed to identify if current partnerships in Dobrogea region allow for reporting a cascade of care for viral hepatitis B and C.

Background

Baylor Black Sea Foundation has initiated in 2010 a viral hepatitis FIND-TEST-LINK-CARE PROGRAM for the general population in Dobrogea with funding from the Abbott Fund and AbbVie Foundation. DAAs are available in Romania through the National Health Insurance House since 2015.



Conclusions

The 9 year long Baylor program confirms high prevalence of hep B (3.96%) and hep C (2.81%) in Dobrogea. 25% of the HCV patients linked with care achieve SVR and 3% for HBV. There is still a big number of patients who need monitoring, care and support, including mental health and life style change interventions. These services can be offered through PP partnerships. There is an obvious difference in the level of structure and communication when comparing the two infections; during the last years, health system strengthening has been focused on hep C, but not on hep B. Our data shows significantly higher rates of patients lost to follow up for hep B (78% HBV and 12% for HCV) after referral.

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