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Major HIV/STI conferences in Melbourne

Sexual Health Conference: 8 to 11 October 2004

18th ASHM Conference : 11 to 14 October 2006

More than a thousand doctors, scientists, researchers and clinicians working in the area of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) will participate in two conferences held back-to-back in Melbourne this week.

A number of prestigious international speakers will attend both conferences. Following the recent World AIDS Conference in Toronto, prevention has become even more central to HIV work. Dr Gary Nabel, director of the Vaccine Research Center at the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will speak about his work with vaccines for infectious diseases, and its application to HIV, SARS, influenza and a range of other scourges.

Professor Sharon Hillier of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine was recently named head of the Microbicide Trials Network (MTN), a US federally funded consortium of international researchers working on microbicides. She will discuss the development of topical microbicides which will allow women to take control of their own protection against HIV infection.

At the Sexual Health Conference, chlamydia forms a central theme, from prevention to testing and treatment, as does gonorrhoea. The question of how to reach young sexually active people is also the focus of a number of creative and effective strategies.

The recent Australian world-first development of a vaccine against the human papillomavirus (HPV), strains of which cause cervical cancer, has triggered a range of research looking at the effectiveness, the costs and other aspects of delivering this vaccine throughout the community. Issues concerning STIs in pregnancy are also a focus of the Sexual Health conference.

Australasian Sexual Health Conference 2006

Where: Carlton Crest Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne
When: Monday 8 to Wednesday 11 October 2006
Web: <http://sexualhealth2006.com.au/>

The Australasian Sexual Health Conference is convened by the Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine, part of the Royal Australian College of Physicians.

18th annual ASHM Conference

Where: Carlton Crest Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne
When: Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 October 2006
Website: www.ashm.org.au/2006_conf/program

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