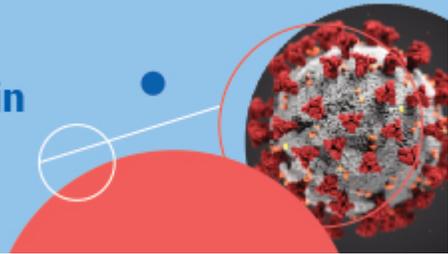


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A project of the Taskforce on BBVs, Sexual Health and COVID-19

Sexual Health Workforce Bulletin

Love in the time of COVID-19 #8

6 October 2020

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Welcome to the eighth edition of the Sexual Health Workforce Bulletin. These bulletins aim to provide the sexual health workforce with information on changes in clinical practice, health service innovation, medical education, emerging research and useful resources.

The bulletin includes:

- [Upcoming webinars and recordings](#)
- [Education on offer from ASHM and other training providers](#)
- [News and research](#)
- [Useful resources for the workforce](#)

The bulletin has been developed by the ASHM Sexual Health Program with expert input by members of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine (AChSHM) and the

Taskforce on BBVs, Sexual Health and COVID-19.

We hope that you are finding this bulletin useful, and are keen to receive your submissions and ideas for future editions (please email these to sexualhealth@ashm.org.au). Please distribute this bulletin through your networks.

Stay safe and well,

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The banner features a central image of a laptop displaying the course title. To the left, a dark blue circle contains the text 'RACGP & ACRRM points and certificate of completion available'. To the right, another dark blue circle says 'Start learning today at lms.ashm.org.au'. Below the laptop, the text reads 'Develop your skills to confidently discuss sexual health with patients and conduct guideline-based STI screening and testing.' At the bottom left are the logos for 'ashm' (Developing a Sustainable WA, Sexual Health & Sexual Health Assistance) and the 'Department of Health' of 'WESTERN AUSTRALIA'. A decorative graphic of overlapping circles is in the bottom right corner.

Accessible via the [ASHM LMS](#), log in with a free account and then search 'STI Testing'.

The module is an accredited learning activity with RACGP and ACRRM, and a certificate of completion is available.

Sector updates

These updates were graciously supplied by our colleagues in the workforce. For any questions or commentary please reach out to the organisations listed.



SPHERE

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women in Primary Care

Nurse and midwife-led provision of early medical abortion: a consensus statement (SPHERE)

SPHERE's Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) COVID-19 Coalition have released a consensus statement on nurse and midwife-led provision of mifepristone and misoprostol for the purpose of early medical abortion. The statement outlines a number of recommendations to address the key regulatory barriers to nurse and midwife-led provision of medical abortion care.

[View the consensus statement](#)



Be Proud of your Choices campaign (CERSH)

Amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, CERSH, 1800 My Options and the SHOUT Working Party teamed up to develop a sexual health promotion campaign, targeted at young people living in rural/regional Victoria. The Be Proud of Your Choices campaign delivers positive messages to young people about taking the time to talk about their sexual health and contraception needs.

<https://www.shoutrural.com/be-proud>

Have questions about the campaign?

Contact Bree Attwood at CERSH

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Webinars

Register for these upcoming webinars:

Providing Care during COVID-19: QLD webinar series (ASHM)

ASHM in partnership with IRIS Education, Hepatitis Queensland and Queensland Positive People are delivering a webinar series exploring some of the key challenges and changes as we adapt to new ways of providing healthcare in Queensland during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We highly recommend Queenslanders register for the first webinar in the series later this week, where an expert panel will discuss changes to sexual and reproductive health services. [Register here](#) or click the image below

Webinar
Sexual and Reproductive Health and COVID-19
Thursday 8 October 2020, 7:00pm – 8.30pm

Dr Caroline Harvey
Iris Education

Dr Catriona Melville
Marie Stopes Australia

Penny Kenchington
Townsville Sexual Health

Jacqui McLellan
Brisbane Sexual Health and HIV Service

Other upcoming sessions in the series:

HIV and COVID-19

Thursday 22nd October 2020, 7pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ASHM-Covid22Oct>

Hepatitis B and COVID-19

Thursday 5th November, 7pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ASHM-Covid5Nov>

Hepatitis C and COVID-19

Thursday 19th November, 7pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ASHM-Covid19Nov>

Sexual and Reproductive Health and COVID-19

Thursday 3rd December, 7pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ASHM-Covid3Dec>

The Providing care during COVID-19: Queensland Webinar series is funded by QLD Health



Why trust digital health? Understanding the perspectives of communities affected by BBVs/STIs and social stigma

Presented by James MacGibbon, Anthony K J Smith and Christy Newman

This seminar will discuss key findings from a national community survey and key informant interviews conducted in the [Trust in Digital Health study](#): a partnership between the UNSW Centre for Social Research in Health and community organisations representing people with HIV, sex workers, gay and bisexual men, and trans and gender diverse people in Australia.

21 October 2020 (4:00-5:00pm AEST)

[Register here](#)

Access these recordings:

Sexual and reproductive health and COVID-19 (ASHM & RACGP)

Dr Amy Moten (GP and Medical Educator, Shine SA) and Dr Catriona Melville (Medical Director, Marie Stopes)

Australia) update GPs on changes in sexual and reproductive healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic, including STI testing and treatment, contraception and abortion.

[Watch it here](#)

Education

Antenatal Sexual Health Kit Course (True Relationships & Reproductive Health)

8 October 2020

[Register here](#)

Sexual Health in Primary Care (ASHM)

14 & 21 October 2020

[Register here](#)

Introduction to Post-Abortion Counselling (Children by Choice)

14 & 21 October 2020

[Register here](#)

GP Education Day: Gender affirming care in the General Practice setting (AusPATH)

31 October 2020

[Register here](#)

ASHM education:

- [ASHM upcoming training](#)
- [ASHM online learning](#)

Other training providers:

- [Children by Choice](#)
 - [Family Planning NSW](#)
 - [Sexual Health Quarters](#)
 - [ShineSA](#)
 - [The Albion Centre](#)
 - [True Relationships & Reproductive Health](#)
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Surveys

Please share the below surveys to your networks as appropriate.

Please help us to promote the I-SHARE Survey (Curtin University)

The survey is open to everyone over the age of 18 living in Australia.

I-SHARE (International Sexual Health And REproductive) Health Survey examines the impact of COVID-19 on sexual and reproductive health. This study aims to investigate how different isolation measures implemented by the Australian government have affected family structures, relationships, and access to sexual and reproductive health services.

All participants have the chance to enter the draw to win a \$50 gift card to either Bunnings, Myer or JB HI-FI!

[Click here](#) to share on Facebook

[Click here](#) to share on Instagram

[Click here](#) to participate

For more information, visit the website <https://ishare.web.unc.edu/australia/>.

The Migrant Blood-Borne Virus and Sexual Health (MiBBS) survey is now live! (Curtin University)

This survey is ONLY for people living in Australia who:

- are aged 18 or over AND
- were born in Sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia or North-East Asia (the BLUE REGIONS below).

To share with a link to the online survey among your own networks, please use:

https://curtin.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zQwqI3HhsCVATX?Source=EmailQUT

You can also link to Curtin University social media and share content directly from @MiBBSurvey on Twitter and Facebook.

STI Screening Survey (Tropical Public Health Sexual Health Team)

North Queensland health professionals are invited to participate in a brief survey about testing processes and perceptions for sexually transmitted diseases as part of the North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexually Transmissible Infections Action Plan 2016-2021.

Complete the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWSSRCM>

News and research

- Sri Lanka's backstreet abortions: hundreds of women take daily risks with illegal terminations ([Telegraph UK](#))
- Women in regional NSW finding access to abortion tougher during coronavirus pandemic ([ABC](#))
- The man who died before his disease had a name ([ABC](#))
- Women in regional NSW finding access to abortion tougher during coronavirus pandemic ([ABC](#))

- \$1.9 million MRFF grant to improve access to medical abortion services in rural and regional areas ([Monash](#))
- The Trump administration's war on birth control ([Vox](#))
- Telehealth: an opportunity to increase access to early medical abortion for Australian women ([MJA](#))

Articles and studies included in this section have not been reviewed by the Taskforce, however we endeavour to only include content from reputable sources.

Conferences



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2020 VIRTUAL

Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS
and Sexual Health Conferences
16–20 November 2020
www.hivshconferences2020.com.au

[Program Overview Now Available!](#)

The Joint Virtual Program will comprise of topical interactive live sessions, plenaries, and On Demand content as well as the opportunity to connect with each other via the Meeting Hub.



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Monday 9 November 2020
hivshconferences2020.com.au



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SPHERE

NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in
Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women in Primary Care

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Over two days on 24 & 26 November 2020

Showcasing the latest research from SPHERE on
abortion, contraception and preconception care

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Diana Greene Foster

Director of Research, Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, University of California, San Francisco

Professor Daniel Grossman

Director, Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, University of California, San Francisco



SPHERE



To register your interest, please email
SPHERE-CRE@monash.edu

Resources

AHPRA: [Telehealth guidance for health practitioners](#)

ASHM: [Taskforce on BBVs, sexual health and COVID-19](#)

CERSH: [April 2020 News Update \(subscribe to future editions here\)](#)

Marie Stopes Australia:

[Sexual and reproductive health rights in Australia situational report](#) / [Service delivery updates](#)

PositiveLifeNSW: [Getting practical about COVID-19 and HIV](#)

RACGP: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) information for GPs](#)

RACP: [How the college is supporting you](#)

RANZCOG: [COVID-19 information hub](#)

Scarlet Alliance: [COVID-19 impact and response for sex workers](#)

SPHERE: [SRH and COVID-19 Coalition](#)

SRHM: [Collection of papers on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the era of COVID-19](#)

Call for contributions

We are now calling for submissions for the next edition of this bulletin. Below are some examples of the type of content we would like to include in the bulletin, relating to sexual, reproductive and transgender health:

- Practice changes as a result of COVID-19
- Implications for care and communities
- Innovative responses and adaptations
- Telehealth challenges and successes
- Education opportunities (e.g. online training and conferences)
- Emerging research
- Useful resources

However, all contributions are welcomed. Please send any contributions to sexualhealth@ashm.org.au. Submissions for the next edition close on **Monday 16 November**, with the bulletin to be published the following week. Submissions after **Monday 16 November** will go toward subsequent editions.

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