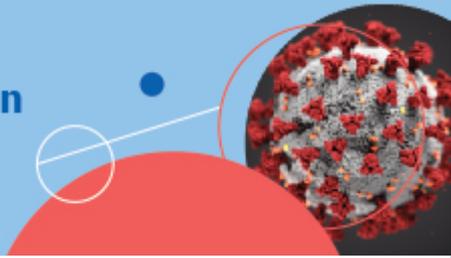


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29 March 2021

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Welcome to the first edition of the Sexual Health Workforce Bulletin for 2021.

These bulletins aim to provide the sexual health workforce with information on changes in clinical practices, health service innovations, medical education, emerging research and useful resources.

In this edition we would like to take the opportunity to introduce some new programs, campaigns, and resources within the sector from:

- [ASHM's Sexual Health Team](#)
- [Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health \(CERSH\)](#)
- [International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics \(FIGO\)](#)
- [MS Health](#)
- [Study NSW and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District](#)
- [The Sydney Bi+ Network](#)
- [True and Queensland Health](#)
- [Women's Health Victoria](#)

You will also find all of our usual content, including:

- [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.

As always, please send through your submissions and ideas to sexualhealth@ashm.org.au. We would also appreciate you distributing this bulletin through your networks.

Stay safe and well,

Dr Vincent Cornelisse

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&
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ASHM Sexual Health Program Acting Manager

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.



Seeking Expressions of Interest -Steering committee for the development of sexual health history taking videos

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners, GPs and Practice Nurses** who work in primary care settings, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, or sexual health services to join the steering committee for this project. Committee members will provide guidance for the content of the videos. ASHM staff members will facilitate and coordinate the committee and the project.

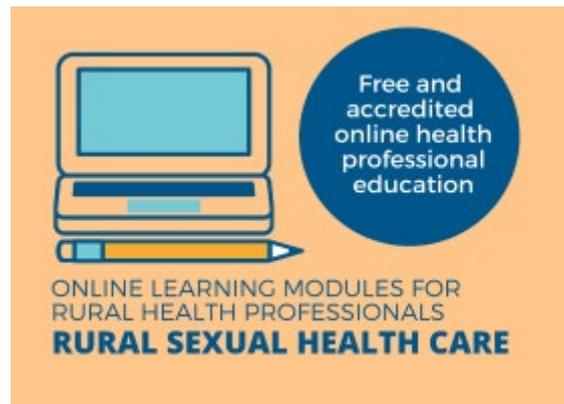
Please [click here](#) to complete your expression of interest.
(or type <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY3B75H> in your browser)

Have questions about the project?
Please contact Sarah Maunsell at sarah.maunsell@ashm.org.au



Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health (CERSH)

CERSH is starting the new year with a new website! All the existing resources have undergone a refresh, including the Health Practitioner Resource Hub for Abortion and Contraception Care.
[Check out their new website here](#)



CERSH Rural Sexual Health Modules

CERSH has developed free and accredited online learning modules for rural health professionals and other interested rural workers. There are currently 12 modules available. The overall aim of the modules is to provide practitioners with knowledge and skills regarding aspects of sexual health that particularly pertain to the rural setting.

[Access here.](#)



International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO): Call for Action in Indigenous and First Nations Women's Health and Wellbeing

The International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (IJGO) welcomes papers for a special issue on Indigenous and First Nations Women's Health and Wellbeing throughout the world.

Research that is led by or in partnership with Indigenous or First Nations people would be welcome. Please state in the cover letter how Indigenous or First Nations people were involved in leading or conducting the research, or in writing the manuscript.

Deadline for submission: 26th April 2021

More information and submission guidelines can be found at:
<https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/18793479/2021cfps>

MSHealth

MS Health

[MS Health](#) has been reflecting on their role and mission and what it will take to advance bodily autonomy for all people in Australia, in a context of rapid change and advancement. Despite the [magnitude of challenges](#) that have arisen throughout the pandemic, and a humbling level of response of support and encouragement was received from key stakeholders.

The MS Health risk management plan and the certification program play an important part in how medicines are safely and responsibly provided in Australia. Changes to risk management plans are

subject to regulatory review and approval, and MS Health continues to be fully supportive of the certification, training and audit requirements, while exploring appropriate ways to improve and extend access options in line with community expectations.

One of these expectations is transparency around how the program has been received by healthcare professionals. As such, MS Health have committed to publishing annual uptake data for the national certification program for medical abortion. The annual impact report will share the numbers of actively certified dispensers and prescribers by Australian state and territory. The report will be published in April 2021 on the [MS Health website](#).



Sydney Bi+ Network

As part of Bi+ Health Month, [Sydney Bi+ Network](#) launched an awareness campaign on experiences on HIV prevention and healthcare for the bi+ community (bi, pan, queer, fluid, questioning etc.). Bi+ Health Month will be concluded with a community consultation to allow bi+ people to learn about HIV and share their experiences on March 30. The community-led campaign has been incredibly successful and has started many conversations destigmatising HIV in the bi+ community.

Find the campaign on Instagram [@sydney.biplus.network](#)

Have questions about the campaign?

Contact Eloise Monteiro and Steve Spencer at syd.bi.network@gmail.com



The International Students Health Promotion Project

[The International Students Health Promotion Project](#) (Study NSW and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District funded) aimed to build the capacity of international students to improve their health and well-being by increasing their understanding of, and access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) information and services. The findings from 207 surveys and 52 participants in focus groups highlight students are uncertain as to how and where to access SRH services and evidence-based information. Barriers to access include cost, confidentiality, embarrassment, worry about being judged, and uncertainty as to what is covered by Overseas Health Student Cover (OSHC). In response, a wallet-sized card and display poster was co-designed with students to enable students to have ready access to online current, evidence-based SRH information.

For further information please contact Helen Rogers at Helen.Rogers@health.nsw.gov.au



Translated Sexual Health

In 2020, True was funded by Queensland Health to design and launch a health promotion campaign to raise community awareness of syphilis including migrant and refugee communities.

[An information booklet, video, information resources and a website](#) were created as part of the campaign to raise awareness in various settings such as local communities and schools. The booklet and video have been translated by Ethnic Communities Council of QLD (ECCQ) into various languages. Visit the website for more information and to download the translated resources (in Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese).

[Click here](#) to also access a NEW translated Tok Pisin resource:

Your Body, Your Choice: sexual assault fact sheet. This fact sheet is also available in Arabic, simplified Chinese, English, Indonesian, Korean, Nepali, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese.



Delivering optimal sexual and reproductive health outcomes for Victorian women: priorities for the next women's sexual and reproductive health plan 2021-2025

[Women's Health Victoria \(WHV\)](#) undertook a consultation with the Victorian sexual and reproductive health sector around the impacts of the Victorian Government's Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health: Key Priorities 2017-2020, as well as priorities and challenges for future women's sexual and reproductive health access and service provision. [Read more here.](#)
[Download the print version here.](#)

The Victorian Government also announced \$1.67 million in funding for **1800 My Options** to enable this essential state-wide woman's sexual and reproductive health service to continue for a further four years. [Read more here](#)

Webinars

Register for these upcoming webinars!

Bi+ experiences of HIV prevention and healthcare: An education session and consultation
Wednesday, April 14, 2:00 - 3:30pm (AEST)

This webinar will provide an evidence-based review of bi+ people's unique experiences of HIV prevention, healthcare and community. We will also discuss research challenges and limitations that mask bi+ health disparities, which have flow-on effects to further research, services, health promotion and policy. The webinar will conclude with an open consultation to discuss how Sydney Bi+ Network and the HIV sector can improve bi+ health.

Sydney Bi+ Network is a volunteer organisation, which aims to improve the wellbeing of bi+ people through education, advocacy, community-building.

For more information and registration, [click here](#).



Monash IVF

Virtual Info Sessions.

Jan to June 2021

Monash IVF Virtual Info Sessions

The upcoming webinar series are:

Initial Fertility Investigations
Tuesday, 27 April, 7pm (AEST)

Non IVF Treatments
Monday, 17 May, 7pm (AEST)

Complex Fertility and Miscarriage
Tuesday, 22 June, 7pm (AEST)

To **RSVP** for these webinars please email seminars@monashivf.com

More information: <https://monashivf.com/>

Education

Sexual Health in Primary Care (ASHM)

27 April & 4 May, 7pm - 8:30pm (ACST)

[Register Here](#)

STI and BBV Nursing: Management and Care (ASHM)

18 – 26 May, 6:30pm - 8:30pm (AEST)

[Register Here](#)

Sexual and Reproductive Health in Primary Care (ASHM)

15 & 22 May, 9:30am- 12:30pm (AEST)

[Register Here](#)

Deadly Sex Congress (ASHM)

15 & 16 June, 9am - 5pm (AEST)

[For more information and registration click here.](#)



Traffic Lights®: Sexual Behaviours in Children and Young People (True)

Do you work with children and young people? Attend this essential professional development full day course for all health professionals to correctly identify, understand and respond to sexual behaviours in children and young people and to protect them from harm or abuse.

Multiple dates at multiple locations available.

[More information here.](#)



LGBTQ Suicide Prevention for GPs eLearning (Pride Training)

[Register Here](#)

Access 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](#)

Survey

Sexual Health Quarters survey - community training needs assessment

SHQ is undertaking research to inform our sexual health training for community professionals. The findings of this short survey will be used to ensure that our training meets your needs.

On completion of the survey, you can opt to be entered into a prize draw to win a place at Day One of SHQ's Nuts and Bolts of Sexual Health course.

Complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WF63VX7>

Conference



Abstract Submission Now Open!

The 2021 Committee are pleased to announce that abstract submission is now open for the **Joint Australasian Sexual Health and HIV&AIDS Conferences: VIRTUAL** to be held from **6-9 September 2021**.

We invite you to consider presenting your work at this premier conference in the Australia and Asia Pacific region. This is an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your research, increase your knowledge and collaborate with the sector.

Following last year's VIRTUAL conference, we look forward to expanding the program for 2021 with 3 concurrent streams. The focus will be on including a greater number of abstracts in the live program as well as offering positions in the On-Demand resource gallery.

For more information visit <https://shhivconferences2021.com.au/>

Abstract Submission Deadline: 2 May 2021, 11:59pm (AEST)



ACM QLD State Conference 2021| Registration is now open!

Join this vibrant two day event in Toowong Brisbane hosted by the ACM QLD branch. The title of the conference is 'Midwives: now and into the future' and they are excited to bring you the two day program in the coming weeks. Conference program [access here](#)

Starts 8:30am Thursday, 6 May 2021

Ends 5:00pm Friday, 7 May 2021

Location Figs on Sylvan, 65 Sylvan Road, Toowong, Queensland 4066, Australia

For more information and registration, [please visit the website here](#)

News and research

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

- Australian Trans & Gender Diverse Sexual Health Survey Output and Impact Summary, December 2020 ([access here](#)).
- GPs urged not to test gay men for STI 'super bug' over fears it will become more antibiotic resistant ([Guardian](#))
- Does Australia's sex education curriculum need to include more on sex positivity, LGBTQI+ relationships and intimacy? ([ABC](#)).

- Writing Themselves in 4 National Report, February 2021 ([Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, LaTrobe University.](#))
- Medical abortion in Australia: a short history ([Reproductive Health Matters](#))
- False claims tying coronavirus vaccines to infertility drive doubts among women of childbearing age. ([The Washington Post](#))
- Australian-first morning after pill delivery service launches for International Women's Day. ([news.com.au](#))

Resources



QLD STI/BBV Testing Tool for Asymptomatic People

Queensland Health has adapted the testing tool to reflect current guidelines for STI/BBV testing and treatment, and information about partner notification/contact tracing. [Download PDF file here](#)

For more information, please visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/sex-health/guidelines>

Queensland Clinical Guidelines Update

The syphilis in pregnancy guideline has been updated:

- Guideline Supplement: Syphilis in pregnancy ([download here](#)).
- Syphilis in pregnancy ([download here](#)).
- Syphilis in pregnancy: Antenatal care flowchart ([download here](#)).
- Syphilis in pregnancy: Baby care flowchart ([download here](#)).
- Presentation: Syphilis in pregnancy ([download here](#)).

For more information, please visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/qcg/publications>



Trans-Affirming Clinical Language Guide

Supporting trans patients, binary and non-binary, requires developing a safe, inclusive environment that goes beyond the clinical consultation itself. [Download PDF file here](#)

For information, please visit <https://www.transhub.org.au/clinicians/sexual-health>

SHINE SA's Sexual Health Matters podcast

This podcast gets right to the heart of those topics we commonly think of as too intimate or embarrassing to discuss. [Listen here.](#)

The Women's & Children's Health Update: Updated Cervical Screening Guidelines – What's New? [Listen here.](#)

This episode include:

- The changes to the Australian cervical screening guidelines to be implemented on 1/2/2021.
- The rationale for these changes and what it will mean for our patients.
- Special considerations for high-risk groups with an intermediate CST report – women over 50 years of age, those more than 2 years late for screening and those who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Let's Talk Abortion- 1800 My Options

Watch the video [here](#) or click below.



COVID-19 information

- 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](#)
 - Positive Life NSW: [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](#)
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Call for contributions

We are **calling for submissions** for the next edition of the bulletin. All contributions relating to sexual, reproductive, and transgender health are welcomed.

Please send any contributions for the next edition **by 7 May 2021, with the bulletin to be published the following week**. Submissions after 7 May 2021 will be added to subsequent editions.

Please forward this bulletin to your networks. We welcome submissions for future editions of this bulletin from any individuals or organisations working in sexual health. Please email sexualhealth@ashm.org.au



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