



Fundamentals of HIV, STIs and HCV

for Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers

Supporting the HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Workforce

Date **Wednesday 21 March 2018**

Venue **Lazy River Estate, 29R Old Dubbo Rd, Dubbo NSW 2830**

Time **9:30am - 3:00pm**

This practical workshop for registered nurses, emergency nurses, practice nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers in both hospital and community settings will increase participants' confidence and knowledge in the areas of HIV, STIs and HCV. Through interactive group work, participants will become more familiar with risk factors, clinical signs and symptoms, patient assessment and management in the local context.

Did you know...

- Whilst testing and diagnoses of chlamydia have increased in the past five years, the vast majority of infections in young people (15–29 years) remain undiagnosed and untreated.¹
- In Western NSW Local Health District, notifications rates for both gonorrhoea and chlamydia have more than doubled over the last 10 years.¹
- An infectious syphilis outbreak has the potential to spread to NSW.³
- In the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, the notification rate for gonorrhoea is 7 times higher, infectious syphilis is 5 times higher and chlamydia is 3 times higher than in the non-Indigenous population.¹
- An estimated 30,434 Australians were cured of hepatitis C in 2016.¹

¹ HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections in Australia: annual surveillance report 2017

² Health Statistics NSW, NSW Government, accessed at: <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/> in Feb, 2016

³ Infectious Syphilis Alert, NSW Health Sept

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify the priority populations for HIV, STIs and HCV screening
- Explain how to test and diagnose HIV, STIs and HCV infections
- Describe techniques to use when engaging with clients at risk of HIV, STIs and HCV
- Describe patient assessment, treatment, management, monitoring and prevention for HIV, STIs and HCV
- Recognise risk factors, clinical signs, symptoms and complications of advanced liver disease

Course participants will receive a range of complimentary ASHM membership benefits for the duration of the financial year, including access to the latest sector information.

Presenters will include the following local and visiting experts:

Vickie Knight

Clinical Nurse Consultant
Sydney Sexual Health Centre and the Kirby Institute

Kim Grant

Sexual Health & HIV CNC
Western NSW Local Health District

Katherine McQuillan

Clinical Nurse Specialist Viral Hepatitis
Bathurst Community Health Centre

This course is **free**. Catering will be provided.

Register at:

www.ashm.org.au/training

Registrations Close:

Wednesday, 14th March 2018

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