



This pack has been developed to help promote Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) education and training courses and other opportunities across Victoria.

Calendar of events

Please add our training sessions to your newsletters and social media calendars. Details of all statewide training for blood borne virus and sexually transmitted infection can be found on our [bbv/sti education and events calendar](#).

Training topic	Training dates October to November 2023	
1. Working with Sex Workers: Health and Well-Being under Decriminalisation (Online)	Thursday, 12 October	6pm – 8pm
2. Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant STIs: Mycoplasma Genitalium, Gonorrhoea and Others (Online)	Tuesday, 14 November	6:30pm – 8:30pm
3. HIV S100 Prescriber Course (Face-to-face)	Saturday, 11 November and Sunday, 12 November	9am – 5pm
4. Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives (Online)	Wednesday, 15 November and Monday, 20 November	5pm – 8pm
5. STI Community of Practice (Online)	Tuesday, 28 November	6pm – 8pm
6. Kink Health for the Sexually Adventurous (Online)	Wednesday, 29 November	6:30pm – 8:30pm
7. PrEP and HIV Essentials for Primary Care (Online)	Thursday, 30 November	6:30pm – 8:30pm

Social media and newsletters

VHHITAL is using the VTPHNA social channels to promote all events – please share the posts and where possible. We have provided social media tiles and suggested copy for your newsletters and social media below. [You can download the social media tiles in high resolution here.](#)

Social tags

- Facebook: [@vtphna](#), [@mshc.org.au](#), [@StVincentHospitalMelb](#),
- LinkedIn: [@victorian-tasmanian-phn-alliance](#), [@melbourne-sexual-health-centre](#), [@svhm](#)
- Twitter: [@MSHCRsearch](#), [@StVHealthAust](#),

Where to go for VHHITAL information

You can find all our course information and other opportunities on our [website](#).

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1. Working with Sex Workers: Health and Well-Being under Decriminalisation

The Sex Work Decriminalisation Act 2022 (VIC) is an essential step in ensuring better health and human rights outcomes for sex workers. However, despite the law now recognizing sex work as legitimate work, the long history of stigma, discrimination and criminalisation of sex work is still a barrier to accessing health care including primary health, mental health and alcohol and other drug services.

This education session will support all primary health care workers, including mental health and alcohol and other drugs professionals, in understanding their responsibilities under the new legislation and equip them with the knowledge and confidence needed to provide best practice healthcare to all patients, whether sex work status has been disclosed or not.

Date: Thursday, 12 October

Time: 6pm – 8pm

CPD: 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/3P288jm>

Suggested social media copy

- "It was an excellent session with highly skilled and knowledgeable presenters."
- "Expectations were by far exceeded. Engaging and informative presentation."
- "Thank you for encouraging me to be a better clinician!"

Hear from sex workers with diverse identities and experiences, ask questions and access ad hoc resources and network in our CPD-approved training sessions.

Following the enactment of the Sex Work Decriminalisation Act of 2022 (VIC), these sessions will support all primary health care workers in understanding the changes to their responsibilities and equip them with the knowledge and confidence needed to provide best practice health care to all patients, whether sex work status has been disclosed or not.

This training is co-designed by Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program and Vixen Collective, Victoria's peer-only sex worker organisation and is funded by the Victorian Department of Health. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3P288jm>



2. Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant STIs: Mycoplasma Genitalium, Gonorrhoea and Others

Both mycoplasma genitalium (MG) and gonorrhoea are relatively common in Australia. Both STIs have developed anti-microbial resistance in recent years, rendering them increasingly difficult to treat.

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this course will delve into treating evolving drug resistant STIs, including gonorrhoea and MG.

The session will be presented by @MelbourneSexualHealthCentre physician Dr Melanie Bissessor on Tuesday, 14 November 2023.

Date: Tuesday, 14 November

Time: 6pm – 9pm

CPD: 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3KPEzPz>

Suggested social media copy

Both mycoplasma genitalium (MG) and gonorrhoea are relatively common in Australia. Both STIs have developed anti-microbial resistance in recent years, rendering them increasingly difficult to treat.

STIs can cause severe health problems if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for this online session with Dr Melanie Bissessor from @MHSC on 14 November 2023: <https://bit.ly/3KPEzPz>

**HIV s100
Prescriber
Course**
Register now:
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VHHITAL
VICTORIAN HIV AND HEPATITIS
INTEGRATED TRAINING AND LEARNING

Face-to-face: 2 days
12.5 Educational Activity
9.5 Reviewing Performance

3. HIV s100 Prescriber Course

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this CPD-approved course is designed to support GPs and nurse practitioners in managing and treating HIV in the general practice setting, providing them with the opportunity to establish relationships with local specialist services for ongoing mentoring and referral.

Date: Saturday, 11 November and Sunday, 12 November

Time: 9am – 5pm

CPD: 12.5 RACGP CPD Educational Activity, 9.5 Reviewing Performance hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/3sNFdXx>

Suggested social media copy

Need help in managing and treating HIV? Become a s100 prescriber today.

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this CPD-approved course is designed to support GPs and nurse practitioners in managing and treating HIV in the general practice setting, providing them with the opportunity to establish relationships with local specialist services for ongoing mentoring and referral.

Don't miss your spot. Register for this 2-part, face-to-face training course: 11 and 12 November 2023.

Places are limited. Register now: <https://bit.ly/3sNFdXx>



Hepatitis C
For nurses and midwives

Register now:
bbvsti.vtphna.org.au

VHHITAL
VICTORIAN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
INTEGRATED TRAINING AND LEARNING

Online, 2 x 3 hr sessions
6.5 CPD hours

4. Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives

This course has been developed by nurses for nurses and midwives.

The aim of this online training course is to upskill and support nurses to assist clients who may be at risk of or living with hepatitis C access appropriate treatment and care.

Date: Wednesday, 15 November and Monday, 20 November

Time: 5pm – 8pm

CPD: 6.5 hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/4587RRv>

Suggested social media copy

Nurses and midwives: Hepatitis can cause severe health problems including liver cancer if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for this eight-hour online training in 2 parts: 15 and 20 November 2023.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4587RRv>



5. Statewide STI Community of Practice

Join our statewide STI community of practice

This is an opportunity for GPs and nurses interested in deepening their understanding of STIs to meet experts, discuss complex cases, ask questions, seek advice, and provide peer support. The STI community of practice (CoP) is relevant for practitioners across Victoria.

Dr Melanie Bissessor, an experienced physician at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, will facilitate the session online on Wednesday, 28 November 2023.

The STI CoP is run in collaboration with the @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre.

Do you have an interesting case or topic to discuss?

Practitioners are encouraged to submit interesting or complex cases and topics prior to the webinar. Email: vhhital@nwmphn.org.au

Examples include:

- syphilis staging and treatment
- complex cases with *Mycoplasma genitalium* or drug resistance
- co-infections.

Session details:

Date: Tuesday, 28 November

Time: 6pm – 8pm

CPD: 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/3P5Es50>

Suggested social media copy

GPs and practice nurses: Would you like to join other experts to share knowledge on sexually transmitted infections? Join our statewide community of practice with @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre on 28 November to discuss complex cases, ask questions, seek advice, and provide peer support. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3P5Es50>



6. Kink Health for the Sexually Adventurous

This session offers an overview of alternative sexual practices and how they can impact presentations in general practice. The training will provide primary healthcare practitioners with guidance on how to approach the subject of alternative sexual expressions in a safe and supportive manner.

General practice is the first service most patients will access when seeking sexual healthcare, however some clients may be involved in sexual expressions they may not feel safe to disclose. The training will equip participants with the skills and knowledge to create supportive environments in general practice that allow patients to access comprehensive sexual healthcare on an individualised basis.

Date: Wednesday, 29 November

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

CPD: 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/45ECiOs>

Suggested social media copy

GPs, pharmacists and allied health practitioners are welcome to join Dr George Forgan-Smith, s100 HIV GP prescriber at Collins Street Medical Centre, to discuss how to approach the subject of alternative sexual expressions in a safe and supportive manner. Register at <https://bit.ly/45ECiOs>



7. PrEP and HIV Essentials for Primary Care

On 1 April 2018, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) was listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. GPs are now able to prescribe PrEP, and community pharmacies are able to dispense it.

This free facilitated online training course will enable practitioners to gain the knowledge to manage patients on PrEP.

Date: Thursday, 30 November

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

CPD: 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/3P59TML>

Suggested social media copy

Register for our online training session with Dr Matt Penn, s100 HIV and Hepatitis B GP prescriber from PRONTO! Clinic and North Richmond Community Health, on 30 November to gain the knowledge and confidence to manage patients on PrEP: <https://bit.ly/3P59TML>



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2023 Calendar

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