



**This pack has been developed to help promote VHHITAL education and training courses and other opportunities across Victoria.**

### VHHITAL calendar of events

Please add our quarterly calendar of 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 - February to April 2023	
1. STI Community of Practice	Tuesday, 7 February	6pm – 8pm
2. Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives	Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February	9am – 1pm
3. Sex Worker Awareness Training: Health and Stigma	13, 20 and 23 February	6pm – 8pm
4. STI Essentials	Tuesday, 7 March	6.30pm – 8.30pm
5. Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course	Tuesdays, 14, 21 and 28 March	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. If you require any size variations please let us know.

### Social tags

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

### RACGP educational activity points

VHHITAL is updating all of our training events from RACGP CPD to the new RACGP educational activity hours. This pack will be updated when these hours have been confirmed.

### Where to go for VHHITAL information

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

Thank you for supporting VHHITAL.

Naomi Cooper  
Lead, VHHITAL Program



Check out the BBV/STI Victorian  
Education and Events  
2023 Calendar  
[bbvsti.vtphna.org.au](#)



## 1. 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 Tuesday, 7 February 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](mailto:vhhital@nwmphn.org.au)

Examples include:

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

### Session details:

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 February 2023

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

**CPD:** RACGP CPD Application Pending

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3J0DVi8>

### 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 to discuss complex cases, ask questions, seek advice, and provide peer support. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3J0DVi8>



## 2. For Nurses by Nurses: Hepatitis B

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

In this 2-session course you will develop advanced skills and knowledge in hepatitis B nursing. Open across Victoria, the online, self-paced course enables participants to also discuss practice strategies with peers and specialists. This is an Australian College of Midwives CPD Endorsed Activity.

### Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives

**Date:** Wednesday 15 February – Thursday 16 February 2023

**Time:** 9am – 1pm

**CPD:** 10 CPD hours

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/3FzSplG>

If you are unable to attend these dates, contact the VHHITAL team at [vhhital@nwmpnh.org.au](mailto:vhhital@nwmpnh.org.au), with subject line: 'EOI Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives'.

### Suggested social media copy

Nurses and midwives: STIs are not always visible but can cause severe health problems if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for this four online training with Dr Jacqui Richmond and Gabrielle Bennett in February 2023.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/3PuBfdy>

## Sex Worker Awareness: Health and Stigma

Register now:  
[bbvsti.vtphna.org.au](https://bbvsti.vtphna.org.au)



### 3. Sex Worker Awareness Training: Health and Stigma

#### Short news item

This 2-hour training provides GPs and nurses with an understanding of sex workers health needs, identifies the common misconceptions and avoidable stigmatising attitudes in health services, and puts forward achievable changes to clinical practice to provide the best possible care to all patients within the new legal framework.

This training session will cover a health providers duty under the new [Sex Work Decriminalisation Act 2022 \(VIC\)](#). This legislation effectively repeals several sex industry specific health regulations, such as the mandatory STI testing for sex workers, offenses for sex workers not using safer sex practices and/or working with an STI. The training will also cover relevant amendments to the [Victorian Equal Opportunity Act](#) to ensure sex workers cannot be discriminated against on the basis of their work - including in health care settings.

This session is co-designed by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) and Vixen, Victoria's peer sex worker organisation and is funded by the Victorian Department of Health.

#### Sessions:

- [13 February 2023, 12pm – 2pm](#)
- [20 February 2023, 12pm – 2pm](#)
- [23 February 2023, 6pm – 8pm](#)

**CPD:** RACGP CPD Application Pending

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3iyexVQ>

#### Suggested social media copy

GPs and practice nurses: learn more about sex workers' health needs, how to avoid stigmatisation, and achieve changes to clinical practice within the new legal framework in our CPD-approved training sessions in February.

To find out more or to register, visit the [bbv/sti education and events calendar](#)



## 4. STI Essentials for Primary Care

Primary health care practitioners are the key to bringing the STI epidemic under control. Dr Melanie Bissessor, Sexual Health Physician, Melbourne Sexual Health Centre presents an informative and interactive online 2-hour session.

By the end of this session, you will be able to confidently manage common STI screening and care, making sexual health a routine everyday part of your primary health care practice. The option of referring complex cases and receiving other supports from the new sexual health sentinel clinics will be highlighted.

### STI Essentials for Primary Care

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 March 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** RACGP CPD Application Pending/2 x ACRRM PDP

**Register here:** <http://bit.ly/3PuBfdy>

### Suggested social media copy

GPs and practice nurses: STIs are not always visible but can cause severe health problems if left undiagnosed and untreated. Don't miss your spot. Register for STI Essentials 2-hour online training with Dr Melanie Bissessor @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre on 7 March 2023.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/3PuBfdy>

# Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course

Register now:  
[bbvsti.vtphna.org.au](http://bbvsti.vtphna.org.au)



## 5. Hepatitis B S100 Prescriber Course

**Do your patients have chronic hepatitis B? Become an s100 prescriber.**

Register for our advanced online course, 3 sessions over 3-weeks, and learn from our faculty of specialist presenters: Professor Ben Cowie, Dr Nicole Allard and Dr Lester Mascarenhas. This training is for GPs and nurse practitioners.

### Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course

**Sessions:** Tuesdays 14, 21, 28 March 2023

**Time:** 6.30 – 8.30pm

**Online:** 3 sessions

**CPD:** RACGP and ACRRM Accreditation Pending

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/3BEUDPs>

### Suggested social media copy

GPs and practice nurses: register for our advanced online Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course and learn from our faculty of specialist presenters: Professor Ben Cowie, Dr Nicole Allard and Dr Lester Mascarenhas.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/3PuBfdy>