

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

Quarterly education and training calendar

Please add our quarterly calendar of training sessions to your newsletters and social media calendars. Details of all statewide training can be found on our [BBV/STI education and events calendar](#).

Training topic	Training dates – July to September 2024	
Hepatitis C in Primary Care	Monday, 22 July 2024	6:30pm – 8pm
Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course	Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 August 2024	6:30pm – 8pm
Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives	Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 August 2024	4pm – 8pm
Hepatitis C Community of Practice	Wednesday, 21 August 2024	12pm – 1:30pm
STIs Essentials for Primary Care	Tuesday, 27 August 2024	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Syphilis Advanced for Primary Care	Thursday, 5 September 2024	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Congenital Syphilis for Primary Care	Monday, 9 September 2024	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant STIs: Mycoplasma Genitalium, Gonorrhoea and Others	Tuesday, 10 September 2024	6:30pm – 8:30pm

Social media and newsletters

VHHITAL is using the VTPHNA social channels to promote all events – please share the posts where possible. We have provided social media tiles and suggested copy for your newsletters and social media below.

Social tags

- Facebook: [@vtphna](#), [@mshc.org.au](#), [@StVincent'sHospitalMelb](#), [@TheAlfredHospital](#), [@burnetinstitute](#), [@DohertyInstitute](#)
- LinkedIn: [@victorian-tasmanian-phn-alliance](#), [@melbourne-sexual-health-centre](#), [@svhm](#), [@burnet-institute-for-medical-research-and-public-health](#), [@alfred-hospital](#), [@the-peter-doherty-institute-for-infection-and-immunity](#)
- Twitter/X: [@MSHCRResearch](#), [@StVHealthAust](#), [@AlfredHealth](#), [@BurnetInstitute](#), [@TheDohertyInst](#)

Where to go for VHHITAL information

You can find all our course information, including members of faculty, and other opportunities on our [website](#).

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1. Hepatitis C in Primary Care

Short news item

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this Hepatitis C in Primary Care course aims to provide general practitioners, nurse practitioners and other prescribing practitioners with the skills and confidence to diagnose, assess, manage and treat hepatitis C in primary care.

This CPD-approved session will be presented by Dr Lester Mascarenhas, GP at Utopia Refugee and Asylum Seeker Health, on Monday, 22 July 2024.

Session details:

Date: Monday, 22 July 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

CPD: 1.5 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

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

Suggested social media copy

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**Hepatitis B s100
Prescriber
Course**

Register now:
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Online: 3 weeks
6 Educational Activity
3.5 Reviewing Performance

2. Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course

Short news item

Do you work with populations at risk of chronic hepatitis B? Become an s100 prescriber.

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

Date: Tuesday 6, 13 & 20 August 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Format: Online (over 3 weeks)

CPD: 6 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity, 3.5 x Reviewing Performance hours

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

Suggested social media copy

- *“Strongly recommend to colleagues to hone up their skills in diagnosing and treating chronic hepatitis B infections in their daily practice!”*
- *“Excellent course! Speakers were relevant, easy to understand. Material was concise and easy to refer to.”*
- *“A very useful course for general practitioners. Comprehensive and informative and relevant to general practice/primary care services.”*

GPs and practice nurses: Register for our CPD-approved Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course and become a prescriber today, with our faculty of specialist presenters: Professor Ben Cowie and Dr Lester Mascarenhas over 3 weeks, Tuesday 6 August – 20 August 2024: <https://bit.ly/3UKImTv>



Hepatitis B
For nurses and midwives

Register now:
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Online, 2 x hr sessions
10 CPD hours

3. Hepatitis B for Nurses and Midwives

Short news item

This 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 course enables participants to 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, 14 and Thursday, 15 August 2024

Time: 4pm – 8pm (over two days)

CPD: 10 CPD hours

Register: <https://bit.ly/3JPGZN3>

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 8-hour CPD-approved online training course with Dr Jacqui Richmond in 2 parts: 14 and 15 August 2024.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3JPGZN3>



4. Hepatitis C Community of Practice

Short news item

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this Hepatitis C Community of Practice session is intended to support the alcohol and other drugs workforce with the opportunity to bring case based studies for discussion and mutual learning.

Linking attendees with expert knowledge in point of care testing, prison settings, nurse led models of care and community facing support services, the Community of Practice aims to support the elimination of hepatitis C in Victoria.

All practitioners are invited to submit cases for future discussion. Presenters will be selected based on the needs of each case so early submission is encouraged.

Date: Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

CPD: This session is not currently accredited with RACGP Portal. Participants will need to self-record this activity via Quick Log through their RACGP myCPD dashboard. Your Statement of Attendance will include a breakdown of hours and activity types.

Register: <https://bit.ly/4bMT2at>

Suggested social media copy

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this Hepatitis C Community of Practice (CoP) is intended to support the alcohol and other drugs workforce with the opportunity to bring case-based studies for discussion and mutual learning.

Don't miss your spot! Register for this online CoP with Dr Jacqui Richmond 21 August 2024.

We encourage all practitioners to submit cases for discussion prior to the day.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/4bMT2at>



5. STIs Essentials for Primary Care

Short news item

Primary health care practitioners are the key to bringing the STI epidemic under control. Dr Melanie Bissessor, sexual health physician at Melbourne Sexual health Centre, will 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 part of your primary health care practice.

Date: Tuesday, 27 August 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

CPD: 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3JSk04a>

Suggested social media copy

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Register here: <https://bit.ly/3JSk04a>



6. Syphilis Advanced Webinar for Primary Care

Short news item

Victoria has seen a significant increase in syphilis cases over the last decade with 2,656 cases recorded in 2022.

This course, facilitated by Dr Melanie Bissessor, sexual health physician at @MSHC, builds on the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program's STI Essentials for Primary Care course and will provide you with the skills and resources to confidently implement guideline-based management of patients diagnosed with syphilis and to improve patient outcomes.

Date: Thursday, 5 September 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

CPD: 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3UQ5JeC>

Suggested social media copy

"I'm feeling more confident talking about syphilis, screening and guidelines for management. Excellent presentations by presenters!"

GPs and practice nurses: Would you like to join other experts to share knowledge on syphilis treatment and management in Victoria?

Register for our CPD-approved Syphilis Advanced Webinar for Primary Care with Dr Melanie Bissessor from @MSHC to discuss complex cases, ask questions, seek advice, and provide peer support on 5 September 2024.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3UQ5JeC>



7. Congenital Syphilis for Primary Care

Short news item

Syphilis in pregnancy results in very high rates of foetal morbidity and mortality and should be treated as soon as practical after diagnosis, often in the general practice setting.

"In Victoria, syphilis cases who were pregnant at the time of diagnosis increased from 14 in 2016 to 57 in 2019," says Dr. Stephanie Bond, highlighting a concerning trend.

Testing for syphilis at several stages of pregnancy, says Dr Bond, should be seen as a health care priority.

Register for this interactive, CPD-approved session with Dr Bond, obstetrician-gynaecologist and sexual health physician on 9 September 2024.

Date: Monday, 9 September 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Format: Online

CPD: 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4b8UUdf>

Suggested social media copy

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Treatment of antimicrobial resistant STIs
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Online: 2 hrs
2 Educational Activity

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

Short news item

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 @MSHC physician Dr Melanie Bissessor on Thursday, 10 September 2024.

Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Format: Online

CPD: 2 x RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4a8vMSG>

Suggested social media copy

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