



**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 – October to December 2024	
Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives	<a href="#">Wednesday, 16 October</a>	10am – 1pm
STI Community of Practice – Mpox	<a href="#">Tuesday, 22 October</a>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Hepatitis C in NSP Settings	<a href="#">Thursday, 31 October</a>	6pm – 8:30pm
Hepatitis C Community of Practice	<a href="#">Wednesday, 20 November</a>	12pm – 1:30pm
PrEP & HIV Essentials	<a href="#">Thursday, 28 November</a>	6:30pm – 8:30pm
HIV s100 Prescriber Course	<a href="#">Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December</a>	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](#), [@StVincentsHospitalMelb](#), [@TheAlfredHospital](#), [@burnetinstitute](#), [@DohertyInstitute](#), [@VicGovDH](#)
- 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](#), [@department-of-health-victoria](#)
- Twitter/X: [@MSHCRResearch](#), [@StVHealthAust](#), [@AlfredHealth](#), [@BurnetInstitute](#), [@TheDohertyInst](#), [@VicGovDH](#)

### 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. HIV s100 Prescriber Course

### Short news item

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:** Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/3X0xAK6>

### 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 4-part online course: Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November and 3 December 2024.

Places are limited. Register now: <https://bit.ly/3X0xAK6>



## 2. Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives

### Short news item

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

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this free CPD-approved online training course provides nurses with the knowledge and confidence to increase screening and management of hepatitis C in primary care settings.

The facilitated training consists of a 3-hour interactive webinar comprising of presentations, panel discussions, case studies and group discussions.

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 October 2024

**Time:** 10am – 1:30pm

**CPD:** 3 hours

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

### Suggested social media copy

Nurses and midwives: Gain the skills and confidence to increase screening and management of hepatitis C in primary care settings with this CPD-approved training course, hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program.

Don't miss your spot. Register for this three-hour online training course with Dr Jacqui Richmond on 16 October.

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

# Hepatitis C in NSP settings

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



Online: 2.5 hrs  
31 October 2024



## 3. Hepatitis C in NSP Settings

### Short news item

Frontline workers in needle and syringe program (NSP) settings have a crucial and unique role to play in eliminating hepatitis C in Victoria.

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this training aims to provide participants with the confidence to initiate conversations around hepatitis C in NSP settings and provide referrals to testing and treatment.

The training aims to support frontline workers in primary, secondary and pharmacy NSP services, including health education officers, peer support workers, needle and syringe program workers, social workers, nurses, administration officers, pharmacists, and pharmacy assistants.

**Date:** Thursday, 31 October 2024

**Time:** 6pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** Unavailable.

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/46MVQT7>

### Suggested social media copy

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Don't miss out. Register for this online training course with Dr Matt Penn, GP from North Richmond Community Health Centre on 31 October.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/46MVQT7>



## 4. Statewide STI Community of Practice – Mpox

### 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.

Mpox is an urgent notifiable condition and cases have been increasing globally and within Victoria. On 14 August 2024, the World Health Organisation declared the mpox outbreak in central and eastern Africa a public health emergency of international concern. This update will provide attendees with best practice information on diagnosis and treatment.

Dr Melanie Bissessor, sexual health physician at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, will facilitate the session online on Tuesday, 22 October 2024. This session 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@nwmpnh.org.au](mailto:vhhital@nwmpnh.org.au)

### Session details:

**Date:** Tuesday, 22 October 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**CPD:** 2 RACGP CPD Educational Activity hours

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/4dye7Wy>

### Suggested social media copy

Mpox is an urgent notifiable condition in Victoria, with cases on the rise both locally and globally.

We invite GPs and practice nurses to join other experts in the field in our statewide community of practice with @Melbourne Sexual Health Centre on 22 October for best practice information on diagnosis and treatment for mpox. We encourage all practitioners to submit cases for discussion prior to the day.

Places are limited. Register now: <https://bit.ly/4dye7Wy>

# Join our Hepatitis C Community of Practice



Online: 1.5 hrs  
20 November 2024

All practitioners are invited to submit cases for discussion prior to the day to [vhhital@nwmphn.org.au](mailto:vhhital@nwmphn.org.au)

## 5. 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, 20 November 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/4cxL7NS>

### 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 on 20 November 2024. We encourage all practitioners to submit cases for discussion prior to the day.

Register now: <https://bit.ly/4cxL7NS>



## 6. PrEP and HIV Essentials for Primary Care

### Short news item

Hosted by the Victorian HIV and Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning (VHHITAL) program, this free facilitated online training course enables practitioners to gain the knowledge to manage patients on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

PrEP is highly effective in preventing the acquisition of HIV when taken daily or on demand as prescribed.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe different HIV prevention strategies
- Explain different options for PrEP dosing
- Use the PrEP decision making tool to manage patients on PrEP
- Explain the effectiveness and appropriate use of PrEP/PEP to patients

**Date:** Thursday, 28 November 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/4dTcrXB>

### Suggested social media copy

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or more commonly known as PrEP, is highly effective in preventing the acquisition of HIV when taken correctly. Register for our online training session with Dr Tom Dickson, GP prescriber from Prahran Market Clinic on 28 November to gain the knowledge and confidence to manage patients on PrEP. Register here: <https://bit.ly/4dTcrXB>