

**BASHH**



# British Association for Sexual Health and HIV

Established 2003 through the merger of MSSVD  
(est.1922)  
& AGUM (est.1992)

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## **MEMBERSHIP PACK**

**BASHH**

"Promoting sexual health and high quality HIV/STI care through  
professional and public education"

## **What is BASHH?**

**The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV – BASHH** – was formed through the merger in 2003 of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases (MSSVD, established 1922) and the Association for Genito Urinary Medicine (AGUM, established 1992). The object of BASHH is:

- To promote, encourage and improved the study and practice of the art and science of diagnosing and treating sexually transmitted diseases including all sexually transmitted infections, HIV and other sexual health problems.
- To advance public health so far as it is affected by sexually transmitted diseases and to promote and encourage the study of the public aspects of sexually transmitted diseases including all sexually transmitted infections, HIV and other sexual health problems.
- To advance the education of the public in all matters concerning the medical specialty of Genitourinary Medicine (hereinafter referred to as 'the Specialty'), to include the management of HIV infections and the broader aspects of sexual health.
- To promote a high standard in the medical specialty of Genitourinary Medicine to include the management of HIV infections and the broader aspects of sexual health

The Association membership includes medical practitioners, scientists in the field of medicine and other healthcare workers who have shown a commitment to the specialty, who have been duly elected Fellows, Members (including Affiliate Members) and Honorary Fellows. Criteria for commitment to the specialty are that the applicant should be currently working in or have contributed to the specialty or an allied field. Honorary Life Fellowship may be conferred on persons, including those not medically qualified, who have given distinguished service to the Association.

BASHH has 4 national meetings per annum, which are held on Friday afternoons. These meetings include the reading of scientific papers by eminent speakers, discussion and the presentation of cases and are held at the Royal Society of Medicine in London. The Annual General Meeting is held in January of each year. In addition, there is an annual Spring Meeting, as well as clinical meetings organised by the Special Interest Groups. A study weekend for doctors in training is held annually, and training for nurses and health advisers are being developed. Educational activities for doctors and other health care professionals working in Sexual Health are also organised at regional level through the Regional Branches. BASHH has a continuing education strategy and is developing additional educational activities and resources.

There are currently over 1,000 members of BASHH, over 80 of whom are overseas members, making it the largest such organizations in the world. Members receive mailings which include information about BASHH and other meetings, courses and a regular Newsletter.

### **Journals**

The annual membership fee for BASHH depending upon membership category includes subscription to one or both of the two affiliated journals; *Sexually Transmitted Infections* and the *International Journal of STD and AIDS*.

### **Sexually Transmitted Infections**

In 1998, *Genitourinary Medicine* changed its title to *Sexually Transmitted Infections* to emphasise the true content and nature of the journal. *Sexually Transmitted Infections* remains the oldest journal in the field dealing with issues of sexual health, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV. First published in 1925, the journal attracts original articles on the clinical, microbiological, behavioural, epidemiological, social, and historical aspects of sexually transmitted diseases, including viral infections such as HIV and AIDS, human papillomavirus, herpes simplex virus, and the sexually transmissible hepatitis viruses. In 2007-08 the journal had an impact factor of 3.395, which is run by BMJ Group.

### **The International Journal of STD & AIDS**

This peer-reviewed journal provides a clinically oriented forum for the investigation and treatment of sexually transmissible infections, HIV and AIDS. The contributors, from around the world, promote activities aimed at the research, prevention and control of these infections. The journal contains in-depth editorial reviews, original articles and research, short papers, case reports, audit reports, selected abstracts from leading journals and CPD papers. There is also a lively correspondence column, a book review section, and news from the genitourinary medicine associations. Occasional supplements are also published and are supplied free to subscribers. Subscribers to the *International Journal of STD & AIDS* can access the journal online at no extra cost.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Below is a list of the most commonly asked questions regarding membership of BASHH. **Please read these thoroughly before submitting your application or contacting BASHH with a query relating to your application.** If you have a question which is not dealt with below, then please do get in touch with the BASHH Secretariat. You may also find useful information on the BASHH website – [www.bashh.org](http://www.bashh.org). The constitution of BASHH can be found here.

### **What are the benefits of joining BASHH?**

BASHH is the largest and oldest association in the field of STI and HIV. For medical and paramedical workers in the field of GU medicine in the UK it is the national specialist society and by joining and supporting it you will help in the promotion of this field. As a fellow/member you will be able to stand for official positions within the association and to vote in elections. Members can register for BASHH meetings at a reduced rate and membership also includes subscription to one or two journals. Members also have access to information contained in the private members area of the website.

### **How do I join?**

Complete the forms contained in this application pack and return them to the BASHH Secretariat. The application needs to be supported and signed by two BASHH members, one of whom should be a Fellow, with personal knowledge of the candidate. The application will then be decided at the next BASHH Board meeting. The proposer and seconder of the candidate may be requested to provide further information if deemed necessary by the Board.

### **Is my membership automatic?**

No. Once you have submitted your application forms it will be processed as described above. You will be notified by the BASHH Secretariat if your application has been successful. Please note that your application will need to be considered by the BASHH Board and so there may be a delay, depending on when the next meeting is due to be held.

### **Do I have to set up a Direct Debit?**

Yes – if you are a member based in the UK. With over 1,000 members BASHH does not have the resources to process this number of individual cheques/credit card payments. By collecting membership subscriptions by Direct Debit we dramatically reduce the amount of administration involved.

The exception to this is for our overseas members who do not have a UK bank account. For these members only we will accept a bank draft made payable to 'BASHH' in pounds sterling, drawn on a UK bank or payment by credit card. For those members who have their subscriptions paid for them by an organisation or company, we would ask that you help us by setting up a personal Direct Debit and then claiming the money back. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Honorary Treasurer.

### **When are subs collected?**

Please send your completed application form with a cheque for the 1<sup>st</sup> membership year. BASHH's membership year runs from 1 August to 31 July. Subsequent year's subscriptions will be collected by Direct Debit at the beginning of August. You will be notified prior to the Direct Debit run.

### **What happens if I join part the way through the membership year?**

The membership fee is reduced to reflect which part of the year you join- see the table- and we ask you to forward a cheque to cover this part year subscription. The direct debit is taken on 31st July.

### **I would like to join, but don't know two members of BASHH who could support my application. What should I do?**

Please contact the BASHH Secretariat who will be able to help you e.g. by providing you with the names of BASHH members within your hospital/locality who you could approach to support your application.

**IMPORTANT: Please help us process your application quickly and efficiently by ensuring that you have filled in all forms clearly and completely. There are four forms that you need to complete and return:**

- 1. Membership Data Form**
- 2. Categories Form**
- 3. BASHH Proposer/seconder form**
- 4. Direct Debit Mandate & a cheque for the 1<sup>st</sup> year (or for overseas members only, the Credit Card Payment Form)**

**Please return the original of the form by POST. Many banks will not accept a faxed version of a Direct Debit mandate.**



# 1. MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM

Membership no  
(Office use only):

## PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Town: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Present appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Present place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

## POSITION HELD (please tick **ONE** box only)

### MEDICAL

NHS Consultant  Senior Lecturer/Professor  Lecturer

Specialist Registrar  Associate Specialist  General Practitioner

Staff Grade  Clinical assistant/Hospital practitioner  Retired

Other

### CLINICAL/NON-MEDICAL

Nurse Consultant  Nurse  Health Adviser

Other

### NON-CLINICAL

Scientist  Other

### SPECIALTY (Doctors only)

GU Medicine  Reproductive/Sexual Health  Gynaecology

ID  Microbiology/Virology  Other

## REGION OF MAIN EMPLOYMENT

East Anglia  Ireland  Merseyside  North Western  Northern

Oxford  South Western  Scotland  Thames NE  Thames NW

Thames SE  Thames SW  Trent  Wales  Wessex

West Midlands  Yorkshire  Outside UK



## 2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES FORM

Please **CIRCLE TWO boxes**: **Quarter** when form is submitted & the **GRADE** column. Quarterly rates apply during the 1<sup>st</sup> membership year **ONLY**

Note: The two journals are *Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)* and *International Journal of STD and AIDS (Int J STD AIDS)*

**Please return this form & CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO 'BASHH' by POST to:**

BASHH Secretariat, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

### 1] MEDICAL STAFF

|  |                | Aug - Oct<br>Yearly<br>subs | Nov-<br>Jan | Feb-<br>Apr | May-<br>July | GRADE |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Fellows [ medical & nurse consultants, associate specialists] Subscriptions to BOTH journals |                | £270                        | £204        | £135        | £68          | BCON  |
| Career & Training Grade [ SHO, SpR, Staff Grades]; Subscriptions to BOTH journals            |                | £200                        | £150        | £100        | £50          | BDOC  |
| Clinical Assistant Grade;<br>Subscriptions to ONE journal                                    | STI            | £115                        | £87         | £58         | £29          | BCA1  |
|  | Int J STD AIDS | £115                        | £87         | £58         | £29          | BCA2  |
| Clinical Assistant Grade; Subscriptions to BOTH journals                                     |                | £195                        | £147        | £98         | £49          | BCA3  |
| GP membership; Subscriptions to ONE journal  | STI            | £115                        | £87         | £58         | £29          | BPR1  |
|  | Int J STD AIDS | £115                        | £87         | £58         | £29          | BPR2  |
| GP membership; Subscriptions to BOTH journals  |                | £195                        | £147        | £98         | £49          | BPR3  |

### 2) NON-MEDICAL STAFF/RETIRED STAFF

|   |                | Aug-Oct<br>Yearly<br>subs | Nov-<br>Jan | Feb-<br>Apr | May-<br>July | Grade |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Nurses, Health Advisors, non-medical scientists Subscriptions to ONE journal    | STI            | £64                       | £48         | £32         | £16          | BNM1  |
|   | Int J STD AIDS | £64                       | £48         | £32         | £16          | BNM2  |
| Nurses, Health Advisors, non-medical scientists; Subscriptions to BOTH journals |                | £145                      | £109        | £73         | £37          | BNM3  |
| Retired members: Subscriptions to NEITHER journal                               |                | £20                       | £15         | £10         | £5           | BRT1  |
| Retired members: Subscriptions to ONE journal                                   | STI            | £75                       | £57         | £38         | £19          | BRT2  |
|   | Int J STD AIDS | £75                       | £57         | £38         | £19          | BRT3  |
| Retired members; Subscriptions to BOTH journals                                 |                | £150                      | £113        | £75         | £38          | BRT4  |
| Affiliate membership : Subscriptions to NEITHER journal                         |                | £32                       | £24         | £16         | £8           | BAFF  |

\*General Practitioners with a special interest in sexual health may, if they wish, apply to be considered for election to Fellowship. This is done by sending a brief letter to the Secretariat outlining the individual's past and current contributions to the field of sexual health



### 3. BASHH PROPOSER/SECONDER

This application form must be signed by TWO current members of BASHH, one of whom must be a Fellow of BASHH (i.e. a medical or nurse consultant member)

#### PROPOSER

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECONDER

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICANT

I CONFIRM THAT THE DETAILS ON THIS FORM ARE CORRECT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION OF BASHH AND BY SUCH RULES AND POLICIES DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. DIRECT DEBIT MANDATE

### British Association for Sexual Health and HIV



Instruction to your  
Bank or Building  
Society to pay Direct  
Debits (UK only)



Originator's identification Number

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Please complete the whole form and send the original to:

**BASHH, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE**

#### 1. Name and FULL postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To: The Manager .....

..... Bank or Building Society

Address **in full**: .....

..... Postcode .....

#### 2. Name of account holder

#### 5. Originator's reference number

(for office use only)

(2a. Registered name of subscriber, if different from above)

#### 6. Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay RSM (BASHH) Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. **Please cancel all previous Standing Order/Direct Debiting instructions in favour of BASHH**

#### 3. Branch Sort Code

(from the top right corner of your cheque)

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Signature.....

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Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account. For example, Direct Debits are not accepted to a Deposit or Savings Account or to a Post Office Giro Account.

## **The Direct Debit Guarantee**

**This guarantee should be retained by the Payer  
– do not return this page to BASHH.**

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society.
- You will be notified of the amount to be debited at least 14 days before the debiting date.
- If an error is made by us or you're Bank/Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time, by writing to your Bank or Building Society. Please also send a copy of your letter to the Honorary Treasurer [via BASHH Secretariat].





## OVERSEAS MEMBER PAYMENT FORM

**DO NOT USE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE A UK BANK ACCOUNT. To be used by Overseas Members ONLY**

If you do not have a UK bank account either send a cheque drawn on any UK bank, in **POUNDS STERLING**, made payable to "**BASHH**" or complete the following:

**VISA / MASTERCARD / AMEX** (*delete as applicable*)

Card No:

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Card security code:

The last three (4 for Amex) digits of the CW Security code in the signature area of your credit card

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"I authorise the sum of **£** ..... To be charged to my credit card."

Cardholder's name: .....

Cardholder's signature: .....

Name of BASHH member if different from above: .....

Cardholder's address: .....

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