STIF Core and STIF-Plus

STIF: What’s new for 2013-14?

Following extremely useful feedback from many of the Course Directors in 2012/13 we have made one or two changes to the programmes.

1. The time allowed for Examination/Tests/Swabs was too short and we are recommending this session should be scheduled for 40-45 minutes.

2. The edited clips from the BASHH Microscopy DVD are now a little outdated and very much focus on a GUM clinic setting. Many have commented that these are not very useful. We are still making the clips available but no longer feel we can recommend their inclusion. You are welcome to use them if you have found them successful in the past.

3. Motivational Interviewing in Sexual Health is now incorporated (as an overview) in the session on Control/Prevention/Risk Reduction in day one. For those who have run STIF courses in the last 2 years, you may wish to use selected clips from the MI DVD provided for the previous STIF Plus lecture. This session was never intended to be more than an overview but the consensus is that Primary Care professionals are already very familiar with this as part of their work with alcohol and tobacco. Those wanting more comprehensive training should be directed towards more intensive courses.

4. Syphilis has been moved to a single 45-minute session for all rather than small group discussions.

5. Viral Hepatitis is now a small group workshop in place of Syphilis.

6. Genital Warts are specifically included in Genital Dermatology.

7. A new lecture has been introduced on STIF Plus: ‘STIs in Pregnancy’ (40 minutes).

8. Domestic abuse has been included in the STIF Plus session on sexual assault.

Please keep your feedback coming in – we do listen and take notice!

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