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BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology Basics Course

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Online Event | Zoom

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This BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology Basics Course will provide foundation theory and clinical management advice for clinicians who are relatively new to managing sexual health related skin conditions or who wish to refresh their basic knowledge in this area. The course will run over a full day, all of the speakers have a special interest in sexual health related dermatology and there will be plenty of time for Q&A built into the programme.

Please note: This course also assumes some very basic sexual health & skin knowledge.

CPD: No CPD will be awarded for this course.

Programme

Time	Session	Speaker
08:45	**Zoom will open. Please arrive early to ensure a smooth start.**	
	Session 1: Chair Sarah Schoeman, and Facilitator Esther Okon	
09:00	**Welcome**	**Sarah Schoeman** - BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology SIG member & basics course lead organiser)
09:10	**A short introduction to Genital Dermatology** - With Q&A	**Imali Fernando** - Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine, Chalmers Sexual Health Clinic in Edinburgh, NHS Lothian
09:55	**Diagnosis and management of pigmented genital lesions** - With Q&A	**Randa Akel** - Consultant in Dermatology, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
10:55	**Refreshment Break**	
	Session 2: Chair Lisa Haddon, and Facilitator Serish Basavaraj	
11:15	**Rashes commonly presenting to sexual health clinics** - With Q&A	**Georgina Morris** - Consultant Physician in Genitourinary Medicine, Sexual Health Dorset
12:15	**General sexual health dermatology practical procedures 'basics and tips'** - With Q&A	**Lewis Haddow** - Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust
13:00	**Lunch Break**	
	Session 3: Chair Parameswaran Sashidharan, and Facilitator Komal Plaha	
13:45	**Diagnosis and management of common genital lumps** - With Q&A	**Nadi Gupta** – Consultant Genitourinary Medicine, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
14:45	**Refreshment Break**	

	Session 4: Chair Sapna Harish, and Facilitator Sanjiva Dharmarante	
15:00	**Diagnosis and management of common genital ulcers** - With Q&A	**Sarah Edwards –** Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV, Suffolk Sexual health Service, Provide
16:00	**Common sexual health dermatology conditions 'quick quiz**	**Sarah Schoeman** - Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust
16:35	**Summary and close of meeting**	**Sarah Schoeman**

Speakers

Randa Akel

Dr Randa Akel is a Consultant Dermatologist at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, where she is Deputy Service Director for Dermatology and Lead for the multidisciplinary Adult and Paediatric Vulval Dermatology Service. She is also supports the work of the Lady Garden Club, a patient led-support group for women with vulval conditions. She is involved in dermatology, gynaecology and sexual health trainee teaching. She has published widely in dermatology and vulval disease. Her clinical interests include anogenital skin disease, menopause, transgender dermatology, and hidradenitis suppurativa. She is involved in dermatology research with focus on vulval lichen sclerosus, Extramammary Paget's disease and multi-focal vulval intraepithelial neoplasia.

Serish Basavaraj

Consultant in GU & HIV medicine at iCaSH Bedfordshire,

Sanjiva Dharmarante

Dr Sanjiva Dharmaratne is an Associate Specialist in Sexual Health and Clinical Lead for Sexual Health in Scarborough. She qualified as a Genitourinary Physician in Sri Lanka in 2011 and has extensive experience in sexual and reproductive healthcare. Her clinical interests include genitodermatology and complex contraception. She is also passionate about medical education, leadership, coaching and supporting the professional development of healthcare colleagues.

Sarah Edwards

I have been a Consultant in GU Medicine and HIV, working in Bury St Edmunds for over 20 years. My special interests are in Education and Genital Dermatology and I am currently Director of Medical Education for the Trust as well as Training Programme Director for Genitourinary Medicine in the East of England. I have been co-chairing the Sexually Transmitted Infection Foundation since November 2022, and have been involved as a course director and trainer since its development. I am also involved in the Dermatology Special Interest Group and am involved in running national courses and have been lead author on the BASHH Balanitis and Vulval Guidelines, IUSTI Balanitis guidelines and a contributor to the BASHH and IUSTI Molluscum guidelines.

Imali Fernando	Imali Fernando MBChB, MRCP, DipGUM, DipHIV, MSc Clinical Education Consultant in GUM and HIV Medicine and Clinical Lead, Lothian Sexual and Reproductive Health Service and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh. Dr Imali Fernando is a GUM and HIV consultant based at the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Edinburgh. She runs the specialist sexual health dermatology clinic at the Chalmers Centre and also provides input to the specialist multidisciplinary Vulval skin clinic at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. She is a member of the BASHH Genital Dermatology Special Interest Group and one of the authors for the 2026 BASHH guideline on the management of balanoposthitis, the 2024 BASHH guideline on vulval conditions and the 2021 BASHH guideline on genital molluscum.
Nadi Gupta	Dr Nadi Gupta is the Clinical Lead of Rotherham Sexual Health/HIV service and an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, University of Sheffield. She is a member of the British HIV Association Guideline subcommittee and the BASHH Dermatology special interest group. She has co-authored chapters in textbooks including the ABC of Sexually Transmitted Infections and the internationally acclaimed Rook's Textbook of Dermatology. She is passionate about medical education and has been an invited speaker at multiple nationally accredited courses.
Lisa Haddon	I worked as a Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine/Sexual Health RCHT for nearly 20 years, specialising in dermatology and complex presentations and during this time I completed the Cardiff Postgraduate Diploma in Practical Dermatology and following this the Cardiff Dermatoscopy Diploma. At the end of 2019 I moved into the Dermatology department, initially working in genital dermatology, general inflammatory and skin lesion clinics. Latterly I have partially retired to concentrate on leading the local genital dermatology service.
Lewis Haddow	Lewis Haddow is a consultant in Genitourinary Medicine based at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich, south-east London. He is the current chair of the BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology special interest group.
Sapna Harish	I have a postgraduate degree in Dermatology and Venerology from India. I currently work as a Specialty Doctor both in GUM and Dermatology. I am part of the Vulval dermatology MDT at Chelsea and also do one session of general dermatology.
Georgina Morris	Consultant Physician in Genitourinary Medicine (Sexual Health and HIV) for 13 years. Currently working in Bournemouth for Sexual Health Dorset. Long standing clinical interests in Dermatology, Genital pain, recurrent vulvovaginal infections, HIV prevention. Worked for 9 years in a multidisciplinary vulval clinic. Previous Chair of BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology SIG.
Esther Okon	I am is a Sexual and Reproductive Health Nurse Practitioner specialising in the provision of sexual health and contraception care to promote holistic sexual wellbeing. I combine advanced clinical expertise with Human Factors training to improve safety, ergonomics, and patient experience. As a skilled educator, I present clear workplace teaching to enhance best practice and contribute to person centred healthcare.

Komal Plaha	Dr Plaha is a Consultant in HIV and Sexual at Sexual Health Southwest London and an Honorary Consultant at Kingston Hospital. She has a special interest in Genital Dermatology and Vulval Pain and has been a member of the BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology Special Interest Group for 7 years.
Parameswaran Sashidharan	Dr Sashidharan is an Associate Specialist in Sexual Health at Homerton University Hospital, London, and a national leader in Sexual Health and Genital Dermatology. His clinical expertise spans complex STI management, genital dermatoses, and evidence based diagnostic practice. He is deeply committed to high quality patient care and multidisciplinary teaching. A recognised educator, he provides clinical guidance for trainees. His work integrates clinical excellence and a strong focus on improving sexual health outcomes.
Sarah Schoeman	Dr Sarah Schoeman is a Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV service Clinical Lead at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Her specialist interests include HIV medicine, genital dermatology and postgraduate medical education. She currently Chairs the West Yorkshire HIV Network and Leeds Fast Track Cities programme, is an NHSE HIV Clinical Reference Group clinical member, she Co-Chairs the JRCPTB GUM Specialist Advisory Committee and is a BASHH Sexual Health Dermatology Specialist Interest Group member.