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STIs and HIV in Pregnancy: A training event for midwives

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Online Event | Zoom

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Conference Information

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1. To understand the epidemiology of HIV and STIs in pregnancy in the UK.
2. To recognise the clinical presentations of HIV and STIs in pregnancy and the neonate.
3. To understand how to diagnose HIV and STIs in pregnancy, and when and how to refer for specialist input.
4. To understand the potential impact and complications of HIV and STIs for the pregnant person, the fetus, and the neonater notification.
6. To understand how to reduce the risk of acquisition of HIV and STIs in pregnancy.
7. To reflect on the essential role of the midwife in managing HIV and STIs in pregnancy, as part of the wide clinical team including obstetrics, general practice, and genitourinary medicine.
8. To be able to discuss HIV and STIs in pregnancy with patients in a sensitive and patient centred manner.

Programme

Time	Session	Speaker
09:00	**Welcome Address**	**Emily Clarke** – Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
09:05	**Update on managing HIV in pregnancy**	**Laura Byrne** – Consultant in HIV Medicine, St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
10:00	**Introduction to HIV and STIs in pregnancy: confidentiality, language, law, sexuality and gender identity**	**Eleanor Hamblin** – Consultant in HIV, Royal Free Hospital
10:50	Refreshment Break	
11:05	**Hepatitis B and C in pregnancy**	**Alison Craik** – Infectious Diseases and General Medicine Registrar, UCLH
12:00	**Herpes simplex virus in pregnancy**	**Emily Clarke** – Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
12:50	Lunch Break	
13:20	**Syphilis in pregnancy**	**Margaret Kingston** – Associate Medical Director for Medical Education, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
14:15	**Other STIs in pregnancy (chlamydia, gonorrhoea, MGen, warts, molluscum)**	**Suneeta Soni** – Consultant Physician, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust
15:05	Refreshment Break	

15:20	**Managing patients with STIs and HIV in pregnancy: priorities for a screening midwife and an obstetrician throughout and beyond pregnancy**	**Eileen McHugh** - Specialist I.D Screening Midwife & London North West Healthcare University NHS Trust **Marissa Tiu-Alcala** - Deputy Screening Coordinator and Infectious Diseases Midwife, London Northwest University Hospital **Nilesh Agarwal -** Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Northwick Park Hospital
16:10	**Closing Address**	**Emily Clarke** – Consultant in genitourinary medicine and HIV, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
16:15	**Conference Close**	

Speakers

Nilesh Agarwal

Mr N Agarwal is a highly experienced Consultant based in London, with over 20 years of expertise in women's health. He has specialist interests in laparoscopic (keyhole) surgery, menstrual disorders (heavy, painful, or irregular periods), well-woman health checks. He is accredited in the management of medical disorders and high-risk pregnancies, acute gynaecology, and early pregnancy conditions, and has held leadership roles within labour ward services.

Laura Byrne

Laura is a consultant in HIV Medicine at St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, an honorary Senior Lecturer at City St George's, University of London and is Chair of the BHIVA 'management of HIV in pregnancy' guidelines writing group.

Alison Craik

Dr Craik is a Senior Infectious Diseases Registrar with a specialist interest in viral hepatitis and its management in complex clinical settings. She has worked in the Hepatitis Clinic at University College London Hospitals (UCLH), gaining extensive experience in the assessment and management of patients with chronic hepatitis B and C.

Her academic interests include viral hepatitis in pregnancy, hepatitis B and HIV co-infection. She recently published a review on the management of hepatitis B and HIV co-infection in pregnancy and has also contributed a book chapter on the management of hepatitis B and C in renal disease.

Emily Clarke

Dr Emily Clarke is Chair of the BASHH Herpes Special Interest Group. She is first author of the BASHH HSV in pregnancy guidelines and co-author of the BASHH and the IUSTI Europe HSV guidelines and the BHIVA HIV in pregnancy guidelines. She works as a consultant in genitourinary medicine in Liverpool where she co-chairs the complex pregnancy MDTs for people with HIV, syphilis and other STIs.

Eleanor Hamblin	Dr Eleanor Hamlyn is Consultant in HIV at the Royal Free Hospital where she is also the HIV antenatal lead and has a special interest in women living with HIV (including menopuase). She also has an interest in lifestyle medicine and runs a weight loss programme for all patients attending the Ian Charleson Clinic at RFH. She is a BASHH BBV Sig Co-chair.
Margaret Kingston	Consultant GUM 23 years in central Manchester, chair national Syphilis guidelines over 20 years, chair BASHH CEG.
Eileen McHugh	Eileen McHugh is a Specialist Midwife in Women's Health and Antenatal Screening at London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust. She has extensive experience supporting pregnant women through antenatal care, screening pathways, and specialist services, with a particular interest in infectious diseases (HIV / Hep B / Hep C / Syphilis) in pregnancy. Eileen works closely with multidisciplinary teams to ensure timely identification, referral, and management of women affected by HIV, Hepatitis B&C, and Syphilis , promoting safe and equitable care for mothers and babies. She is passionate about education and improving awareness of screening programmes among healthcare professionals. At today's study day, Eileen will share practical insights from her experience as a screening midwife, focusing on the role of antenatal screening in identifying and supporting women with HIV and other infectious diseases during pregnancy.
Suneeta Soni	Dr. Suneeta Soni is a Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV in Brighton, and an Honorary Associate Professor at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. For BASHH, she is co-Chair of the Bacterial Special Interest Group and is a member of the Clinical Effectiveness Group. Her interests are antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship and she has authored national guidelines including N. gonorrhoeae and M. genitalium.
Marissa Tiu-Alcala	Marissa Tiu-Alcala is the Deputy Screening Coordinator and Infectious Diseases Midwife at London Northwest University Healthcare NHS Trust. She specialises in antenatal and newborn screening and the management of infectious diseases in pregnancy, including hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV and syphilis. In her role, she supports women and families through complex screening pathways, coordinates multidisciplinary care, and promotes informed decision-making throughout pregnancy. Marissa is passionate about improving maternal and neonatal outcomes through education, evidence-based practice and compassionate, woman-centred care. Her professional interests include fetal screening, prevention of vertical transmission of infections, quality improvement, and enhancing equity and access within maternity services.