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Management of Complex Bacterial STIs Study Day

23rd October 2026

Royal National Hotel, 51 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DG

This one-day course is designed for healthcare professionals in sexual health, infectious diseases and primary care who are involved in the management of complex bacterial STIs. Through a mix of interactive lectures, case-based discussions and practical workshops, participants will explore challenging bacterial STI presentations, antimicrobial resistance and patient centred management strategies. Attendees will gain access to expert-led teaching, the latest clinical guidance and valuable opportunities to enhance multidisciplinary working. By the end of the day, participants will be equipped with practical tools and advanced knowledge to confidently manage complex STI cases and improve patient outcomes.

'Management of Complex Bacterial STIs Study Day' (code: 155162) has been approved for 5 credits, and the activity is now live on the database. Please issue certificates of attendance and maintain an attendance list for a minimum of five years. On certificates of attendance please state 'Management of Complex Bacterial STIs Study Day' has been approved by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom for 5 category 1 (external) CPD credit(s). Full conditions of approval are listed in our [guidelines](#).

Programme

Time	Session	
09:30	Registration	
09:45	Welcome Address	
09:55	Workshop A: Antimicrobial resistance in Mycoplasma Genitalium Suneeta Soni & Rachel Pitt	Workshop B: Syphilis in Pregnancy Margaret Kingston & Soonita Oomeer
11:00	Refreshment Break	
11:15	Workshop A: Antimicrobial resistance in Mycoplasma Genitalium Suneeta Soni & Rachel Pitt	Workshop B: Syphilis in Pregnancy Margaret Kingston & Soonita Oomer
12:20	Lecture: Do Meningococcal B vaccines protect against Gonorrhoea? Shamez Ladhani	
13:15	Lunch	
14:00	Workshop C: Drug Resistant Gonorrhoea Michael Rayment & Michelle Cole	Workshop D: Vaginitis/BV Masterclass Charlotte Short & Samindra Ranasinghe
15:05	Workshop C: Drug Resistant Gonorrhoea Michael Rayment & Michelle Cole	Workshop D: Vaginitis/BV Masterclass Charlotte Short & Samindra Ranasinghe

16:10	Summary of Event
16:30	Event Close

Speakers

Michelle Cole

Michelle is a Principal STI Surveillance and Prevention Scientist in UKHSA's STI Division, after previously heading up the STI reference laboratory. Michelle works closely with UKHSA colleagues to deliver the M. genitalium antimicrobial resistance surveillance (MARS) programme and the gonococcal resistance to antimicrobial surveillance programme (GRASP) and also co-ordinates UKHSA's syphilis task force. She has worked on a number of international surveillances activities, and still co-leads Euro-GASP with colleagues from Örebro University Hospital.

Margaret Kingston

Margaret is a Consultant Physician in Genitourinary Medicine in Central Manchester, is Chair of the BASHH CEG and has been lead author of the BASHH Syphilis guidelines for over 20 years. She is also Director of Undergraduate Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Manchester and is Chair of the Education Leads group of the Medical Schools Council.

Shamez Ladhani

Prof Shamez Ladhani PhD MRCPCH(UK) MSc(distinction) MBBS(hons) BSc(hons) is a paediatric infectious diseases consultant at St. George's Hospital, professor of paediatric infectious diseases and vaccinology at St. George's University of London and consultant epidemiologist at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), where he is the clinical lead for a number of national vaccine preventable infections, including Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae and Neisseria meningitidis, which are all major causes of childhood bacterial meningitis. He has published extensively in the field of paediatric infectious diseases and vaccine-preventable infections.

Soonita Oomeer

Dr Soonita Oomeer (MRCP, DipGUM, DFSRH, DipHIV) completed genitourinary medicine (GUM) & HIV specialist registrar training at St Mary's, Central Middlesex and Northwick Park Hospitals in London.

She has been a GUM & HIV consultant since 2016 at St Ann's Sexual Health Clinic, Haringey and Marlborough GUM clinic at the Royal Free Hospital and currently works at Archway Sexual Health Centre, part of Central North West London NHS Trust (CNWL) as an integrated sexual health consultant. She is the syphilis lead for CNWL Sexual Health services in North Central London.

She is a member of the NHS Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy (IDPS) congenital syphilis clinical expert review panel.

She is a member of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) Bacterial Special Interest Group.

Rachel Pitt-Kendall

Rachel is the lead for the Reference Section of the national STI Reference Laboratory at the UK Health Security Agency.

Samindra Ranasinghe

Dr Samindra Ranasinghe graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from Sri Lanka. Since qualifying as a medical doctor, Dr Ranasinghe has developed extensive clinical experience, with a career spanning more than 17 years in Sexual Health, Genitourinary Medicine (GUM), HIV Medicine, and Reproductive Healthcare. Throughout this time, Dr Ranasinghe has worked in a wide range of clinical settings, providing comprehensive care in integrated sexual health services, HIV outpatient clinics, and contraceptive services. In addition to clinical practice, Dr Ranasinghe has been actively involved in medical education, training healthcare professionals, and contributing to service development, clinical governance, and multidisciplinary team working.

Dr Ranasinghe has also undertaken leadership and management responsibilities, including rota management, supervising junior colleagues, participating in recruitment, leading safeguarding multidisciplinary meetings, and contributing to regional HIV and PrEP multidisciplinary discussions. Alongside clinical excellence, Dr Ranasinghe is committed to maintaining high standards of patient care, evidence-based practice, and continuous professional development. With a strong interest in education, service improvement, and leadership, Dr Ranasinghe continues to support the delivery of high-quality, patient-centred healthcare while further developing clinical and management expertise.

Michael Rayment

Mike has been a consultant in Sexual Health and HIV at 10 Hammersmith Broadway, part of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, since 2014. He is also an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at Imperial College London. His clinical interests include sexual function in men, bacterial STIs, prison care, viral hepatitis, and HIV prevention. He is an active clinical researcher. Mike has been a member of the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group since 2015, producing national clinical guidelines. He is the past Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of STD and AIDS and is a current Fellow to the Board at BASHH.

Charlotte Short

Dr Charlotte Short is a Clinical Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant in Genitourinary and HIV medicine working at Imperial College Healthcare and Chelsea and Westminster NHS Trusts. She leads the STI Microbiota group at Imperial College and her work focusses on the vaginal microbiome, vaginitis and STIs.

Suneeta Soni

Dr. Suneeta Soni is a Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV in Brighton and Honorary Associate Professor at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. For BASHH, she is co-Chair of the Bacterial special interest group and a member of the Clinical Effectiveness Group. She is the lead author of the 2025 Guideline for the Management of Mycoplasma genitalium.

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