BASHH OGM 14 March 2014
Royal Society of Medicine, London
STI Molecular Diagnostics: Present and Potential
Afternoon OGM - 13.00 - 15.30
12:00 - 13:00  Exhibition
13:00 - 13:05  Chair’s Introduction
13:05 - 13:40  Challenges with diagnosis and treatment of gonorrhoea
   Dr Magnus Unemo
13:40 - 14:00  A syndromic approach to the detection of sexually transmitted pathogens
   Dr Markus Schmitt
14:00 - 14:30  Next generation sequencing for sexually transmitted pathogens direct from patients samples
   Professor Nicholas Thomson
14:30 - 15:00  Debate: Is the increase in pharyngeal gonorrhoea real?
   Dr John White and Mr Michael Perry
15:00 - 15:30  TEA/COFFEE
15:30 - 16:30  BASHH AGM (BASHH members only)
Evening OGM - 17.00 - 19.00
17:00 - 17:15  Chair opening remarks (with announcements)
17:15 - 17:35  Mycoplasma genitalium in the British population: Findings from the third National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal-3)
   Dr Pam Sonnenberg
17:35 - 17:55  Use of dual NAATs in the NCSP - unintentional introduction of gonorrhoea screening
   Dr Nigel Field
17:55 - 18:15  Monitoring sexual behaviour through GUM CADv3; preliminary findings
   Hamish Mohammed
18:15 - 18:35  An update on the PROUD trial
   Dr Monica Desai
18:35 - 18:55  Using surveillance data to monitor service delivery at a population level: Past, present and future
   Dr Kevin Dunbar
18:55 - 19:00  Closing remarks

Notice of the BASHH Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BASHH and a Proxy Form has been sent to all BASHH members. They are also posted on the BASHH website - Click here.
Members who are unable to attend the AGM may appoint a proxy to act on their behalf by completing and submitting the Proxy Form according to the instructions supplied.

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BASHH Intellectual Property Statement
BASHH as a registered charity has as its mission to be the lead professional representative body for those involved in the care, treatment, management and promotion of good sexual health including the management of STIs and HIV in the UK. In support of this BASHH has and will continue to produce and commission tailored education/training programmes for health care professionals, trainers and trainees in the UK. In conjunction with professional education, BASHH will also create materials that support and promote good sexual health and education for the public.

The materials commissioned by or produced on behalf of BASHH will be the intellectual property (IP) of BASHH and will be clearly marked as such. Use of such materials without the permission of BASHH will be seen as an infringement of BASHH’s legal rights.

For the avoidance of doubt however, any talks, lectures and presentations produced by members or guest speakers given at BASHH conferences, meetings and courses will of course remain the intellectual property of that person. These may be shared via BASHH but will remain the property of the individual(s) who created them and should be referenced in the usual ways.

A new IP policy has now been introduced that was approved at the Board meeting of December 2013 and is available via the BASHH website. Any comments on it should be directed in the first instance to the Board via the administration team.

When a breach of copyright occurs and a member is made aware of this, in the first instance the Director of STIF programmes should be alerted via the BASHH administration team at admin@bashh.org. They will log the issue and ensure that the incident is escalated through the organisation. Legal action and publicity of the breach will be implemented on the advice taken by our legal advisors.

To read the full BASHH IP Statement - Click here.
BASHH News

Revalidation for all Nurses

The Nursing and Midwifery Council is committed to developing and implementing an effective system of revalidation for nurses and midwives. Revalidation will require every nurse and midwife to confirm that they:

- Continue to remain fit to practise by meeting the principles of the revised Code.
- Have completed the required hours of practice and learning activity through continuing professional development (CPD).
- Have used feedback to review and improve the way they work.
- Have received confirmation from someone well placed to comment on their continuing fitness to practise.

The system of revalidation that the NMC adopts must contribute to the core regulatory purpose of the NMC which is public protection. The NMC aim to deliver a proportionate, risk-based and affordable system that will provide greater public confidence in the professionals regulated by the NMC. It is also important that revalidation raises standards of care and promotes a culture of continuous improvement amongst nurses and midwives.

BASHH have written to the NMC on behalf of the membership; however it is vital that all nurses and interested colleagues add to the review material to provide a rich source of opinion to mould the future of nurse regulation.


Partnership working with NAZ for Latin/Hispanic communities

London sexual health and HIV services have seen large increases in patients from Southern Europe and Latin America over recent years.

Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is collaborating with NAZ Project London to conduct a mapping exercise of clinicians within London, who specifically cater for this population of patients by offering sexual health services with Spanish or Portuguese speaking clinicians.

If you are a London based clinician who currently conducts sexual health, reproductive health or HIV consultations in Spanish, Portuguese or both languages, and would be happy to share your details with us, please send the following information to Charlotte.Cohen@chelwest.nhs.uk:

- Are you a Doctor/Nurse
- Name of Clinician
- Place of Work & Borough
- Type of service offered
- GUM/HIV/Reproductive health
- Contact email
- Language spoken: Spanish/Portuguese/Both

The BASHH Statement on ‘club’ (recreational) drug use is now on the BASHH Clinical Governance Committee’s web page, please go to:  BASHH Statement on ‘club’ (recreational) drug use.

It gives general guidance and information, including potential harms, and a list of web based resources for patients, healthcare professionals and available services.

If anyone has any comments please email Ann.Sullivan@chelwest.nhs.uk

BASHH National Audit Group - New Audit

The BASHH National Audit group launched an audit on the management of anogenital herpes on the 1st February 2014. The link to the audit (http://bit.ly/17JLZLF) has been distributed via your regional BASHH audit leads.

This year we are capturing the data using a Google web form that works on computers, tablets and smart phones.

When you complete the anonymous audit for the first time you are invited to submit a short service questionnaire. Each submission will take up to two minutes to complete and we are asking each service to review forty patients seen before 31st December 2013 [20 with a new diagnosis of anogenital herpes (C10a) and twenty with a recurrent episode (C10b)]. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the audit team at nagbashh@gmail.com

Piloting BASHH Patient Information Leaflets

The Clinical Effectiveness Group would like to recruit more GUM clinics to pilot drafts of BASHH’s patient information leaflets.

Patient involvement in the development of these leaflets is very important and it’s not an unduly onerous task for participating clinics.

If your clinic can help, please contact CEG member Dr Steve Higgins at Steve.Higgins@pat.nhs.uk

RCOG liaison representative

I have been acting as a representative on the RCOG specialist societies committee, and have been involved in organising speakers from BASHH for RCOG meetings. I am now stepping down from this role and am looking for any expressions of interest in taking this on. Please contact me for further information if you are interested.

Sarah Edwards - sarah.edwards@wsh.nhs.uk
Applications Sought for New MFSRH Examiners

The Examination Committee of the FSRH invites applications to join the Panel of MFSRH Examiners for its Membership exams. Successful applicants will be expected to contribute to writing questions or EBC topics, marking and attending examinations, occasional meetings & the annual examiners conference. There are currently vacancies in the following examiner groups:

- Single Best Answer Question (SBA)
- Critical Reading Question (CRQ)
- Evidence Based Commentary (EBC)
- Extended Matching Question (EMQ)
- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

Applicants should have experience in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, with achievement of the MFSRH examination or possession of a CCT in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Genitourinary Medicine or Public Health Medicine. Those applying should also be able to show excellence in the quality of patient care, research skills and teaching skills.

Closing date for applications is 31 March 2014.

For further information and application form please follow this link: [http://www.fsrh.org/pages/MFSRH_Examiners.asp](http://www.fsrh.org/pages/MFSRH_Examiners.asp)

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BASHH / Public Health England Honorary Joint Training Fellowships for Physicians

The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) and Public Health England (PHE) run a programme of honorary joint Fellowships for physicians in higher specialist training in genitourinary medicine. Fellowship applications are now open for 2014.

More details about the fellowships and the application requirements can be found on the BASHH website at the following link: [http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/Education/BASHH_PHE_Fellowship_2014/](http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/Education/BASHH_PHE_Fellowship_2014/)

The closing date for applications is 11 April 2014.

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A research team in Manchester are currently undertaking research that explores how HIV healthcare practitioners provide patient-centred care.

During the investigations there appears to be a lack of evidence around HIV health professionals’ perception knowledge, and skills in relation to delivering bad news.

They are keen to explore this concept further in order to improve patient care and wondered if you would consider spending up to 10 minutes to complete the following survey, which is designed to explore your thoughts around this issue.

Please click on the following link to access the survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/66RW6F5](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/66RW6F5)

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Society of Apothecaries of London Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine Diploma in HIV Medicine

Expressions of interest are sought from consultant educational supervisor and / or consultant clinical supervisor physicians in Genitourinary (GU) Medicine or Infectious Diseases (ID) to become examiners for the Society of Apothecaries for either the Diploma in GU Medicine or Diploma in HIV Medicine.

Both Diplomas are requirements for training for specialty trainees in GU Medicine. Applicants must, therefore, have relevant experience as clinical or educational supervisors. This should be in GU Medicine for Dip GU Med or Dip HIV Med or in ID for the Dip HIV Med.

The committees aim to recruit examiners from throughout the UK so that the examinations reflect clinical practice in all settings. Further details and a self-nomination form are available as follows:

- GU Medicine - examoffice@apothecaries.org
- HIV Medicine - asstreg@apothecaries.org

Please contact the Registrar on 020 7236 1180 if you would like an informal discussion with either her or one of the Conveners.

Please submit self-nominations forms as soon as possible.

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Joint BASHH Doctors in Training and HIV Trainees Club Meeting

1st April 2014, Hilton Hotel, Liverpool

This year the BASHH DIT day will be jointly held with the HIV Trainees Club, preceding the BASHH/BHIVA Spring meeting.

Information regarding venue, programme and expenses are available on the BASHH website - [Click here](http://www.bashh.org/BASHH/News/Education/BASHH_DIT_2014/)

Discounted personal subscriptions to the Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care

BASHH members are now eligible for discounted personal subscriptions to the Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care ([http://jfprhc.bmj.com](http://jfprhc.bmj.com)). Published quarterly by BMJ, the journal provides research and information relevant to clinical care, service delivery, training and education in the field of contraception and reproductive/sexual health.

BASHH members are entitled to a 30% discount on the regular subscription rates: Print and online: usually £121, BASHH member rate £80 per calendar year. Online only: usually £95, BASHH member rate £65 per calendar year.

To subscribe, contact BMJ Customer Services at 020 7383 6270 and mention that you are a BASHH member.
STIF COMPETENCY TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOP 14 MARCH 2014

The next STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshop is taking place on the morning of Friday 14 March pre BASHH OGM. This workshop is recommended for GUM medical and nurse consultants, SAS doctors and clinical nurse specialists involved in training and assessing doctors and nurses within their own departments.

This is a practical training session aimed at:

- How to run the STIF Intermediate Competency training and assessment
- How to run a STIF Level 1 Competency assessment
- How to use the educational and assessment tools effectively
- How to manage a ‘failing’ trainee/candidate
- Sharing experiences

The half day workshop is awarded 3 CPD points and costs £65.00.

To register please download a registration form by clicking here.

HIV Masterclass Alert - 6-7 March 2014

Want to know what's new in HIV and viral hepatitis? Not sure what to do with those patients with fatty liver disease? And anaemia?

Check out the programme on the BASHH website and register for this CPD-approved event NOW!

This event is now free of charge to BASHH members!

Go to: BASHH HIV Masterclass Course 2014

The 2014 IUSTI / BASHH Europe Congress “Migration, recreation, and sexual health” will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Malta between 18-20 September 2014.

Registration is open at http://www.iustimalta2014.org/ with discounted registration until the 15th March 2014.

There is a large discount for current full IUSTI and BASHH members and even greater discounts for trainees and non-doctors.

The closing date for abstract submission is the 15th April 2014.

The deadlines for newsletters in 2014
26 March; 28 May; 24 September, 26 November
DIARY DATES

Masterclass in HIV Management 6-7 March 2014
For further details go to BASHH HIV Masterclass 2014

STIF Competency Train the Trainer Workshop
Friday 14 March 2014, Royal Society of Medicine - Registration at 08:30, the event starts at 09:15 and finishes at 12:30 (pre BASHH OGM).
To register please email Sue Bird: STIF@suebird.biz

BASHH OGM and AGM - 14 March 2014 - RSM, London from 1.00pm

BSSVSD Annual Meeting - 26-27 March 2014 in Glasgow
For further information email: Isabelle.Hay@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

IDRN workshop

Spring Conference 2014: BASHH-BHIVA Liverpool 1-4 April 2014
Please register on line at: http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2014.aspx

3rd World Congress on Controversies in the Management of Viral Hepatitis - May 1-3 2014, Berlin, Germany  www.comtecmed.com/chep

HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas - 7-10 May 2014 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  www.hivamericas.org.


BASHH OGM - 20 June 2014 - RSM, London from 1.00pm - HSV / MSM SIGs

The 10th Congress and Post-graduate Course of the European College for the Study of Vulval Disease will be held in Birmingham on 11-13 September 2014  www.ecsvd.eu/


11th Conference of the International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraception Associates (FIAPAC) - 3-4 October 2014 in Ljubljana, Slovenia
Contact: www.fiapac.org

The Viral Hepatitis Congress 2014 - 9-11 October 2014 - Frankfurt, Germany  www.viral-hep.org

BASHH OGM - 17 October 2014 - RSM, London from 1.00pm

HIV Drug Therapy Congress in Glasgow - 2 - 6 November 2014  http://hivglasgow.org/2014

BASHH OGM - 9 January 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm

Joint BASHH and Faculty Meeting - 30 January 2015 - RSM, London - put the date in your diary NOW!

Spring Conference 2015 - Glasgow 1-3 June 2015 - Details to be announced

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Dates of Ordinary General Meetings (OGMs) in 2014
Friday 14 March and AGM; Friday 20 June; Friday 17 October