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WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day is held every year on the 1st of December. The global World AIDS Day theme for this year continues on from last year's theme: **Getting to Zero**: Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths.

The aim of World AIDS Day is to encourage all Australians to be aware of HIV; to take action to reduce the transmission of HIV by promoting safer practices; and to ensure that people living with HIV can participate fully in the life of the community, free from stigma and discrimination.



MJA Article

ASHM CEO, Adj Assoc Prof Levinia Crooks, has a commentary article scheduled to run on 30 November in the [Medical Journal of Australia's InSight](#) in which she describes treatments and advocates for access to PrEP.

WAD2015 EVENTS

There are events happening all around Australia. A full list by each state and territory is here: <http://www.worldaidsday.org.au>

Events include:

- Film screenings
- Sports events
- Crowd photography campaign
- Outdoor projections
- Red ribbon and merchandise sales

ENDINGHIV.ORG.AU

Be sure to also visit the endinghiv.org.au website with lots of engaging information for every state and territory across Australia.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HIV AWARENESS WEEK

Between 30 Nov and 8 Dec, it will also be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Awareness Week (ATSIHAW). Like the [Facebook page](#)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The Regional Network represents 41 national professional societies, associations and organisations across Asia and the Pacific that support HIV, viral hepatitis and sexual health care workforce development and providers.

The Regional Network supports the skills and needs of professionals, in order to provide state-of-the-art advice to national HIV, viral hepatitis and sexual health bodies and best practice care to people affected by, and living with, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections across Asia and the Pacific. The Network was formed in 2008 through mutual interests and agreements between the founding members.

Our thanks go to Gilead Sciences for their ongoing support. Further details about the Regional Network, including the latest Newsletter, are available on the [Regional Network webpage](#)

RESOURCES

HIV Shared Care Training

In Australia, fifty per cent of new diagnoses are made in General Practice. ASHM is providing FREE online **HIV GP Management Plan – Audit and Shared Care Training** with a low HIV-patient caseload. GPs can earn 40 RACGP points and 6 ASHM points for completing the training and the pre- and post-training audit. The training is on lms.ashm.org.au

Sex – Need a Hand?

This is a 6-hour face-to-face course developed for GPs that can be delivered by your organisation. Developed by NSW Health Sexually Transmissible Infections Program Unit (STIPU), this is a fully accredited sexual health training course. ASHM will also process the RACGP points for participants. To obtain the course materials and run the, [contact Emily Wheeler](#).

Resources for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) – Viral Hepatitis

ASHM has collaborated with the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia (AHCSA) to develop the Communicare User Manual: Viral Hepatitis and the Communicare Administrator Manual: Viral Hepatitis. These resources aim to help standardise a best practice approach to viral hepatitis screening, testing and management within ACCHSs nationally.

These resources can be downloaded from our Indigenous resources page, or alternatively can be found by searching for 'Communicare' on our general resources page. If you would like printed copies, please contact Alison.Kerr@ashm.org.au or phone 02 8204 0746.

COURSES

Hepatitis B In Your Community

2 December, 2015

Dinner Update at 6pm

BRISBANE, QLD

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CEASE: Treatment of hepatitis C with Direct Acting Antivirals. Training for HIV prescribers. CEASE: Treatment of hepatitis C with Direct Acting Antivirals. Training for HIV prescribers.

5 December, 2015

ADELAIDE, SA

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9th Hepatology Nursing Masterclass

8 December, 2015

SYDNEY, NSW

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Interested in Advanced Sexual Health Nursing courses?

ASHM is responding to many enquiries about whether the advanced sexual health nursing subjects that have been offered by the Australian College of Nursing will be held in 2016 and ongoing. The College considers the following subjects unviable due to low enrolment numbers:

- Sexual Health Nursing: Principles and Practice
- Sexual Health Nursing: Clinical Practice

ASHM is investigating options for these subjects to be delivered, due to demand from within the sector. If you are interested in seeing these subjects continue to be available, please confirm by contacting the [ASHM Nursing Program](#) (hyperlink this to

The more people who indicate an interest, the more likely they are to be held again.

SCHOLARSHIPS

CROI 2016 - Round 2

The ASHM Scholarship Program funded by ViiV is now accepting scholarship applications for HIV s100 prescribers who have been accepted by CROI to attend CROI 2016. If your scholarship application is successful, ASHM will cover the cost for CROI registration, return flights and accommodation (where required). Please submit your [scholarship application](#) by Tuesday 5 January 2016. Outcomes will be emailed in the week commencing 11 January 2016.



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