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Upcoming courses, conferences, news, and more.

NEWS

New Hepatitis C Drugs Listed from 1 March

Three new direct acting antiviral treatments for hepatitis C will be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from 1 March 2016.

- Harvoni®
- Sovaldi® and Daklinza®
- Sovaldi® and Ibvayr® (ribavirin)

These treatments are available for all Australians with hepatitis C regardless of liver disease progression, treatment history or substance use history.

The new treatments:

- are oral
- have high cure rates (over 90%)
- take no longer than 12 weeks (for most people)
- have fewer side effects than previous treatments

The Hepatitis NSW campaign website <https://www.hep.org.au/campaigns/> contains a new treatment fact sheet, live online support, and postcode searchable service directory.



New Team to Start in Queensland

Late last year, ASHM secured a large contract with Queensland Department of Health to deliver HIV and viral hepatitis training and development programs throughout the state, including:

Clinical Hepatitis Workforce Development Program encompassing recruitment of primary care clinics into a program of training and mentoring to increase their clinical capacity to manage hepatitis B and C and increase their linkages and support with multidisciplinary teams in tertiary care.

HIV, viral hepatitis, sexual health and harm reduction workforce development program encompassing HIV and hepatitis B prescriber programs, hepatitis C clinical education program, BBV/STI clinical and non-clinical training, PEP and PREP training, scholarships for advanced nursing training in viral hepatitis, annual forum and regional networking groups for Aboriginal sexual health workers, NSP train the trainer workshop and training for corrections services staff. ASHM is partnering with Hepatitis Queensland in the corrections services work.

The team is comprised of one Senior Project Officer, two Project Officers (viral hepatitis and HIV/sexual health) and two Clinical Nurses in viral hepatitis. ASHM has leased office space situated with the HIV Foundation Queensland in Brisbane.

Australian Museum Eureka Prizes

Entries and nominations are now open for the 2016 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes – Australia's premier national science awards.

One of the prizes that may be of interest to you this year is the Australian Infectious Diseases Research Centre Eureka Prize for Infectious Diseases Research. This Eureka Prize awards \$10,000 to an individual, group or team for an outstanding recent contribution to infectious diseases research. Information about this prize, including judging criteria and conditions of entry, is available online.

For more on the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, including the full prize line-up, FAQs and tips from our judges, [visit the website](#)

HIV Futures 8 survey – deadline extended to 17th June

HIV Futures 8 is a survey about the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV in Australia, including treatments and stigma. It is designed to directly inform the National HIV Strategy.

If you work with PLHIV, please encourage them to complete the survey online at www.hivfutures.org.au Hardcopies can be ordered by emailing hivfutures@latrobe.edu.au or calling 1800 064 398.

HIV Futures is run by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS), La Trobe University. The survey has been developed in consultation with a variety of community groups and it is officially supported by the National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWA), the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and ASHM.

For more information contact the project coordinator, Jennifer Power, via email to Jennifer.power@latrobe.edu.au or ph (03) 9479 8700. If you have any complaints or concerns contact the Senior Human Ethics Officer, La Trobe University, P: 03 9479 1443, E: humanethics@latrobe.edu.au (SHE CHESCs 15/100).

Introduction to Clinical Trials

Three-day short course in clinical trials from 27-29 April, led by A/Prof Janaki Amin at the Kirby Institute, UNSW.

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Formulate a research question and develop a protocol
- Understand appropriate trial design, data collection and trial oversight
- Present and interpret data

Know more and Register: <https://kirby.unsw.edu.au/content/introduction-clinical-trials>

ASHM COURSES

Short Course in Sexual Health Nursing

4-5 March 2016

SYDNEY, NSW

[Register](#)

Hepatitis B s100 Prescriber Course

5 March 2016

SYDNEY, NSW

[Register](#)

Chronic Hepatitis C: Curing Hepatitis in 2016

10 March 2016

WOLLONGONG, NSW

[Register](#)

Hepatitis C New Treatments Course

12 March 2016

SYDNEY, NSW

[Register](#)

Chronic Hepatitis C: Curing Hepatitis in 2016

10 March 2016

BANKSTOWN, NSW

[Register](#)

HIV/STI Case Discussion for Primary Health Care Nurses

16 March 2016

SYDNEY, NSW

[Register](#)

New Era of Hepatitis C Treatment (in partnership with HNE PHN)

17 March 2016

TAMWORTH, 2016

[Register by Email](#)

Rural Health West Conference - Hep C session

20 March 2016

PERTH, WA

[Register by Email](#)

Hepatitis B Nursing: Preventing Liver Cancer in Primary Care

23 March 2016

PARRAMATTA, NSW

[Register](#)

Hepatitis C Nursing: Workshop for Primary Health Care Nurses

30 March 2016

TAREE, NSW

[Register](#)

HIV Case Discussion: PrEP

31 March 2016

SYDNEY, NSW

[Register by Email](#)

CONFERENCES

CROI 2016 Blogs

Read ASHM's clinical blog from CROI 2016 ashm.info

Webcasts from the conference are also available at <http://www.croiwebcasts.org/>



Asia Pacific Conference on AIDS and Co-infections (APACC) 2016

17-19 May 2016

Hong Kong

Translating Science into Clinical Practice

There is a 25% discount for ASHM members who register before 20 March.

<http://www.apacc2016.org>

The Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference

29 September – 1 October 2016

Gold Coast Convention Centre, Queensland

Save the date and start planning your abstract.

This is the most important year in Australasian viral hepatitis so don't miss the only multidisciplinary conference in our region

Abstract deadline 8 May 2016.

New Keynote speakers confirmed:

Alexander Ploss, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University, USA, Zoë Dodd, Hepatitis C Program Coordinator, Toronto Community Hep C Program, Canada

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Australasian Sexual Health Conference

14-16 November 2016

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

It's time to turn everything you know about Sexual Health on its head and 'Rethink Sexual Health'

Speakers confirmed: Associate Professor Amber D'Souza, John Hopkins University, USA Professor Mark Hayter,

Hull University, UK; Associate Professor Rebecca Guy, The Kirby Institute, Australia; Associate Professor Marion Saville, Executive Director of VCS Incorporated, Australia.

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