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CALENDAR OF EDUCATION COURSES

Our calendar courses are designed to meet the needs of those working in clinical care, health, education, non-government and community organisations, business and industry. All face-to-face courses are held at The Albion Centre in Sydney unless otherwise advised. We also have a range of online courses which can be accessed from anywhere in the world.

Our courses relate to:

- HIV/hepatitis transmission and prevention
- HIV/hepatitis clinical management and treatment
- Counselling and psychosocial issues
- Health care worker safety
- Infection control
- Nutrition and HIV/hepatitis

http://thealbioncentre.org.au/education-and-information/course-calendar/

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hiv&aids+ sexualhealth 2020

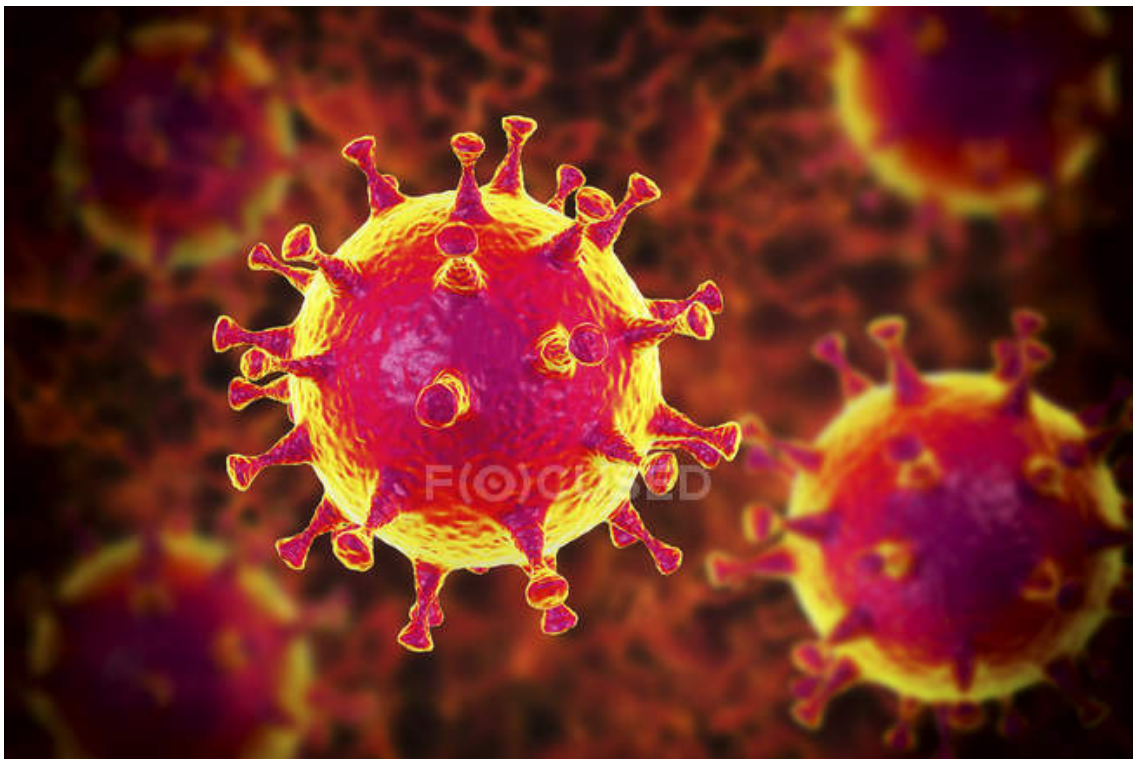
2020 Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference, 21-23 September joint with 2020 Australasian Sexual Health Conference, 22-24 September

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Theme: From Global to Local

Early Bird Registration Now Open!

We are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the 2020 Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences



(2019-nCoV) sector release

Please click the link below to view the sector release PDF in regards to COVID-19.

https://www.afao.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/200205-AFAO-NAPWHA-ASHM-CoronaVirus-Release-5-February_.pdf

Nurse Practitioner s100 prescribing update

Medicines listed as s100 encompass a broad range of medication across many different medical specialties. The prescribing of s100 medication has been restricted to specialist medical professionals as determined by the PBS under the Highly Specialised Drugs Program. This has meant that nurse practitioners working in these same specialist fields have not been able to prescribe medication essential to their scope of practice.

As most of you know, in November 2019 the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) approved- in principle- the prescribing of s100 medication for nurse practitioners working with people living with HIV and Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C in correctional facilities. It was acknowledged in their response that this will increase access to s100 medication for vulnerable populations.

Melinda Hassall at ASHM, and a working group of nurse practitioners across the HIV, sexual health and viral hepatitis sectors.
As of the end of February 2020, we are still waiting on the PBAC to announce a date the changes will occur and ASHM are in discussion with State and Territory Departments of Health as to what legislative and other changes need to occur.

Individual nurse practitioners will need to ensure their scope of practice and medication formulary documentation reflect these changes.

Nurse practitioners who are interested in prescribing s100 medication to people living with HIV will need to complete the HIV prescriber program, and can email HIVprescriber@ashm.org.au to register their interest.
This is a fantastic outcome, and while this expands access to those most at need, it will also hopefully pave the way for expanding s100 prescribing to nurse practitioners across other sectors.

Danielle Collins - HIV Nurse Practitioner

MEMBER PROFILE

Paul Zulu - Papa New Guinea

My major roles are to manage the health facility, submit monthly clinical reports and ensure quality services are provided.

I do VCT counseling, prescribe ARTs, manage STI, HIV, PPTCT and TB/HIV cases, provide mentorship, place drug orders, do Quality Improvement services, and also general clinical work.

I also do basic tests like EQAs, operate CD4 analyzer Machine-Pima, operate HB machine. I do conduct in house in services, and implement public health awareness campaigns. I have gained a lot of work experience in the last 8 years of work.

My specialist area is sexual health and currently am doing alot as mentioned above. I also wanted to further my career in sexualth health because I have seen that sexual health issues are on rise and there must be a qualified person to deal with this issues.

Currently, I am an OIC at an Urban health facility where we provide, the

me and 2 ancillary staff. The nurses are well trained. In our ART clinic we have about 420 clients registered for ART services. In general, we normally, see about 800-1000 patients per month.

Paul Zulu Banz Day clinic
ART Nurse Prescriber
Jiwaka province , PNG

Celebrating a colourful Mardi Gras at Arcare Parkwood

Read more;
https://arcare.com.au/queensland-aged-care/parkwood/news/celebrating-mardi-gras/

NSW

Clinical Nurse Specialist, HIV and Research

https://jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/clinical-nurse-specialist-hiv-and-research-65268

St Leonards, Royal North Shore Hospital | Sydney

Clinical Nurse Specialist - Sexual Health

https://jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/clinical-nurse-specialist-sexual-health-64587

St Leonards, Royal North Shore Hospital | Sydney

Enrolled Nurse Sexual Health - Sydney, Sydney Eye Hospital

https://jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/enrolled-nurse-sexual-health-sydney-sydney-eye-hospital-64820

Aborginal Sexual Health and Harn Reduction Officer - PFT

Registered Nurse - Outreach
Family Planning NSW

https://www.seek.com.au/job/41078706?type=standard#searchRequestToken=b0d8ace6-1a3c-45b6-9b66-0e2cf83adeb4

QLD

Clinical Nurse (Sexual Health)

Mt Isa, QLD

https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-MI336541

Private/Defence

Registered Nurse Sexual Health - Duntroon Health Centre - Part Time

https://careers.serco.com/ASPAC/

Registered Nurse Sexual Health - Holsworthy Health Centre - Casual

https://careers.serco.com/ASPAC/

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Do you have a contribution to share?

The ASHHNA Newsletter is distributed quarterly every year with some great

As we rely on our members, we really do encourage our members to reach out and submit content as much as possible so we can try bring as much wonderful information to you all so that we can share the latest developments, educational opportunities or anything related to sexual health you think our members might appreciate.

Please send any contributions to;

williamjhooke@gmail.com - Will Hooke and/or Brett Hadlow; brett.hadlow@health.nsw.gov.au any time for our next newsletter.

Thanks,

Brett and Will

Background

The Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association (ASHHNA) constitution specifies that no more than 10% of membership at a given time should be Life Members. ASHHNA Life Membership has been awarded to several recipients for outstanding contribution to the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Nursing and for their involvement on the ASHHNA Executive Committee.

Criteria for Life Membership

Essential Criteria

Membership of ASHHNA for a minimum 10 years
and
Significant contribution to ASHHNA Inc and the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Nursing

Desirable Criteria

Membership of the ASHHNA Executive Committee for a minimum of 2 years

Nomination Process

Current financial members of ASHHNA Inc can nominate a member for Life Membership.
Nomination forms are available at www.ashhna.org.au.
Nominations require supporting information regarding the contribution of the nominee to Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Nursing.
Nomination forms must be emailed to the ASHHNA Executive Committee with the names of the proposer and seconder of the nomination by the 30th June each year.
Nomination forms should be sent to ashhnanurses@gmail.com

Voting and Award Process

1. Letter sent to nominee by ASHHNA President advising they have been nominated for ASHHNA Life Membership and if they would like their nomination to be formally considered to forward a copy of their resume to the ASHHNA President for review by the ASHHNA Executive Committee

2. Member voting for Life Membership nominees is undertaken at the next AGM requiring an affirmative vote of 80%

3. The ASHHNA Executive Committee reviews the resume of the nominee and undertakes final voting requiring an affirmative vote of 80%

4. The Life Membership recipient is notified in writing and announced via ASHHNA communication routes

5. The Life Membership Award will be formally presented at the following AGM by the current ASHHNA President.

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