

POPH90068 Sexually Transmissible Infections

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught online/distance. Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One 2-hour lecture per week (Classroom) Total Time Commitment: Classroom: In addition to the stated contact hours, students are expected to spend at least 2-3 hours of study for each hour of contact.Distance: 8 hours per week
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	Special Computer Skills: Students will be expected to be proficient with a Web browser, e-mail application and word processing application prior to enrolment in this subject.
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Subject Overview:	Topic-based seminar class on the common presentations of sexually transmissible infections (STIs), and the principles of diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmissible infections. Teaching will be given on the need for confidentiality and partner notification as they pertain to STIs. The lecture topics include: urethral discharges in men, vaginal discharges, genital herpes, wart virus infection & Pap smears, syphilis, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, proctitis & enteritis, laboratory diagnosis, and management of STIs in resource poor countries. The subject will be offered via a standard classroom lecture format, and will also be offered via distance-education utilising CD-Rom/DVD and written material. This enables the subject to be offered to those living in regional and rural Australia.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance critical thinking skills • To further develop written and oral communication skills • To generate a sophisticated understanding of the epidemiology, diagnosis and management of sexually transmissible infections • To develop skills to independently reflect upon and analyse the barriers to effective management of STIs
Assessment:	Completion of 2 short answer questions (500 words each) for 10 weeks of each semester and a written discussion paper, totalling 3,000 words due at end of semester.
Prescribed Texts:	Russell, D., Bradford, D. and Fairley, C. (Eds.) Sexual Health Medicine: A Clinical Approach, IP Communications, 2005. Special Computer Requirements: Students are required to have access to a computer with e-mail application, Web browser and CD ROM facility. Technical support is

	not available from the University of Melbourne in setting up such a system. Resources Provided to Distance Students: Written material and CD-Rom/DVD will be provided by mail.
Recommended Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	-
Links to further information:	http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au
Notes:	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	International Health Sexual Health