



CLINICAL SERVICES

SCREENING OF WELL WOMEN BY SHN'S FOR STI'S AND BBV: POLICY

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1. Policy statement

Sexual Health Nurses at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre are able to undertake screening of Well Women for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) and Blood Borne Virus's (BBV's).

2. Persons affected

- Sexual Health Nurses (SHN's)
- Medical Officers
- Well Women

3. Definition of terms

- Well Women: Asymptomatic women who present to MSHC with identified risks for STI's and/or BBV's. This may include women with a history unprotected intercourse, partner change or contact of known infection.

4. Responsibility

- Nursing Services Manager
- Clinical Nursing Coordinator
- Sexual Health Nurses
- Medical Officers

5. Criteria

Sexual Health Nurses practicing in the Well Women's Clinic must meet the following criteria;

- Credentialed Nurse Pap Test Provider with the Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA)
- Accredited HIV/Hep C Pre and Post Test Counsellor with the Department of Human Services (Vic)
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Demonstrated competence through the MSHC Well Women's Training Program

6. Reference documents

- MSHC CS. Hepatitis C Screening and Management Policy and Procedure
- MSHC CS. HIV Antibody Testing Policy and Procedure
- MSHC CS. Pap Test Policy and Procedure
- MSHC CS. Walk-In Triage System Policy and Procedure