

Annual Report **2017** 



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Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC) is a service within Alfred Health. The vision of the MSHC is to be a leader in the management and prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and its mission is to maximize sexual health through innovation and excellence in public health, education, clinical care and research.

# Overview

The MSHC has been in operation since 1918 as a specialised unit for the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmissible infections (STIs). It is the only centre that provides full-time, free sexual health services to the people of Victoria. The Centre became part of Alfred Health in 2003. The services provided by MSHC include general clinics for the management of STIs and HIV and a variety of specialist clinics. The service provided is predominantly walk in led by nurse triage service that focuses on high risk individuals with some appointments.

### Special services provided by MSHC include:

- Medical care and community welfare support for people living with HIV
- Dermatology clinic for specialist dermatological management of genital skin disorders and dermatological conditions in HIV positive and negative clients
- Counselling services with qualified counsellors that are available for individuals or couples with concerns about sexual health and STIs, including HIV
- STI testing through a website and/or telephone consultations for young people under 25 years, men who have sex with men (MSM) and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders of any age living more than 100km from Melbourne augmented by self collected specimens and postal treatment
- Express testing service for MSM, Test and Go service (TAG)
- HIV Integrated Prevention clinic (HIP)
- Outreach services for men who attend sex on premises venues.
- Nursing service for Access Health (Salvation Army) in St Kilda that provides services for marginalised people in the community. Funding by the Drug and Alcohol section of the Department of Health has been provided for 5 hours of sexual health nursing services/week.
- · On-site pharmacy provided by Alfred Health
- On-site laboratory service provided by the Public Health Laboratory Microbiology Diagnostic Unit (PHL-MDU), University of Melbourne which provides assistance to clinicians to make same day diagnoses and treatment

The team of health care providers at MSHC includes 26 doctors, 38 sexual health nurses and 2 counsellors. The clinicians play an instrumental role in screening and testing for STIs and HIV, STI and HIV prevention, education and counselling. The health care team is supported by 15 other staff members in administrative or clerical roles, IT support, pharmacists and medical scientists.

The pharmacy services at MSHC are co-ordinated by Alfred Health pharmacy services. The staff rotate at 6 monthly intervals and cover 4 campuses: The Alfred Hospital, Caulfield and Sandringham Hospitals, and MSHC.

As the population of Victoria grows, so too does the demand for the Centre's services. MSHC has continued to place importance on the provision of services that maximise access for members of the public in most need. This has been achieved through the continued provision of services that are free of charge, have greater flexibility through the use of walk-in triage and additional gains from clinical efficiency. Extra clinical services are provided for men who have sex with men (MSM), who currently constitute a major risk group for STIs in Victoria.

One of MSHC's key roles is to promote public health and education. It aims to provide material that is freely available to both the general public and health care providers, particularly general practitioners

(GPs). MSHC provides support to GPs as well as the public through its web based service www.mshc.org. au and free-call telephone service whereby GPs can receive specialist clinical advice directly from a sexual health physician.

# The frequently updated MSHC website www.mshc.org.au comprises of information divided into four major sections:

- Clinic information that includes available services recently implemented
- Sexual health for the general public
- Resources for health professionals
- Research and education

#### There are also interactive online services provided:

#### For the general public:

- <u>www.ispysti.org/</u> (iSpy STI) is a symptom checker to help users understand their genital symptoms who may have a sexually transmitted infection
- <a href="www.letthemknow.org.au/">www.letthemknow.org.au/</a> (Let Them Know) for assisting individuals diagnosed with sexually transmitted infections about informing their partners about their possible risk of infection. The site has numerous tools including examples of conversations, emails, SMS and letters to communicate the information as well as fact sheets
- www.checkyourrisk.org.au (Check Your Risk) to check risk of exposure to an STI
- <a href="www.testme.org.au/">www.testme.org.au/</a> (TESTme) provides STI testing through telephone consultations for young people under 25 years, men who have sex with men (MSM) and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders of any age living more than 100km from Melbourne augmented by self collected specimens and postal treatment
- www.mshc.org.au/syphilis (Syphilis) for assisting people who may have concerns about having contracted or have been diagnosed with syphilis. The site has detailed information about symptoms and treatment of syphilis, photographs and information on reducing risk and informing partners
- www.healthmap.org.au (Health Map) for HIV positive people to find out what tests are needed and
  also what issues should be on the agenda at the next visit to the doctor or clinic. Health Map asks
  questions about health and provides a personal report, based on expert advice. This report directs
  users to chosen websites for particular needs, and provides some facts and a "to do" list for medical
  care

#### For general practitioners:

- Online STI atlas <u>www.stiatlas.org/</u> is a free, open access online atlas showcasing MSHC's extensive library of clinical images aimed at improving diagnoses of STIs for health care providers internationally
- www.mshc.org.au/gpassist (GP Assist) provides a mechanism to improve partner notification by providing the www.mshc.org.au/GPassist web address on laboratory reports of positive results of common STIs. Accessible information about treatment of the more common STIs and simple tools such as partner letters and fact sheets for GPs to use in discussing partner notification are also available at this site
- www.mshc.org.au/health-professional/stitool This Tool has been prepared as an aid for GPs, providing simplified guidelines for STI screening and for dealing with common symptomatic presentations. The PDF file may be downloaded to allow offline access, both desktop and mobile, but please make sure you have the latest version. The Tool is an ongoing project and will be updated frequently.
- Treatment guidelines <u>www.mshc.org.au/health-professionals/treatment-guidelines</u>

### Online training and education resources for health care professionals:

- Educational videos (see list Table 1) and audios for management of common sexual health issues such as treating genital warts and diagnosing PID, taking a Papanicolaou smear, symptoms of acute HIV, and examples of partner notification explanations to clients <a href="https://www.mshc.org.au/education/">www.mshc.org.au/education/</a>
- Case studies with photographs <u>www.mshc.org.au/education/case-studies</u>

### Table 1 List of educational videos for health professionals

1. MSHC Orientation	A brief description about what happens at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre
2. Chlamydia - introducing the test	How to introduce the recommended annual chlamydia test in a non sexual health consultation
3. Chlamydia in general practice	Who, Where, When and Why An update on a previously recorded - chlamydia testing video
4. Sexual health check up	Sexual health checkups for asymptomatic patients
5. PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease - diagnosis and management
6. Partner notification	Assisting patients to contact their partners
7. Warts removal	Treating warts by cryocautery
8. Warts treatment	Wart treatment
9. Laboratory diagnosis of STIs	Laboratory diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections
10. Sexual health examination	Sexual Health Examination and Normal Variants
11. HSV	Genital herpes
12. Cervical sampling	A clinicians guide to taking a Pap Test

### Table 2 List of educational audio presentations for health professionals

Adolescent Sexual Health		
Genital Chlamydia		
Management of Vulvar Pain		
Pap Smear Terminology		
Sex Worker Screening		
Type-Specific Herpes Serology		
MSM Screening		

The Centre also fulfills an important role as a principal centre for the training of health professionals in Victoria through Dr Hennie Williams at Melbourne University.

The teaching and sexual health courses remain with The University of Melbourne.

MSHC places a premium on the provision of high quality services that are responsive to client needs. To this end, the Centre is active in quality assurance activities, which include an annual client satisfaction survey, where 98% of clients in 2017 expressed satisfaction with the service.

# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Welcome to our 2017 annual report. This year has been one of our most challenging years but as always our wonderful staff have embraced the challenge and provided the Victorian public with an outstanding service under extraordinary pressure. We've provided nearly 50,000 consultations and yet, as in past years, we have had so many grateful clients, 98% of whom have been satisfied with the care they have received. We are indeed fortunate for such spectacular and motivated staff.

To accommodate the inexorably rising client load we were provided with additional funds to open on Friday morning from October 2017. This has allowed us to see an extra 3190 clients by the time of this report and we, and these clients, are very grateful for the support of Alfred Health and the Department of Health and Human Services. MSHC continues to provide a very high quality service in both the General and HIV clinic. Dr Nick Medland who is completing a PhD within our service showed that the time from HIV infection to an undetectable viral load has shortened dramatically for clients attending our service. Undetectable viral load is vital in reducing the transmission of HIV. In another quality improvement, 2017 also saw MSHC introducing and providing free HPV vaccine for younger men who have sex with men. This will translate into fewer cases of cancer in years to come.

Dr Marcus Chen and Dr Nick Medland have also been critical to our efforts to reduce the pressure on our MSHC service through the Victorian HIV Hepatitis Integrated Training and Learning program (VHHITAL) program funded by DHHS Victoria. This program aims to improve STI education for GPs across Victoria and build GP capacity for STI care across metropolitan and regional areas.

Our research success is second to none for a clinical sexual health service. During 2017, the Centre has published 102 scientific papers in very high ranking journals. The quality of the work, and its potential to improve STI care is extraordinary. One paper published in Sexually Transmitted Infections by Eric Chow has the second highest Altimetry score of all papers published in recent time in that journal. This paper was the first randomised study of mouthwash and preceded the Oral Mouthwash to Eradicate Gonorrhoea (OMEGA) study which the world is waiting for with baited breath. It is indeed nice to work in a place whose research is being talked about all over the world.

Not surprisingly given the quality of this research work, Eric Chow received Monash University Dean's Award in Excellence. He was the highest rank researcher at his level within the entire Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University. This award was a huge achievement given that the faculty has 10 Schools and many departments. Eric also won the ASHA Mid-Career Interdisciplinary Achiever Award at the Sexual Health Conference in Canberra, 2017 and the 2017 Victorian Young Tall Poppy Scientist of the Year. These awards reflect very well on Eric but also on all the staff of Melbourne Sexual Health Centre. Our staff make these research successes possible and demonstrate the value and synergy from combining excellence in clinical care and research together in the one service.

Very sadly on Friday the 30th of June this year Dr Seenivasagan Yoganathan or as he was affectionately known 'Yoga' passed on. We owed him an enormous sense of gratitude for his invaluable contribution to our Center over more than three decades (since 1987). Yoga was utter delight. He was happy, gracious, polite and so very genuine. His depth and extraordinary clinical experience was I think irreplaceable.

We will miss some other dear staff who moved on or retired in 2017. Deanna retired after nearly 30 years and she will be missed dearly by us all. We have heard that Deanna is thoroughly enjoying her retirement that she well and truly earned. We also said farewell to the delightful Irene Kuzevska who will be spending more time with her children at home and supporting her husband in the family business. It was a great loss for the Centre but a wonderful gain for them. We thank Irene for all her hard work over the years and wish her well. Sandy Walker also left to fulfil her long term plan of building her psychology practice. She has been at MSHC for 10 years firstly with the University of Melbourne and then with Monash University. She is an outstanding individual and we're quite certain her practice will thrive.

We also passed an important mile stone this year. It was 25 years since the 12th July 1992, when our Centre was relocated to this site in Carlton. A newspaper article at the time provided by Tina Schmidt reported that the Centre performed 100-200 tests per week, diagnosed a couple of hundred cases of chlamydia a year and had 3 counselling rooms and 9 consultation rooms. This is quite a change from today with 30 consultation rooms and over 3,000 cases of chlamydia in the past year.

On behalf of Suzanne, Ria and Marcus, thank you to a wonderfully talented team of extraordinarily health professionals and administrative support staff who are; Melbourne Sexual Health Centre.

### **25TH BIRTHDAY BASH**



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# SERVICES AND CONSULTATIONS

The numbers of consultations by type of service provided onsite are shown in Table 3. A further 272 outreach consultations were carried out offsite at various venues for men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) and Access Health services for marginalized people.

Table 3

Clinic Type	Total	Male	Female	Transgender
General Clinic	44,955	31,013	13,422	237
HIV Clinic	3,515	3,119	372	24
Counselling	900	657	235	8
Total	49,370	34,789	14,234	347
Individuals	24,149	15,763	8,221	165

### **Diagnoses**

The numbers of the most frequently made diagnoses in consultations are shown in Table 4.

Table 4

Diagnoses	Total
Chlamydia trachomatis	3,046
Neisseria gonorrhoea	2,177
Non gonococcal urethritis (NGU)	1,953
Herpes	1,015
Infectious syphilis	382
Bacterial vaginosis	1,019
Warts	1,448
HIV new cases	55
PID	356
Mycoplasma genitalium	426
Lymphogranuloma venereum	15
HIV PEP	1,322
PCI	61
Gonorrhoea in women	177
Trichomoniasis in women	18
Infectious syphilis in women	7

The numbers of consultations continue to rise with the number of individuals steadily increasing (Figure 1). In 2015, there were 42,466 consultations in total; 46,564 in 2016 and 49,370 in 2017. There was a marginal decrease in consultations in the General Clinic from 36,528 in 2012 to 35,072 in 2013 and in 2014 35,836. Since 2015, consultations in the General Clinic have risen from 37,859 to 44,955 in 2017 (Table 3). The number of returning clients remained at approximately the same level from 2013 (19,410 to 19,851 in 2015) after a significant reduction in returning clients in 2012 as a result of changes to sexworker health checks from monthly to 3 monthly in October 2012 and the change in policy of HIV negative results for all clients being provided by telephone consultations from the beginning of 2013. Since 2016, there has been a significant increase in returning clients (22,422 to 25,221 in 2017). This may be the result of the introduction of the Test and Go (TAG) and HIV Integrated (HIP) services.

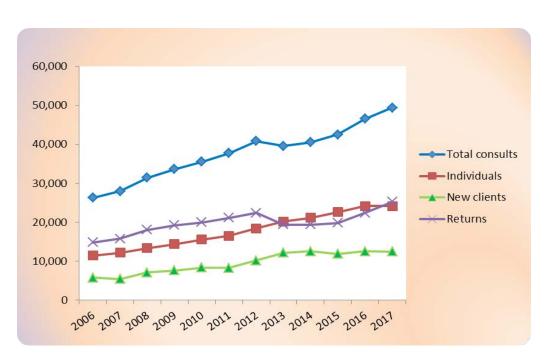


Figure 1 Increasing numbers of clients each year

The numbers of positive chlamydia and gonorrhea tests have also increased (Figure 2 and 3) as well as the number of infectious syphilis cases (Figure 4). The numbers of gonococcal positive tests have increased significantly since the introduction of highly sensitive nucleic acid amplification tests for screening in March 2015.

Figure 2 Number of positive chlamydia tests by year

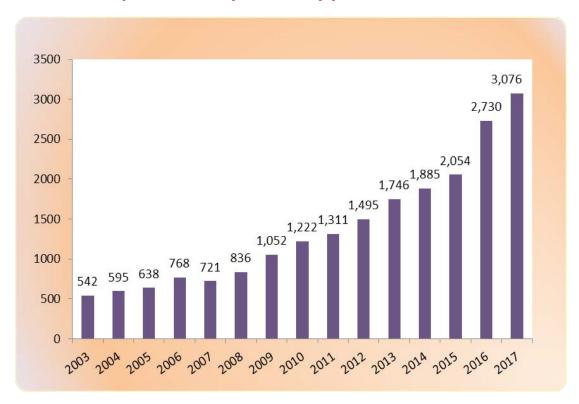


Figure 3 Number of positive gonorrhoea tests by year

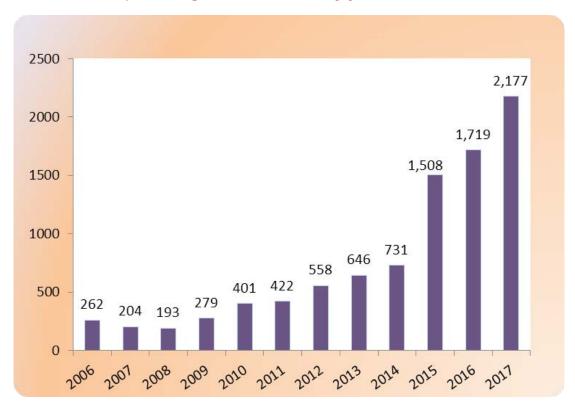


Figure 4 Number of infectious syphilis cases by quarter and year

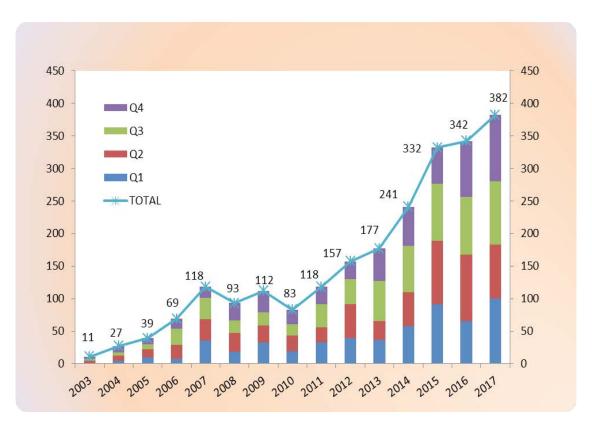
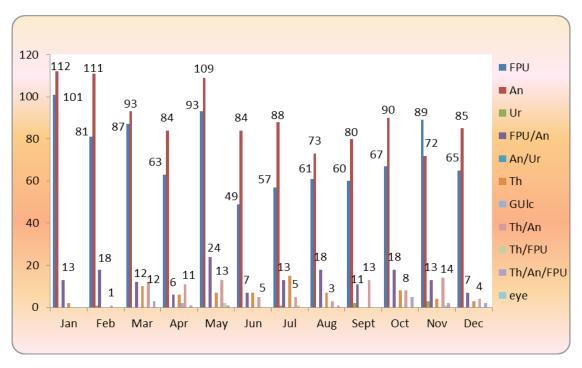
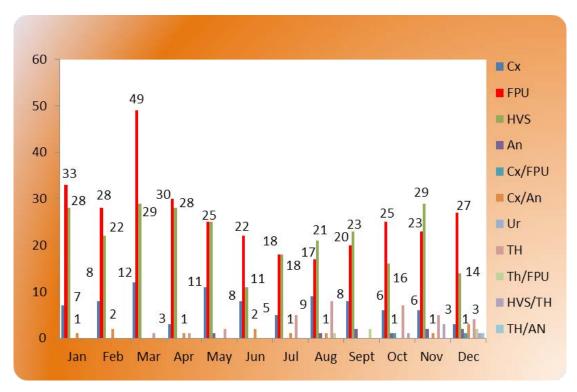


Figure 5 Sites of chlamydia infections among 2,300 males in 2017



List of abbreviations: FPU – first pass urine; An – anal; Ur – urethral, Th – throat, GUlc – genital ulcer

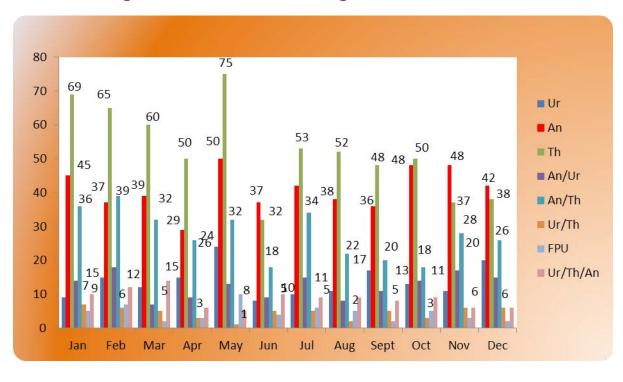
Figure 6 Sites of chlamydia infections among 734 females in 2017



List of abbreviations: Cx – cervical; HVS – high vaginal

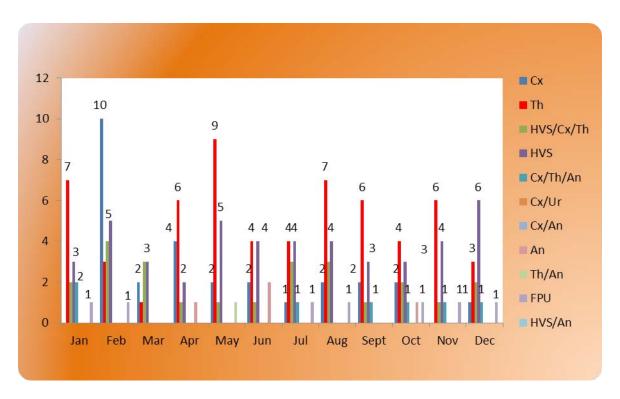
Chlamydia trachomatis remains the most common bacterial STI diagnosed at MSHC. The number of chlamydia infections by sex and site are shown in Figure 4 and 5). The majority of gonococcal infections occur in MSM.

Figure 7 Sites of gonococcal infections among 1,978 males in 2017



List of abbreviations: FPU – first pass urine; An – anal; Ur – urethral, Th – throat

Figure 8 Sites of gonococcal infections among 177 females in 2017



List of abbreviations: Cx – cervical; HVS – high vaginal Introduction in October of routinely collected throat swabs from female sexworkers

# RESEARCH

The Centre has continued to maintain strong research and education activities through the Central Clinical School, Monash University and The Sexual Health Unit of the School of Population Health, University of Melbourne

## Postgraduate Research

#### In progress:

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in HIV-infected patients in the Australian HIV Observational Database (AHOD), **Brian Mulhall**, PhD, The University of New South Wales

Is the current treatment of genital chlamydia infection appropriate? **Fabian Kong,** PhD, The University of Melbourne

Epidemiology of gonorrhoea and its interaction with other major STDs among male patients in South Australia, **Bin Li** (Mikko), PhD, The University of Adelaide

What do we know about the diagnosis & management of pelvic inflammatory disease in Australia? Jane Goller, PhD, The University of Melbourne

The HIV treatment cascade: improved individual and population health outcomes through a better understanding of the natural history of HIV and its treatment in modern health care systems. **Nick Medland**, PhD, Monash University

Epidemiology of gonorrhea, chlamydia and HIV in men who have sex with men, and evaluation of new prevention strategies, **Vincent Cornelisse**, PhD, Monash University

*Epidemic syphilis in Victoria 2015: Strategies to improve prevention, early detection and treatment,* **Janet Towns,** PhD, Monash University

RTS: Rectal Treatment Study - comparing single dose 1g azithromycin to 500mg doxycycline twice daily for 7 days as treatment for rectal chlamydia in men who have sex with men (MSM). **Andrew Lau**, PhD, The University of Melbourne

Mycoplasma genitalium to genital symptoms in women and MSM. Rosie Latimer, PhD, Monash University

Using metagenomic techniques to investigate the influence of hormonal contraception on the vaginal microbiota and to determine the cause of non-gonococcal urethritis. **Larissa Ratten**, PhD, Monash University

Understanding the pathogenesis of bacterial vaginosis. Erica Plummer, PhD, Monash University

Novel approaches to treatment and testing of sexually transmitted infections, **Chloe Durukan**, PhD, Monash University

### Completed research projects as part of MPH

Body image and sexual behaviours in young men: a systematic literature review. Luke Mitchell, University of Melbourne

The perceptions and experiences of concurrent condom use in young women using long acting reversible contraception (LARC): a qualitative study. **Nabreesa Shafeeu**, University of Melbourne

What is the nature, extent and geographic distribution of attitudes towards PrEP use globally on Twitter. **Julien Tran,** University of Melbourne

Exploring the physical, psychological and social needs of Australian women with endometriosis. **Emma Steele**, University of Melbourne

#### **Completed Bachelor of Medical Science (Hons)**

Understanding the trends of genital herpes simplex virus infections in Melbourne, Australia, 2004 – 2016, **Chloe Durukan,** Monash University

#### **Summer Student Scholarship Projects**

Increasing proportion of new HIV diagnoses and potential under-reporting of risk behaviours among newly arrived Asian born gay and bisexual men 2014 – 2017 in Australia: A case control study **Lucinda Blackshaw**, Monash University

Potential reduction in access for STI services in Melbourne because of clinical load created by the PrEPX study. **Robert Needleman**, Monash University

Sampling technique and detection rates for pharyngeal and rectal swabs for gonorrhoea and chlamydia in men who have sex with men. **Tim Yang**, Monash University

#### **International Post Doctoral Research Fellow**

Dr.Vino Dharmakulasinghe, Venereologist, the Ministry of Health & Post graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

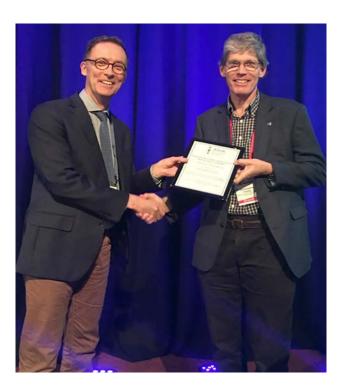
# Prizes and awards

- Eric Chow received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research (Early Career), from the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Monash University for Early Researcher Fellows Publication Prize for Non-Laboratory Based Research, for his article, "Quadrivalent vaccine-targeted human papillomavirus genotypes in human heterosexual men after the Australian female human papillomavirus vaccination program: a retrospective observational study" Lancet Infect Dis. 2017 Jan; 17(1):68-77. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(16)30116-5
- Professor Christopher Fairley received the *Australasian Sexual Health Alliance (ASHA) Distinguished Services to Sexual Health Award* at the Sexual Health Conference in Canberra, 2017. This award acknowledged Kit as a distinguished and visionary leader who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of sexual health, both nationally and internationally.
- Nick Medland was awarded the best oral presentation award in the HIV prevention and epidemiology stream at the recent Australian HIV&AIDS Conference. The presentation was titled "Time From HIV Infection To Virological Suppression: Dramatic Fall From 2007-2016" and was conducted at MSHC

- Eric Chow won the ASHA Mid-Career Interdisciplinary Achiever Award at the Sexual Health Conference in Canberra, 2017
- Eric Chow won the 2017 Victorian Young Tall Poppy Scientist of the Year. The Tall Poppy Campaign was created in 1998 by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science (AIPS) to recognise and celebrate Australian intellectual and scientific excellence and to encourage younger Australians to follow in the footsteps of our outstanding achievers. It has made significant achievements towards building a more publicly engaged scientific leadership in Australia



- Catriona Bradshaw was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) project grant
- Professor Christopher Fairley was awarded the Eric Susman Prize which is presented by The Royal Australasian College of Physicians. The Eric Susman Prize was established by a bequest of Eric Leo Susman, a Foundation Fellow of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians. The Prize is awarded annually to a Fellow of the College for the best contribution to knowledge of any branch of internal medicine. This award means very much to Kit as his mother the late Professor Priscilla Kincaid Smith was awarded the same award 1968



# **PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS**

**Study:** Medication adherence, condom use and sexually transmitted infections in Australian

PrEP users: interim results from the Victorian PrEP Demonstration Project

**Researchers:** Lal L, Audsley J, Murphy D, Fairley CK, Stoove M, Roth N, Moore R, Tee BK, Puratmaja

N, Anderson PL, Leslie D, Grant RM, De Wit J, Wright E

**Publication**: AIDS 2017 31(12): 1709 - 1714 doi: 10.1097/QAD.00000000001519

**Summary:** Taking HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is associated with less condoms being

used for anal sex. Participants recruited from three general practice clinics and one sexual health clinic in Melbourne consented to take daily PrEP for 30 months. Sexual practice data, HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) test results were collected at baseline and 3-monthly during follow up. Adhering to taking PrEP medication was high. A decline in condom use was found together with an increase in STIs over the

first 12 months of PrEP.

**Study:** Patterns of sexual behaviour and sexual healthcare needs among transgender

individuals in Melbourne, Australia, 2011-2014

**Researchers:** Bellhouse C, Walker S, Fairley CK, Vodstrcil LA, Bradshaw CS, Chen MY, Chow EPF

Publication: Sexually Transmitted Infections 2017, September 2016, doi: 10.1136/

sextrans-2016-052710

**Summary:** The majority of transgender individuals in this study were single or had never

married. Almost half of the individuals had engaged in sex work during their lifetime. Low rates of condom use with both male and female sexual partners were reported and also much lower rates of injecting drug use (IDU). Chlamydia was found in 7%; gonorrhoea in 5%; 5% had syphilis and 1% had HIV. Hormone use for reassignment was reported by 63% of individuals and reassignment surgery was reported by 27%.

**Study:** Self-reported use of mouthwash and pharyngeal gonorrhoea detection by nucleic

acid amplification test

**Researchers:** Eric P.F. Chow, Sandra Walker, Tim R.H. Read, Marcus Y Chen, Catriona S Bradshaw

and Christopher K Fairley

**Publication:** Sexually Transmitted Diseases 201744 (10): 593-595 doi: 10.1097/OLQ.0000000000000654

**Summary:** Using alcohol-containing mouthwash may reduce throat gonorrhoea. We looked at

whether men who have sex with men (MSM) who said they used mouthwash had throat gonorrhoea. The men completed a short questionnaire on their mouthwash

use and they were also tested for throat gonorrhoea. Throat gonorrhoea was found more often in younger men under 24 years than men over 25 years. Reported daily use of mouthwash increased with age. More detailed studies are needed to examine whether mouthwash could be recommended to reduce throat gonorrhoea

**Study:** Women view key sexual behaviours as the trigger for the onset and recurrence of

bacterial vaginosis

**Researchers:** Bilardi, JE, Walker, S, Bellhouse, Temple-Smith, M., C, McNair, R., Mooney-Somers J,

Vodstrcil L., Fairley CK., Bradshaw C

**Publication:** PLoS ONE 2017; 12(3): e0173637.doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0173637

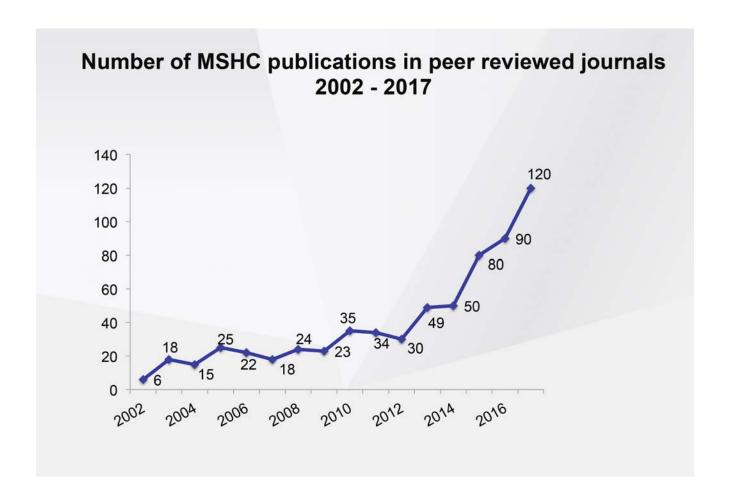
**Summary:** Women who previously had bacterial vaginosis completed a questionnaire about

their experience of BV. Women reported that the onset and reoccurrence of BV was triggered by sexual activity rather than other lifestyle factors. The top 3 factors women attributed to both BV onset and recurrence were: 1) unprotected sex; 2) sex with a new male partner; and 3) sex in general. While many women felt BV was sexually transmitted and supported partner treatment, they did not consider BV an

STI

Figure 9 Number of publications over time

The number of publications in peer reviewed journals steadily increased from 6 in 2002 to 30 in 2012, and then significant increases were achieved from 49 in 2013; 50 in 2014; 80 in 2015; 90 in 2016 and 120 in 2017.



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The continuing successes enjoyed by MSHC hinge on the ongoing enthusiasm and dedication shown by its multidisciplinary team. The professionalism and commitment of all staff of MSHC is reflected in the Annual Client Surveys which have recorded overall satisfaction rates of approximately 97-99% since 2005 (see Annual Client Survey).

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2017	No. of years	2017	No. of years
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