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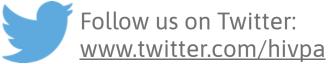
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Hello and welcome to the HIVPA bulletin!

As we approach the end of summer, I find myself thinking back to the HIVPA conference in Birmingham this past June. The event was filled with much sharing and networking, which left me with a sense of motivation. While not everyone could join in person, I'm delighted to share that conference slides are already accessible on our website, and recordings will soon follow suit.

As I bid farewell to my role as bulletin lead for HIVPA, I hope that you've found value in the publications we've shared over these past few years. It's clear that HIV pharmacists are continuing to expand their roles well beyond the traditional boundaries of our profession, emerging as true leaders in the field.

I cannot stress enough the significance of sharing your experiences, whether you're at the outset of your career or at its peak, to inspire and guide fellow colleagues. I implore you to share generously your work, insights, and thoughts, no matter their scale. Many Thanks

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HIVPA COMMITTEE & EXPERT PANEL

The committee extends a warm welcome to our newest expert panel members, Fiona Marra from Glasgow and Fiona Clarke from Cardiff.

Furthermore, we would like to express our gratitude to Rory Grier-Gavin, who has stepped down from his position as education co-chair. The committee thanks him for his outstanding contributions over the past few years, notably for his role in successfully organising the first post-lockdown face-to-face HIVPA conference. In light of this change, Yemi Daramola will transition from his role as the bulletin lead to assume the position of education co-chair.

https://hivpa.org/the-hivpa-team/

HIVPA COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

There are two vacant posts on the HIVPA committee the **bulletin lead** and **Social Media**, **Communication and e-Learning Representative**

Both are a great opportunity to engage on a national level with colleagues, policymakers and to work to raise profile of HIV pharmacists nationwide.

If you would like to discuss either of the roles please contact hivpaoffice@gmail.com

PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL ARTICLES

HIVPA members have authored articles for the Pharmaceutical journal on GUM topics. Suki Leung along with Dr Joseph Heskin at Chelsea & Westminster published on the diagnosis and management of Bacterial vaginosis and Will Barchi and Steph Tyler at Guys and St Thomas' produced a summary article on Chlamydia. Brilliant work!

BHIVA UPDATES

Autumn Conference Scholarships

BHIVA is offering scholarships to support members to attend the autumn BHIVA conference in December of this year. Scholarships are open to all members irrespective of discipline. Applications close on the 13th of October 2023.

https://www.bhiva.org/AutumnConference2023

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HIV-1 Treatment guideline update

The purpose of the 2023 interim update of the guidelines was to amend the 'cardiovascular considerations' section related to adjusting cardiovascular disease risk estimates for people living with HIV...

https://www.bhiva.org/HIV-1-treatment-guidelines

E-Learning modules—Open Access

BHIVA E-Learning modules can now be accessed without membership, however to obtain a formal certificate of completion membership login is required.

https://www.bhiva.org/ELearning

HIVPA VIRTUAL EDUCATION

A reminder that recordings of the HVIPA educational events can be found on the E-HIVE portal. This includes slides and recordings of presentations from the HIVPA conference in June, past study days and one-off events.



https://ehive.hivpa.org/training-modules

LICENSING & COMMISSIONING UPDATES

Lenacapavir

Lenacapavir is now licensed for the management of HIV-1 in combination with other anti-retrovirals (where it is not otherwise possible to construct a fully suppressive regimen). It is available as an oral tablet for administering the loading dose and as a subcutaneous 6 month injection.

While an exciting development and promising prospect, no bi-annual parenteral ARV partner drug is available as of yet.

We await further update from NHSE regarding a routine commissioning pathway.

https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/14102/smpc https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/topic-selection/gid-ta11125

Tenofovir Alafenamide PrEP

The commissioning of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis has been updated to include Tenofovir **Alafenamide** 25mg/200mg as a second line agent for PrEP where Tenofovir Disoproxil is contraindicated or not tolerated. Individual cases must be discussed at an MDT and have a risk factor for TDF use. See the NSHE guidance document and full criteria below.

https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/reimbursement-for-the-use-of-generic-drugs-for-pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep-for-the-

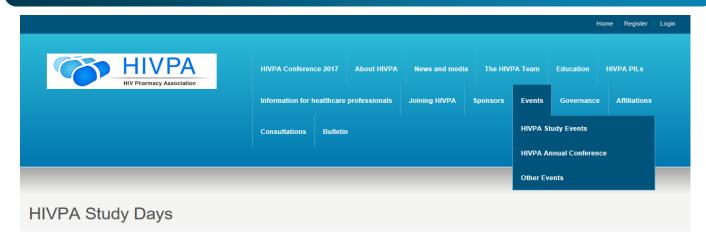
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HIVPA Study Days



Dates and Topics for 2023

Introduction to HIV 5th SEPTEMBER

To be confirmed 14th NOVEMBER

Recordings of past study events can be accessed via the eHIVe site

Study days are open to any pharmacy, healthcare staff and those with a special interest in HIV so please feel free to share information about this event with your colleagues. Attendance at this meeting is **free for HIVPA members**. A small charge of £25 is required for non members, payable in advance.

The Study Days are held at the **Pullman hotel, 100-110 Euston Road, London NW1 2AJ** near Euston and Kings Cross train stations

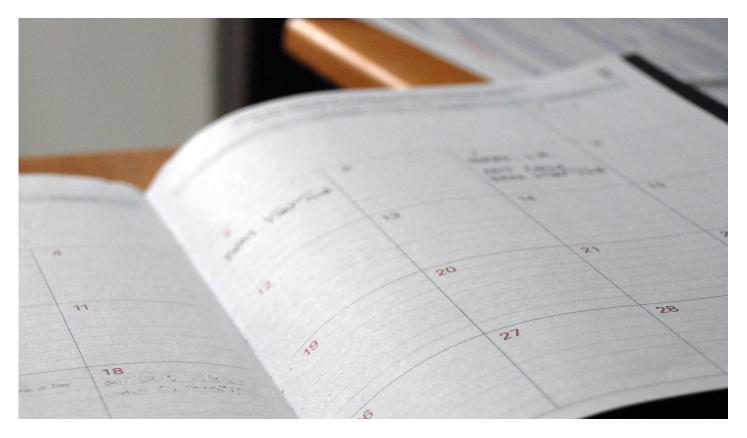
Previous feedback comments from study day attendees:

Very informative and highlights aras that may not be experienced in each clinic.

A very interesting and extremely informative meeting.

Very informative study day, lots of very useful information + some very impressive speakers. Starting later a good idea in terms of travel. Thanks!

Dates for your dairy



The Liverpool Course 2023

Rome & Virtual, 13th September 2023

https://academicmedicaleducation.com/meeting/liverpool-course-2023

European Stigma & Discrimination Forum 2023

Warsaw & Virtual, 17th October 2023

https://academicmedicaleducation.com/meeting/european-stigma-discrimination-forum-2023

19th European AIDS Conference

Warsaw & Virtual, 18th-21st October 2023 https://eacs-conference2023.com/

Nurses & Pharmacists HIV Clinical Forum 2023

London & Virtual, 23rd November 2023

https://academicmedicaleducation.com/meeting/nurses-pharmacists-hiv-clinical-forum-2023

Dates for your dairy

BHIVA Autumn Conference 2023

London, Friday 24th November 2023 https://www.bhiva.org/AutumnConference2023

CROI 2024

Denver & Virtual, 3rd March – 6th March 2024 https://www.croiconference.org/

BHIVA Spring Conference 2024

Birmingham, Friday 24th November 2024 https://www.bhiva.org/SpringConference2024

PrEP PharmConnect

Dear all.

We are excited to announce the launch of the first-ever HIV PrEP Pharmacy Network known as **PrEP PharmConnect**, which has been endorsed by the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH).

If you are involved in any aspect of HIV PrEP care, whether it be clinical practice, procurement, PGDs, research, or guideline development, we warmly invite you to join us. This network aims to bring together those from diverse backgrounds and experiences to share knowledge, collaborate, and advance HIV PrEP care. Together, we can make a significant impact on the health and well-being of individuals using PrEP and develop novel models of PrEP delivery to help improve access to all groups at risk of HIV acquisition.

Ready to dive in? Take our quick survey to join PrEP PharmConnect: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ F7LS9GC

What's in the survey? We want to know:

- 1. Who you are and how to reach you
- 2. Your role and practice setting
- 3. Your HIV PrEP experience
- 4. Your aspirations for the PrEP Pharmacy Network
- 5. Preferred ways to connect
- 6. When you're available to collaborate
- 7. Any extra insights or ideas you've got

Why should you join?

- Gain insights from diverse minds
- Collaborate on game-changing projects
- Shape the future of HIV PrEP care
- Share best practices & knowledge

Spread the word by sharing this invite within your circle of connections and your pharmacist colleagues. Twitter: https://twitter.com/Steph Tyler/status/1693574672225321017

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7099349430054608896/

If you are interested in joining please submit your response at your earliest convenience. We anticipate to have our first meeting in October 2023.

Upon receiving your questionnaire, we shall review it, and if appropriate add you to the network. We will keep you updated on upcoming events, discussions, and opportunities for collaboration.

In the network's infancy to standardise the network we aim to include individuals actively involved in HIV PrEP. However, once it is more established, we intend to open the network to those with an interest in PrEP and looking to expand their role.

For any further questions please contact stephanie.tyler@gstt.nhs.uk and kerry.street@nhs.net.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing HIV PrEP care, and we look forward to connecting with you soon!

The role of a specialist **HIV PrEP pharmacist**

Guy's and St Thomas' **NHS Foundation Trust**

Stephanie Tyler, Harry Coleman, Asim Ali, Achyuta Nori Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Background: This review describes the expanding role of a pharmacist within a sexual and reproductive health (SRH) clinic and the benefits resulting from their role including improved quality of care and access to PrEP.

Method: Data was collected on successful service improvements implemented by a specialist HIV PrEP pharmacist.

Pharmacist-led PrEP clinics

- Implementation of weekly pharmacist-led PrEP clinics for the purpose of:
 - Staff induction
 - · 1-to-1 training clinics for staff refreshers
 - Review of complex patients (identified via the MDT)
- Capacity is 5 patients per week, and thus far, 160 patients have been seen
- The pharmacist is trained in phlebotomy, sexual health screening and future plans to complete training in vaccination administration
- As a prescriber the pharmacist is able to autonomously review patients

↑ PrEP access

- Implementation of a streamlined all-day PrEP service leading to a 30% increased activity per month in comparison to the previous year
- Nurse-led online booking system for PrEP appointments created
- Health advisor-led walk in PrEP appointments established

- Education & training
- successfully train all Band 5/6 nurses to deliver routine PrEP

1-to-1 training clinics delivered to

- Successful sign off for all nurses to deliver PrEP under PGD
- Creation of monthly 'PrEP top tip' bulletins
- Advice and support with prescribing and scope of practice for non-medical prescribers
- Training and sign off of health advisors using patient specific directions (PSD)
- Pharmacy/medication-related teaching delivered quarterly as a standing agenda for the SRH academic calendar

Novel delivery

models of

PrEP

Strategic planning for novel

deliveries of PrEP to increase capacity and access for marginalised communities

Complex PrEP MDT



- MDT clinic established to review medical complexities such as:
 - Side effects
 - Renal impairment
 - Bone impairment Vulnerabilities
 - Lactose intolerance
- Over 500 patients (20% of the cohort)
- have been reviewed over a 6-month

Provision of non-tenofovir disoproxil based PrEP options including cabotegravir injection

Future novel delivery models of PrEP: Medication smart lockers

- Community pharmacies
- Travel clinics
- Digital health



Governance, audit and quality improvement

- ✓ Oversight of medicines management within SRH including stock shortages, errors, antimicrobial stewardship, advice with transition to new EHR system
- √ Robust pharmacy governance presence, identification of and promotion of incident reporting of medication errors has led to a 30% increase in medication related incidents for 2022
- ✓ Member of the SRH coding group the pharmacist is an advocator for improved accuracy of PrEP coding

impairment requiring nephrology input

under compassionate access

- Quality improvement projects (QIP)s:
- ✓ Patient feedback questionnaire conducted as a QIP to guide service development of PrEP
- ✓ Clinician feedback questionnaire to improve E&T around PrEP and identify training needs

Discussion: Pharmacists are experts in medication, adherence counselling, adverse effects and what we do I Respect others I Strive to be monitoring which are critical to clinically successful and safe PrEP usage. PrEP service leadership by a pharmacist skilled in HIV/SRH with an understanding of contracts and supply chain has proven to be beneficial. Together with other clinicians, pharmacists should be directly involved in driving PrEP service development to improve access, reach marginalised communities and lead complex MDTs.

Provided a way to identify

patients with renal



Steph_Tyler



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