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Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)

Sexual Health - The Uniquely Singaporean Experience

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Synopsis

According to the WHO, in developing countries STIs rank in the top 5 disease categories for which adults seek health care. In Singapore, the DSC clinic attendance of public patients rose from 27676 in 2004 to 32900 in 2008. More than 12000 new STIs were diagnosed in 2008.

Infection with STIs may lead to acute symptoms, chronic infection & delayed sequelae such as infertility, chronic pelvic pain, adverse pregnancy outcomes, cervical cancer & also morbidity in neonates/infants. Psycho-socio-sexual issues are not uncommon too. Some STIs may exist without symptoms. 70% of women and a proportion of men with gonococcal and/or chlamydial infections may experience no symptoms at all. Both symptomatic and asymptomatic infections may lead to the development of complications. Chlamydia is now the most common diagnosis notified in Singapore; the notification of genital herpes & genital warts continues to increase.

The presence of an untreated infection may increase the risk of both acquisition and transmission of HIV. Prompt treatment for STIs is important to reduce the risk of HIV infection. The control of STIs is important for preventing HIV in people at high-risk as well as in the general population.

This symposium aims to provide an overview of the current STI situation, focus on premarital intercourse in adolescents, empowerment of sexual health in women, review the current situation in MSM & discuss the roles of indirect sex-workers in Singapore.

Symposium Topics

An Update and Overview of STIs

Prof Roy CHAN, Director & Senior Consultant, Dermatology, National Skin Centre, Singapore

Adolescents and sex: Multilevel ecological factors associated with premarital sexual intercourse in Singapore

Dr TAN Hiok Hee, Senior Consultant, Dermatology, National Skin Centre, Singapore

Women and STI's - Strategies for awareness and empowerment of sexual health

Dr Priya SEN, Consultant, Dermatology, National Skin Centre, Singapore

STIs/HIV in men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM): an update on the current situation & intervention programmes

Dr Martin CHIO, Consultant, Dermatology, National Skin Centre, Singapore

HIV risk-related behaviours among indirect sex workers based in non-brothel entertainment establishments in Singapore

A/Prof WONG Mee Lian, Epidemiology and Public Health, National University of Singapore, Singapore

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