Public Health Aspects of STDs

OUTLINE
2 credit points

Aim:
To provide information on epidemiology, surveillance and control of sexually transmitted diseases

Content:
- Global epidemiology of STDs/principles of STD control
- STD delivery service: models in different populations: Sex Workers
- Building an integrated response to STDs including HIV: some WHO approaches
- Policy framework for STD services in NSW
- Travellers and sexual health
- Condoms for STD prevention
- STD service delivery - Models in different populations: Injecting drug users/street youth
- STD surveillance systems
- Epidemiological links between STDs and HIV infection
- STD service delivery - Models in different populations: Gay men
- Vaccines

Learning Objectives:
At the end of this unit, students will:
- Have developed a knowledge base on the epidemiology and principles of control of STDs
- Appreciate that control of STDs requires identification of the highest risk groups and provision of culturally sensitive services.
- Appreciate different needs for sexual health, and correspondingly different control strategies, for particular populations

Assessment:
Assignment 100%
The satisfactory completion of a written assignment on a particular relevant topic. Students will be given a choice of assignment questions.
In addition, students are required to participate in 80% of the course sessions.

Instructional Format:
6 two hour sessions. The sessions are an interactive lecture style, with active participation encouraged.

Resources/References:
1. WHO website: http://www.who.int/HIV_AIDS/


11. Core journals would include:
   AIDS (particularly Volume 14, supplement 3: 2000, a year in review).
   AIDS Care
   International Journal of STDs & AIDS
   Sexually Transmitted Infections
   Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Specific journal articles include:


