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World Congress of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections

14–17 October 2026
Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic

Final Programme

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Opening hours

Wednesday, 14 October 2026	Registration Advanced Courses 07:30–09:00
	Registration Main Conference 14:00–18:30
Thursday, 15 October 2026	07:30–17:45
Friday, 16 October 2026	07:30–18:00
Saturday, 17 October 2026	07:30–14:00

Speaker's Ready Corner

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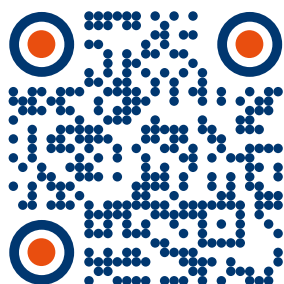
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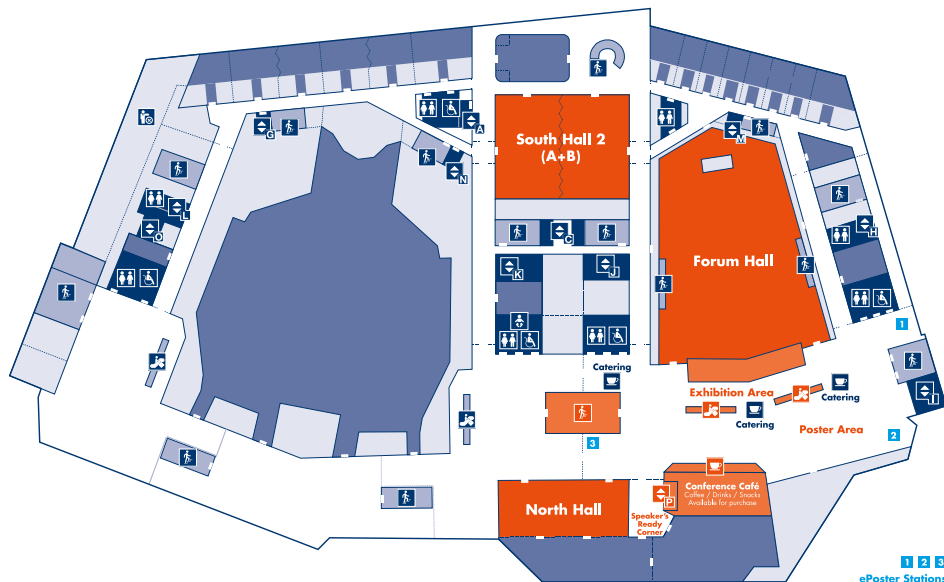
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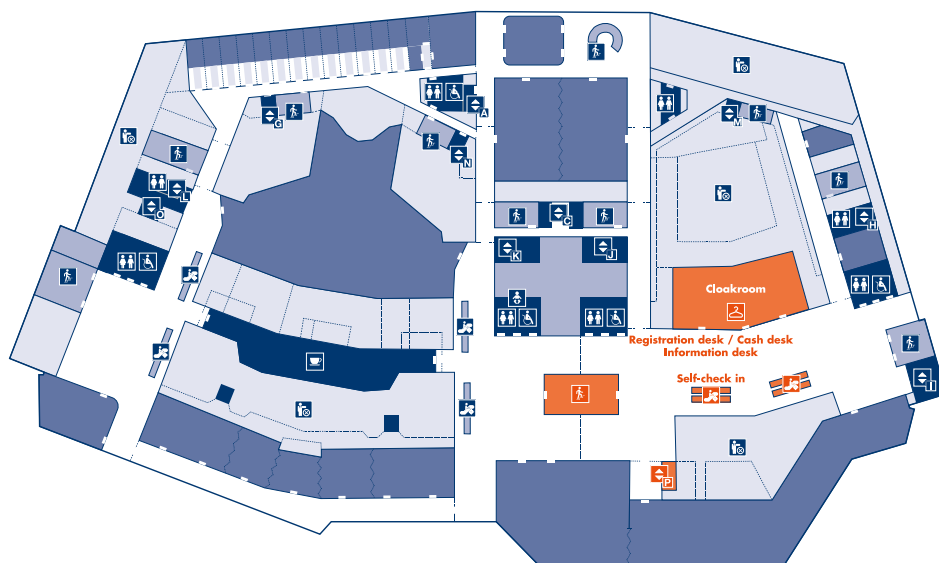


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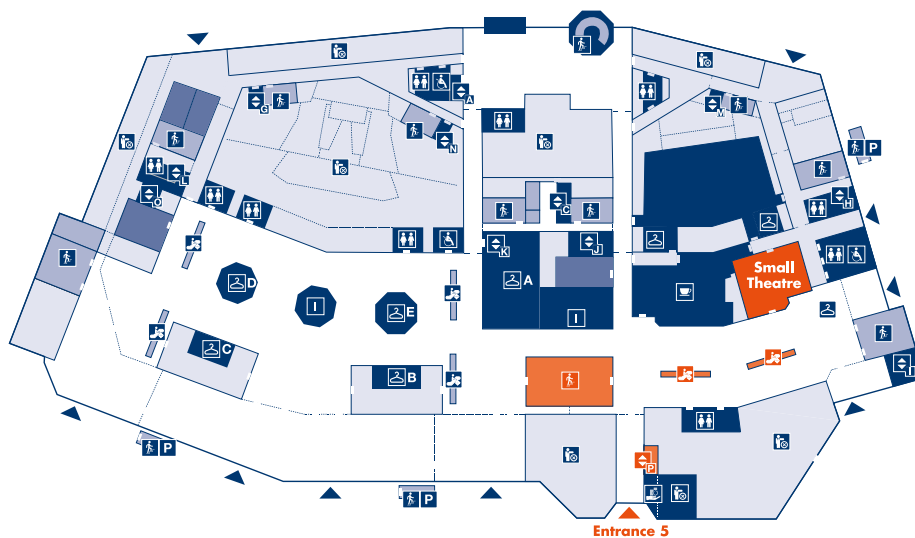
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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 14 October 2026					
07:30–09:00	Registration Advanced Courses				
14:00–18:30	Registration Main Conference				
Time	Forum Hall	Forum Hall foyer	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 AB foyer	Small Theatre
08:20–14:30			IUSTI Europe Advanced Course		
					10:00–14:30 IUSTI World ExCo
15:00–16:30				Early Career Networking	
			15:30–16:30 WHO symposium – Drug-resistant gonorrhoea: Closing the gap between surveillance and action		
17:00–19:00	Opening Ceremony PL01: Politics and the right to sexual health				
19:00–20:30		Welcome Reception			

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Thursday 15 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall	Small Theatre
08:00–09:00	SY01: DoxyPEP – basic science	SY02A: Epidemiology and burden of HSV infections	FP01: Changing infection landscapes among sexual and gender minorities	WS01: Build, Test, Optimize: A skills-based Program Science workshop	
09:15–10:15	SY03: WHO: The future of STI control: technical priorities for impact	SY02B: HSV therapeutics & control	FP02: Syphilis: from pathogenesis to diagnosis	WS02: BMJ STI journal – Beyond classical STIs (enteric/hepatitis A&C)	
10:15–10:45	Coffee + Tea Break				
10:45–11:45	PL02: Rethinking limits of STI control				
12:00–13:00	SY04: Future of Syphilis	SY05: ECDC – Trends in bacterial STI across Europe	FP03: PrEP	WS03: Decolonizing Global Health: Implications for Sexual and Reproductive Health and STI Research and Programs	
13:00–14:15	Lunch	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: Roche – Current Controversies in STI Diagnostics	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: MSD – HPV vaccination in adult females and males: Bridging evidence, public health, and individual patient perspectives	Lunch	
14:30–15:30	PL03: STI testing scale up/down				
15:30–15:45	Coffee + Tea Break				
15:45–16:45	SY06: Impact of “big events” on STI health services	SY07: Therapeutic challenges: Mycoplasma genitalium	FP04: DoxyPEP	WS04: Community Engagement as a Driver of Policy Change and Quality Clinical Care	16:30–19:30 WHO Workshop
17:00–18:00	ePoster sessions 1, 2, 3 (ePoster stations 1, 2, 3 within Exhibition & Poster Area)				
19:30–22:00	President’s Dinner (Invitation Only)				

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Friday 16 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall
08:00–09:00	SY08: BASHH Symposium: Multiplex testing: maximising benefit, minimising harm	SY09A: From Innovation to Impact: Ensuring equity in the scale-up of new HIV and STI prevention tools	FP05: AMR, bacterial STIs and vaginal microbiota	WS05: 2D & 3D in vitro models and human challenge
09:00–09:15			IUSTI Czech Session I, II	
09:15–10:15	SY10: Congenital Syphilis	SY09B: Equity and Access in STI Prevention and Care: Addressing Disparities Across Key and Vulnerable Populations		WS06: Innovations in STI epidemiological modeling: improving estimates, understanding trends, and informing control
10:15–10:45	Coffee + Tea Break			
10:45–11:45	PL04: Beyond the binary			
12:00–13:00	SY11: Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship	SY12: EADV-IUSTI Europe Symposium: Spotlight on Suppuration in the GenitoAnal Region		WS07: Bridging Policy and Practice: Advancing the Global Agenda for MTCT Elimination of HIV, Syphilis and HBV
13:00–14:30	Lunch	13:15–14:15 Industry Symposium: GARDP – New treatment options for gonorrhoea	13:15–14:15 Lunchtime Symposia (Abbott)	Lunch
14:30–15:30	PL05: When vaccines meet communities			
15:30–15:45	Coffee + Tea Break			
15:45–16:45	SY13: STIs in the Middle East and North Africa: revealing the epidemiology and exploring policy actions and implications	SY14: What’s new in vulvar dermatology?	FP06: Syphilis control in practice	WS08: Early Careers: AI in academic career progression
17:00–18:00			LB01: Late breakers	
17:00–18:00	ePoster Session 4, 5, 6 (ePoster stations 1, 2, 3 within exhibition and Poster Area)			
19:30–23:00	Networking Evening			

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Saturday 17 October 2026

Time	Forum Hall	South Hall 2 A	South Hall 2 B	North Hall
08:00–09:00		FP07: Building equitable sexual health services	LB02: Late Breakers	WS09: BASHH Workshop: Collaboration and co-design in advocacy and political engagement
09:15–10:15	PL06: Health resilience and STI control			
10:30–11:30	SY15: DoxyPEP and the Future of STI Prevention	SY16: Vaginal microbiome and vaginosis	FP08: Rethinking STI testing: policy changes, viability and overtreatment	WS10: ILDS – Migrant Health Working Group
11:30–12:00	Coffee + Tea Break			
12:00–13:00	PL07: Next generation STI Care (Youth/AI)			
13:00–14:00	Closing Ceremony & Awards			

PLENARY

SYMPOSIUM

FREE PAPERS

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NETWORKING

WORKSHOP

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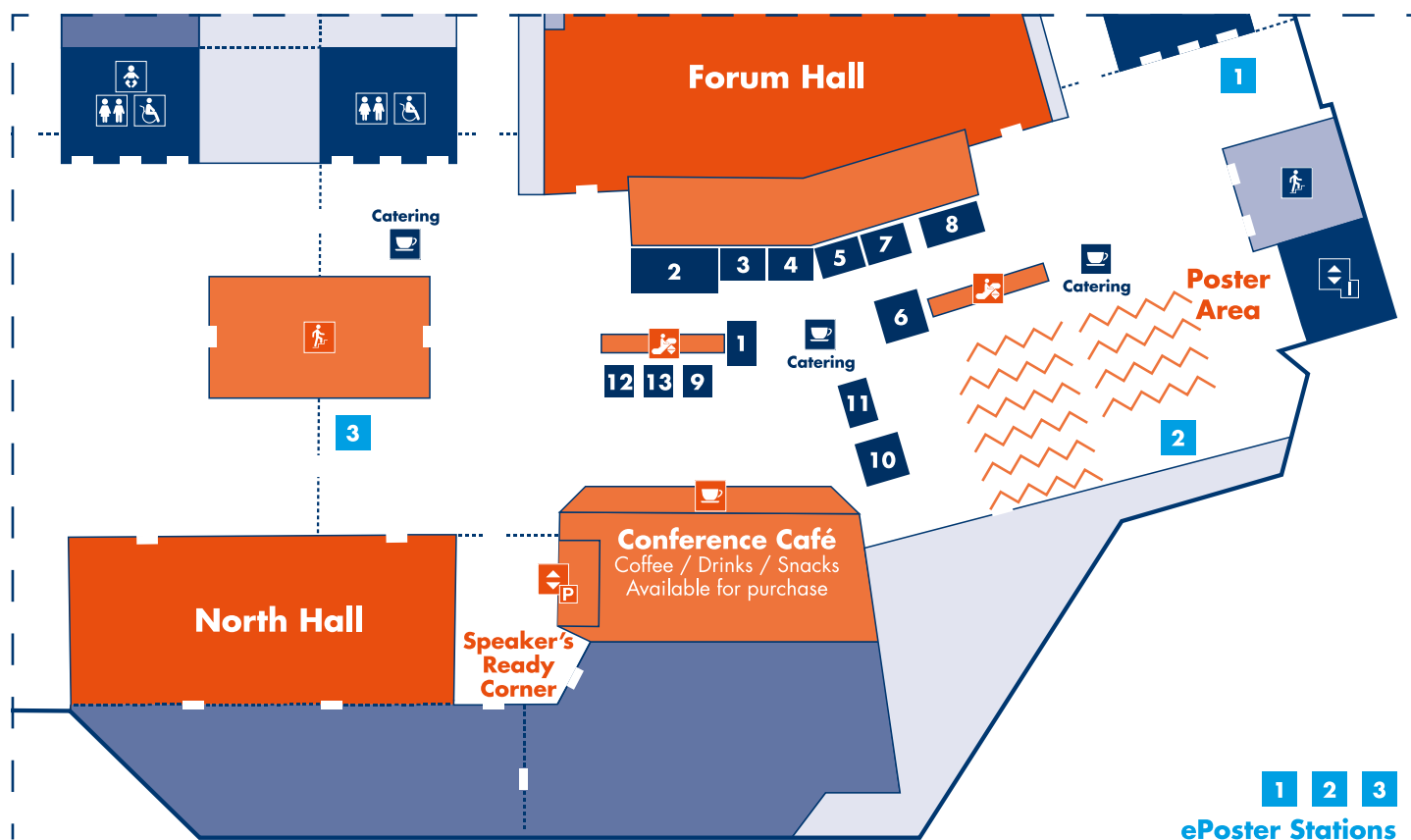
Welcome drink

Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026
Time: 19:00–20:30
Admission: included in the participant registration fee
Venue: Prague Congress Centre
Address: 5. května 65, 140 00 Prague 4, Czech Republic

Networking dinner

Date: Friday, 16 October 2026
Time: 19:30–22:00
Admission: 75 EUR, extra charge during the registration process
(not included in the registration fee)
Venue: Building Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia
Address: U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1, Czech Republic

EXHIBITION



List of Exhibitors

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|---|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Abbott | 7 | ISSTD/IUSTI 2027 India |
| 2 | Roche Diagnostics International AG | 8 | EADV |
| 3 | Trepp_Bio, s.r.o. | 9 | IUSTI 2027 Porto |
| 4 | Microbix Biosystems Inc. | 10 | ICF Next |
| 5 | Speedx | 11 | altona Diagnostics GmbH |
| 6 | Copan Italia s.p.a | 12 | BASHH |
| | | 13 | WHO |

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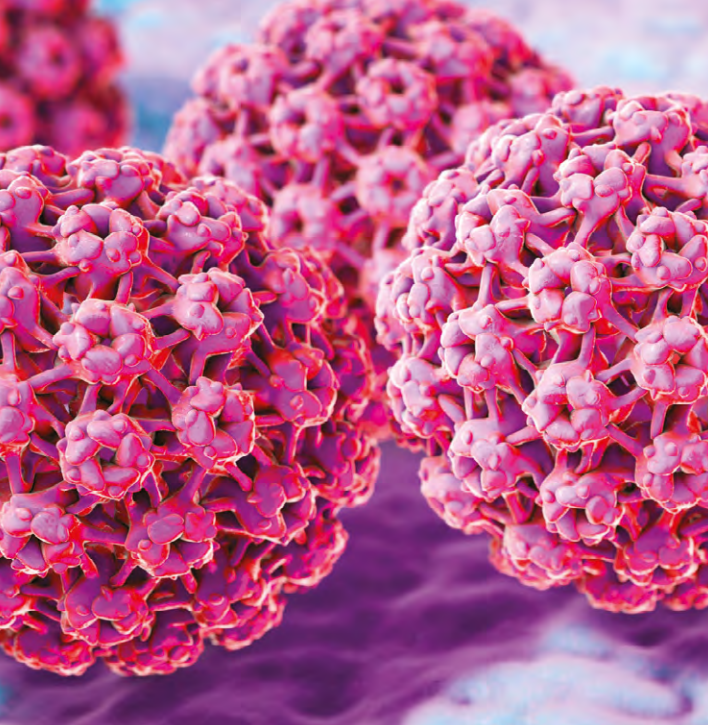


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Global HPV symposium at IUSTI 2026
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HPV vaccination in adult females and males: Bridging evidence, public health, and individual patient perspectives

Prague Congress Centre
Room: South Hall 2B
Prague, Czech Republic

Chair



Marta del Pino Saladrigues
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Thursday, 15 October 2026

13:15 – 14:15 (CEST)

Agenda

13:15 – 13:17	Welcome <i>Marta del Pino Saladrigues</i>
13:17 – 13:28	Who, when, and why? Rationale for HPV vaccination in adult females and males <i>Elmar Joura</i>
13:28 – 13:39	Prophylactic HPV vaccination in patients with HPV-associated lesions – which outcomes can be expected? <i>Marta del Pino Saladrigues</i>
13:39 – 13:50	Evidence and guidelines of HPV vaccination in people with HIV <i>Rosanna Richtmann</i>
13:50 – 14:01	Incorporating patient preferences <i>Lucie Mouková</i>
14:01 – 14:14	Q&A <i>Marta del Pino Saladrigues, Faculty</i>
14:14 – 14:15	Close <i>Marta del Pino Saladrigues</i>

Agenda may be subject to change pending speaker confirmation

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From science to solutions

Everyone, everywhere is at risk of developing a drug-resistant infection including new mothers, newborns, cancer patients, anyone undergoing surgery. That is why GARDP is developing new antibiotics for STIs, working with governments, funders, researchers, industry and health workers, and making them available to everyone who needs them.

No single organization, government or company can address AMR alone.

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is BIG**

**Our response
is BIGGER**



**IT'S MORE THAN A TEST.
IT'S ABOUT EXPANDING ACCESS.**

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**OCTOBER 14-17, 2026
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC**

ABBOTT SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Making STI Self-Sampling Work: Benefits, Pitfalls and Lessons from Real-World Implementation

Friday, October 16, 2026 | 1:15 PM | South Hall 2B | Lunch provided

As self-sampling becomes increasingly integrated into STI testing pathways across Europe, join leading experts for a practical discussion on implementation strategies that can expand access to testing, improve patient engagement and support healthcare system goals.

VISIT ABBOTT | BOOTH SPACE 1

Discover how innovative molecular diagnostics and self-sampling solutions are helping expand access to STI testing, support laboratory efficiency, improve patient engagement and advance public health outcomes.



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STI & HIV 2027 World Congress

Joint meeting of

**27th ISSTD, 28th World IUSTI Congress 2027
& 51st National Conference of IASSTD and AIDS**
(Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of ISSTD)

21st to 24th October 2027 | Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India

Theme – Evolving Challenges and Solutions

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Early Registration

February 2026 – 30th April 2027

Regular Registration

1st May – 19th September 2027

Late Registration

20th September 2027 Onwards

Category	Early Registration	Regular	Late
Non-Member	\$850	\$1050	\$1250
Member (IUSTI)	\$800	\$1000	\$1200
Indian Section	\$200	\$250	\$300
LMIC	\$350	\$450	\$600
Allied Health, Research Assistants & Community Worker	\$350	\$450	\$600
Full Time Student	\$350	\$450	\$600



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Welcome Address

On behalf of the **International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research (ISSTD)** and the **International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI)**, we are honored to invite you to the **STI & HIV 2027 World Congress**, to be held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India**, from **21st to 24th October 2027**.

The theme for the 2027 Congress is "**Evolving Challenges and Solutions**", reflecting the dynamic and complex landscape of sexually transmitted infections and HIV across the globe. This Congress aims to convene a diverse and inclusive gathering of researchers, clinicians, laboratorians, public health professionals, community leaders, and advocates to share cutting-edge scientific discoveries, innovative strategies, and practical solutions to address ongoing and emerging challenges in sexual health.

The Congress will provide a vibrant platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and networking with peers and leaders from around the world. Your active participation will be instrumental in fostering rich discussions, inspiring new partnerships, and driving forward evidence-based approaches to improve sexual health outcomes worldwide.

We warmly invite you to join us in **New Delhi in 2027** as we work together to navigate the evolving challenges and contribute to impactful and sustainable solutions in the field of STI and HIV.

Warm Regards,



Prof. Sunil Sethi
Chair, STI & HIV 2027
World Congress,
President-Elect, ISSTD
(India)



Prof. Eric P. F. Chow
Co-Chair, STI & HIV 2027
World Congress,
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Prof. Christopher Fairley
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Clinical Suspicion is No Longer Enough: Why Primary Care is Missing 25% of Syphilis Cases.

See Rebecca Wigan's publication to learn more:

Multiplex PCR testing for *Treponema pallidum* and herpes simplex virus in primary care to detect primary syphilis in Victoria, Australia: a prospective cohort study

Read paper



Did you know?

- Syphilis is frequently missed when clinicians suspect herpes
- Women benefit disproportionately from multiplex testing
- Reinfections were commonly missed without multiplex testing
- Multiplex testing fits seamlessly into existing workflows

Syphilis cases are on the rise, globally!

**PlexPCR® VHS — Accurately diagnoses lesions in a single test.
Uncover syphilis, as well as the typical HSV targets.**

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Simplified Genital Lesion Diagnosis: One Swab, Three Multiplexed Targets, Total Confidence.

Close the Diagnostic Gap: Detect the 25% of Syphilis cases that present with "Herpetic" symptoms.

Beat the Window Period: Identify *T. pallidum* DNA immediately, bypassing the 2-4 week delay of serology.

Operational Speed: Reduced time to result from nearly a week to just 48 hours.

Protect the Community: Stop the transmission chain in women and high-risk groups by catching atypical infections early.

Learn more



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