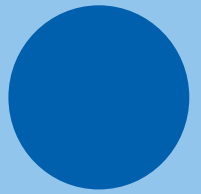


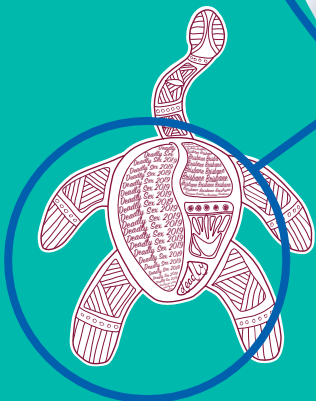


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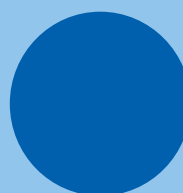
ASHM Membership

Developing a sustainable HIV,
viral hepatitis & sexual health workforce



ASHM acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and work.
We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples should be aware that this brochure may contain
images or names of people who have since passed away.

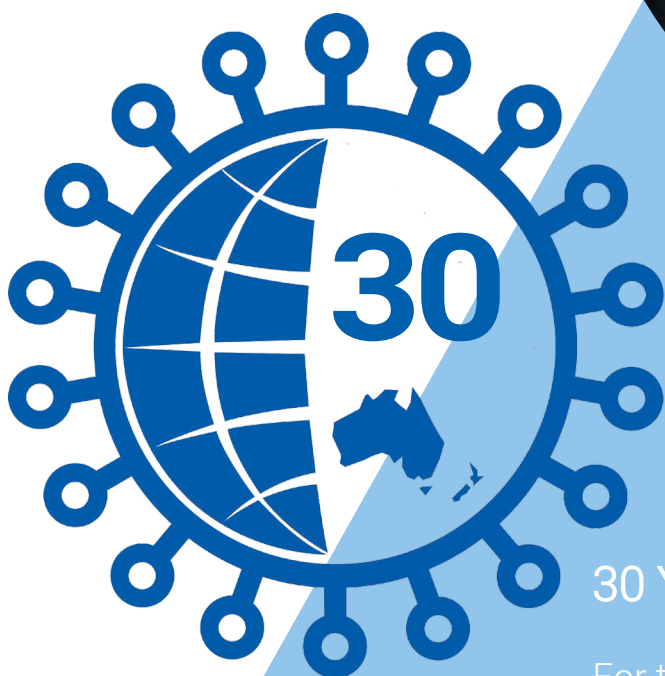
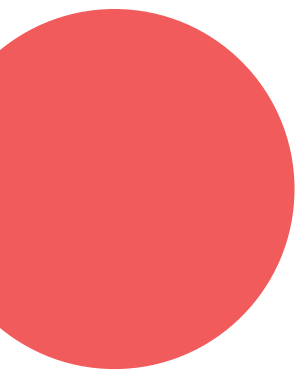


About us

ASHM is a professional, not-for-profit, membership-based organisation of health professionals in Australia, New Zealand and across the region.

ASHM proudly represents health professionals who work in the fields of HIV, viral hepatitis, other blood borne viruses (BBVs), sexual and reproductive health.

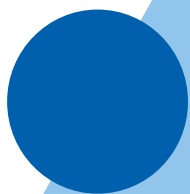
We support our members, sector partners and collaborators to generate knowledge and action in clinical management and research, education, policy and advocacy within Australasia and internationally.



30 Years of ASHM Membership

For the last 30 years membership has been an important component for our organisation. It is at the core of our identity, our work and our organisational structure.

Our strong and diverse membership base not only provides us with vital financial support to continue our work, but it allows us to be a critical voice and advocate for the HIV, viral hepatitis and sexual health sector.



Membership Categories

We have a range of individual membership options available for you, depending on your occupation, location and employment status.

For s100 prescriber's your ASHM Ordinary Membership provides you with bonus CPD points: 2 CPD points for HIV and 1 CPD point for HBV (helping you to maintain your accreditation.)

With a membership base of over 5,000 committed healthcare professionals located within Australia, New Zealand and across the region, we aim to provide you with practical and valuable opportunities to help contribute to your important work within the sector.

Ordinary Membership - \$235

For medical professionals and other individuals located within Australia and New Zealand - with a professional interest in the HIV, viral hepatitis and the sexual and reproductive health sector.

Nursing Ordinary Membership - \$110

For nursing and midwifery professionals located within Australia and New Zealand - with a professional interest in the HIV, viral hepatitis and the sexual and reproductive health sector.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ordinary Membership - \$110

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals with a professional interest in the HIV, viral hepatitis and the sexual and reproductive health sector.

Pharmacists Ordinary Membership - \$110

For community, retail and hospital pharmacists located within Australia and New Zealand - with a professional interest in the HIV, viral hepatitis and the sexual and reproductive health sector.

Student Membership – Free of charge

For full-time students located within Australia and New Zealand, who are currently undertaking an area of study relevant to HIV, viral hepatitis, sexual and reproductive health or any other related conditions. You will need to provide your supervisors contact details upon registration.

Retired Membership - \$66

For healthcare professionals with an ongoing interest in the HIV, viral hepatitis, sexual and reproductive health sector, who have previously been an ASHM Ordinary Member for five or more consecutive years and are retired from full time employment.

Individual Sustaining Membership - \$235

A non-voting membership category for individuals we are currently employed by the pharmaceutical industry, individuals residing outside of Australia and New Zealand or those individuals who do not wish to influence policy.

International Members from low to middle income countries - \$110

For medical professionals, including community organisations and other individuals from low to middle income countries with a professional interest in HIV, viral hepatitis, sexual and reproductive sexual health sector.

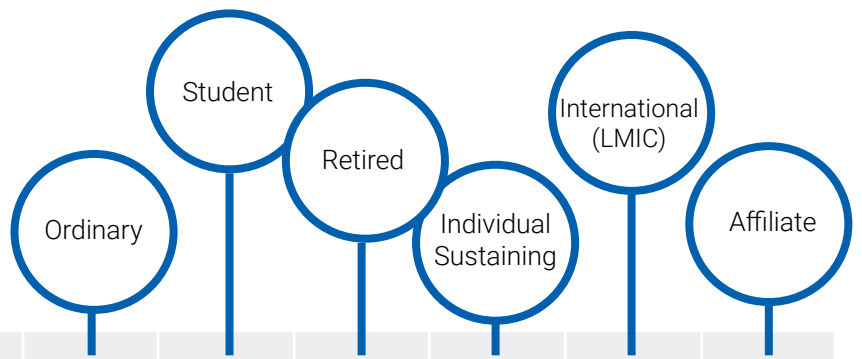
Affiliate Membership via the Organisational Sustaining Membership Program (OSM) – Free of charge

For medical and other professionals who are currently employed or connected via membership with one of our organisational partners. Affiliate membership is only offered through the ASHM Organisational Sustaining Membership Program.

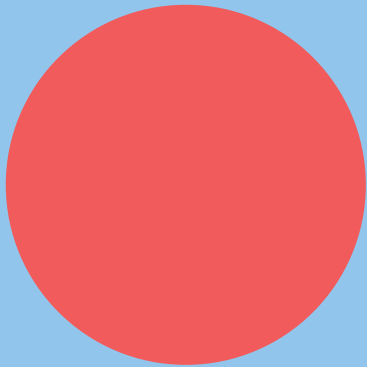
Membership Benefits

By becoming an ASHM member you can help ensure the future of our services.

We aim to provide our members with practical and valuable opportunities.



| | Ordinary | Student | Retired | Individual Sustaining | International (LMIC) | Affiliate |
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| Generous member-only discounts to the Australasian HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Prioritised members-only access to our scholarship program for both National and International Events and Conferences | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Vote at the Annual General Meeting on ASHM constitutional changes. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Stand for election as an ASHM board member | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Training and seminars contributing to your professional development and continuing professional registration requirements (CPD points) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Professional teaching and writing opportunities within Australasia and the region | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Unlimited access to ASHM resources and teaching materials | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Latest sector information via our monthly e-News and tailored email alerts | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Customised job opportunity alerts and free job advertisement posting within our highly subscribed career bulletin | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Exclusive networking opportunities via our member-only events and dinners held throughout Australia and New Zealand | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Increased visibility within the sector, by including your logo on ASHM communication channels | | | | | | ✓ |
| A 15% discount off the fully flexible rate to the TFE Hotel Network, including The Adina, Vibe Hotels, Travel Lodge, Rendezvous and TFE Hotels Collection | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |



Organisational Sustaining Membership

Our collaboration with over 60 strategic Organisational Members helps us to be leaders within the sector, through advocacy, policy direction, direct action and workforce capacity building.

The ASHM Organisational Sustaining Membership Program strives to be inclusive, drawing together a range of professions supporting people living with HIV, viral hepatitis, sexual and reproductive health issues and related diseases.

Whilst also maintaining a core group of committed health professionals engaged in the governance of ASHM and influencing patient care.

The ASHM Organisational Sustaining Membership fee is tailored to the size, nature and scope of an organisation.

Organisational Sustaining Members have access to our affiliate program, which extends most of the benefits of ASHM membership to employees and/or members at no extra individual cost.

Organisational Sustaining Members also enjoy priority placement of any news or information they would like share within the monthly ASHM eNews, as well as free job placement advertisements in our careers bulletin (waiving the \$200 fee). Both electronic publications are sent to over 5,000 individual subscribers.

Organisational Sustaining Members



Honorary Membership

An individual may be invited to be an Honorary Life Member in recognition of outstanding achievements and contributions to the Australian, regional and global response to HIV, viral hepatitis, other blood-borne viruses and sexually transmitted infections.

Eligibility for Honorary Life Membership is determined at the Boards discretion.

The Board announces new Honorary Life Members each year at the ASHM Annual General Meeting.



ASHM Honorary Life Members

John Ziegler
(Foundation Member)

Alex Wodak
(Foundation Member)

Joseph McCormack
(Foundation Member)

Elizabeth Dax

David Bradford

Robert Batey

Martyn French

Beatie Pearlman

Levinia Crooks

David Cooper

Richard Doherty

Virginia Furner

Basil Donovan

Annie Balcomb

Arun Menon

Edwinia Wright

Catherine O'Connor

Susan Mason

Our History

ASHM has been privileged to expand our remit more recently to include viral hepatitis, HTLV-1 and working beyond the borders of Australia and New Zealand. We look forward to further supporting our regional workforce across Asia and the Pacific, and collaborating to share lessons, strategies and experiences.

We are extremely proud to be entering our fourth decade working to support the health workforces. The 30-year milestone encourages us to reflect on the dramatic changes in medicine, treatment and prevention; in recognising the strength and resilience of our peers, affected communities, and the many other organisations to whom we've built long term partnerships. Our achievements wouldn't be possible without this generosity of time, input and expertise.

Origins

ASHM originated from a group of concerned clinicians, returning to Australia from the Stockholm AIDS Conference in 1988. On that flight, they realised that fellow clinicians would need much more professional development if they were to see any success in responding to the devastating impact of AIDS.

The result was an auspiced organisation aiming to support health professionals to learn more about the emerging disease, receive clinical mentoring and exchange best practices, The Australian Society of AIDS Physicians.

The organisation helped develop the first national guidelines for HIV&AIDS related treatment, care and management, as well as contributing heavily to the first National Strategy in Australia, released in 1989.

After advocacy from New Zealand based clinicians, it was incorporated in 1990 to become the 'Australasian Society for HIV Medicine' – what we know now as ASHM.

History of ASHM Membership

The organisation was initially established as a specialist society under the RACP, however it was quickly recognised that the HIV epidemic required a large scale and cross-sector response.

While initially restricted to only consultant physicians, ASHM membership quickly expanded to general practitioners and subsequently nurses. Since 2006, ASHM membership recognised that we require a wide spectrum of skills and disciplines to prevent, manage and treat HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs.

Our membership now includes researchers, epidemiologists, laboratory scientists, social workers, psychologists and other allied health professionals, including hospital and community pharmacists. Their insights, dedication and overall contribution to the sector are invaluable.

Adjunct Associate Professor, Levinia Crooks AM (1960-2017)

It is impossible to reminisce about the history of ASHM, without acknowledging the significant contribution and untiring dedication of our former Chief Executive Officer Levinia Crooks. As CEO from November 1999 until September 2017, Levinia was regarded as a leading advocate in the Australasian and international BBV and STI field. Levinia served for over 30 years as a champion for people's rights in the health sector. She began her work in the 1980s supporting her friends and colleagues impacted by HIV/AIDS, conducting social research to inform the development of counselling and support services for people living with HIV. She also served as President of the AIDS Council of NSW and Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, as well as on the Board of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations.



Our Vision

The virtual elimination of HIV, viral hepatitis, other BBVs and the significant reduction of sexually transmissible infections.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide leadership within the sector via:

Collaboration

Facilitation

Direct action

Work force capacity building

Our work is evidence based, practice centred, outcome focused and we prioritise monitoring and evaluation in everything we do.

Working with a dedicated membership, high-calibre staff and our commitment to partnerships assures effectiveness in achieving our mission.



Our Values and Approach

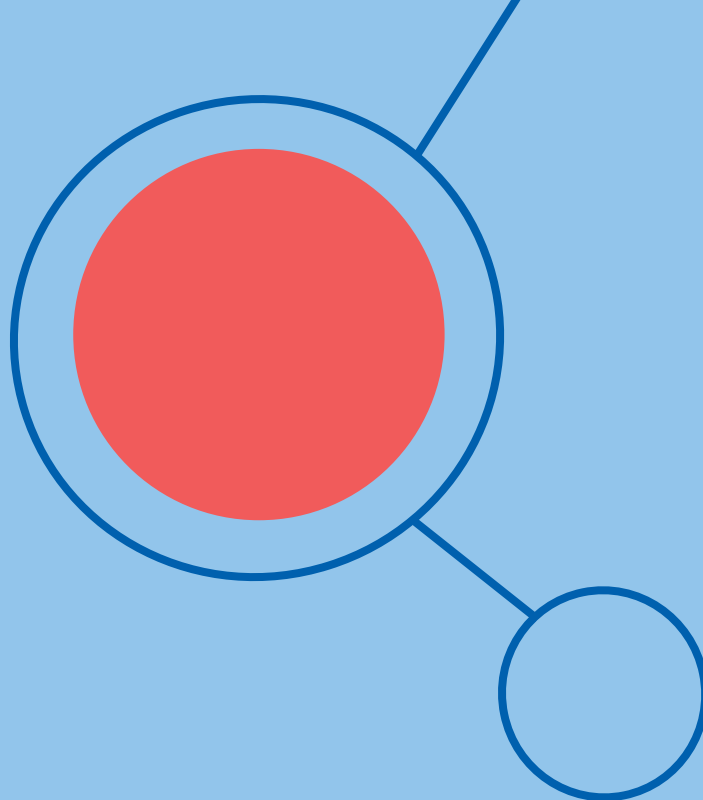
ASHM is committed to the principles of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and Jakarta Declaration on Leading Health Promotion into the 21st Century, as well as the highest standards of ethical conduct as practiced by the medical, scientific and health care professions. ASHM supports the aspirations and goals of the Closing the Gap Statement of Intent for Health Equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

ASHM also affirms that Maori as tangata whenua hold a unique place in New Zealand, and that the Treaty of Waitangi is the nation's founding document, and as an organization commits to uphold the key Treaty principles for involving Maori including partnership, participation and protection.

ASHM is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for Australian aid and development agencies, which is administered by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). ASHM is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

As an ACFID Code of Conduct signatory, ASHM complies with policies that include child protection, non-development activity and conflict of interest.





To find out more about how to become
a member of ASHM, please visit
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