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Developing a sustainable HIV,  
viral hepatitis & sexual health workforce



# Could it be Syphilis?

## Primary Care, Emergency & Homeless Health

**Date:** Thursday, 29 August 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm (AWST)

**Virtual Attendance:** Online – Microsoft Teams

Join ASHM's expert panel discussion, featuring representatives from homeless health services, emergency medicine & primary care, as we tackle the rising prevalence of congenital syphilis.

The *Could it be Syphilis?* Session provides healthcare professionals with critical insights into opportunistic testing, diagnosis, and treatment with a special focus on congenital syphilis and the risks of misdiagnosis in pregnant and post-partum patients.

Learn about effective strategies for contact tracing and screening recommendations to combat this epidemic.

### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Identify opportunities for opportunistic testing of syphilis in the general population based on clinical indicators.
- Determine special considerations in antenatal care settings for vulnerable populations.
- Implement screening recommendations in pregnant and post-partum people and the risk of delayed or incorrect diagnosis of syphilis when people present with non-genital symptoms.

### Speakers/Facilitators:

**Chair:** Cherie Bennett - Medical Educator, ASHM Health, Clinical Nurse Specialist, *Sydney Sexual Health Centre*

**Regional & Remote Representative:** Dr. Simon Slot-Kan - A public health physician and GP who is currently working for the Pilbara and Goldfields Public Health Unit in *WA Country Health Service*.

**Primary Care Representative:** Dr Grace Phua - General Practitioner, Syphilis Response Team, *Boorloo (Perth) Public Health Unit*



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*This course is free to attend for professions aligned with the target audience who practice in WA.*

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