

Expect the unexpected: new findings about sexually transmitted infections in pregnancy from Papua New Guinea and East Africa

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Should we prioritize screening and treatment for multiple sexually transmitted infections (STIs) during pregnancy to prevent poor birth outcomes? For some, the answer may seem obvious. For others, there still has not been enough research. Now, a world first trial in Papua New Guinea has produced some challenging findings about screening interventions in pregnancy. Meanwhile, frontline staff in Papua New Guinea and Zambia find inadequate attention and resources paid to established programmes, like antenatal screening for syphilis.

These pioneering studies in resource-limited settings are relevant globally for both the public health and clinical response to STIs in pregnancy.

Programme

University of Bern, Seminar Room 115, Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern and online via Zoom

16:00	Introduction	Prof. Nicola Low , Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern
16:05	STIs in pregnancy and the views of healthcare providers and programme staff about prioritisation in Papua New Guinea and Zambia	Dr. Lisa Vallely , Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales and Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research
16:25	What did the Women and Newborns Trial of Antenatal Interventions and Management (WANTAIM) find in Papua New Guinea?	Prof. Andrew Vallely , Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales and Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research
16:45	What do recent trials from East and Southern Africa tell us about STIs in pregnancy?	Dr. Matthew Chico , London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and Tropical Diseases Research Centre, Zambia
17:05	Questions and answers	All speakers, plus: Dr. Teodora Wi, Dr. Daniel McCartney, Dr. Ismail Maatouk, Dr. Jane Rowley , Department of Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes, World Health Organization, Geneva Dr. Sami Gottlieb , Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, Geneva
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