



# Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health Conferences 2022

29 August - 1 September 2022  
Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

We're delighted to welcome you to the Joint Australasian HIV&AIDS + Sexual Health Conferences, held from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

The next four days will be jam-packed as we begin with the HIV&AIDS conference on Monday, which overlaps with the Sexual Health Conference, which commences on Tuesday.

We're privileged to have the HIV&AIDS conference [convened](#) by [Ben Bavinton](#), research fellow at the Kirby Institute, and [Melissa Warner](#), CEO of Queensland Positive People; and the Sexual Health Conference by [Judith Dean](#), Research Fellow at The University of Queensland, and [Jan Anderson](#), FACCRM from the Sydney Sexual Health Centre.

My name is Anthony, and I will be working with the communications team to share highlights each morning, followed by one final update after the close of the conference.

These emails will keep you updated with the program and share any pertinent bites that your peers and colleagues may post about the conference on social media. That way you can rest assured that even if you miss a few sessions – you'll be able to catch up on key outputs when reading our daily updates.

Over the next four days, we'll be hearing from thought-provoking [speakers](#) who will be sharing their experience and insights across core themes that cover the gamut of HIV and Sexual Health.

Remember to connect with us online via Twitter using #HIVAIDS2022 & #SH2022, and don't forget to tag us @ashmmedia!

### Sessions we're looking forward to today

Today is the start of the HIV&AIDS conference, which begins with a warm welcome to all our delegates in our opening plenary at 8:30 am. Providing a solid foundation for the day, our keynote speakers [Marsha Rosengarten](#), [Aadia Rana](#), and [Kane Race](#) will offer us food for thought as they delve into key issues and overarching themes impacting the world of HIV today.

Between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm, you will be spoiled for choice with three concurrent HIV proffered paper sessions, each focused on a different theme. Explore community attitudes and the changing landscape of PrEP in *Epidemiology, Prevention & Health Promotion*; delve into innovative approaches to challenges in *Clinical Management & Therapeutics*; and discover new perspectives on *Social, Political & Social Aspects*.

While you're enjoying lunch, drop by the Gilead Platinum Satellite Session "Beyond Undetectable: Achieving Long Term Treatment Success Through Patient Led Care," which begins at 12:45 pm.

Following lunch, sessions resume at 2:00 pm led by keynote speaker [Ya-Chi Ho](#) who will begin by taking a single-cell multi-omics approach to provide a renewed understanding of the HIV latent reservoir. In this abstract spotlight session, we are eager to explore the unique perspectives offered in the breadth of research being discussed.

Beginning at 4:00 pm, we have an array of concurrent sessions covering different themes. You can choose to join in what is sure to be an insightful panel discussion entitled *Reassembling' the Social Domain in the HIV Epidemic* facilitated by [Kane Race](#); take a dive into the latest data in anal cancer screening and treatment, with ANCHOR study results presented by [Joel Palefsky](#); or explore some of the challenges and opportunities HIV self-testing creates in the *epidemiology, prevention & health promotion* session.

Don't miss our final session with Deputy Chief Medical Officer Professor Michael Kidd AM presenting on the national response to monkeypox in Australia commencing at 5:30 pm, which will be followed by a Q&A.

### Poster Tours

Remember to explore the posters in your own time, or attend a poster tour which will occur during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:45pm.

The people's choice award for best poster will be announced in the closing plenary – **make sure to vote via the conference app! Voting will close at 2pm Wednesday, at the conclusion of the lunch break.**

### Conference App

With such a big week ahead, be sure to stay organised by downloading the *Events App* by *EventsAIR* for [Android](#) or [iOS devices](#). The app will always be up to date, so you can be sure to know where you are going at all times! The event code is **HIVSH22** and your PIN is located on the back of your name badge.

All our sessions have been developed to include plenty of time for questions and discussion which are open to all delegates. Please use your app to post questions where all delegates will be able to see submitted questions.

### Keeping COVID-Safe

Based on the current reporting of COVID infections in Australia, the organising committee would like to model best practice behaviour at the conference to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the [COVID-19 Policy](#).

### Sexual Health special issue

[Sexual Health](#) publishes original and significant contributions to the fields of sexual health, including HIV&AIDS, Sexually transmissible infections, issues of sexuality and relevant areas of reproductive health.

Sexual Health is launching a special issue called [Delivering sexual health services in the 2020s](#) during the conference, which aims to collate the latest evidence-base focused on optimising sexual health services in the 2020s. The issue discusses why we need specialist sexual health services, how to get the right people to attend, how to strengthen current services, and smarter use of technologies to enhance sexual health services. You can watch Special Issue Editor Jason Ong's [video introduction](#) about this special issue.

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