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Training Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research

Sexually Transmitted Infections: An Online Evidence-based Course

Organizers

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO)

Course Duration

21 October - 1 December 2026 (6 weeks)

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About

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER) is a non-profit organization established in 2002. It is supported by the Department of Social Affairs of the City of Geneva and other Swiss and international institutions.

The Foundation works in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The overall objectives of the Foundation are to promote and develop health education and research programs.

Introduction

Sexually transmitted infections: An evidence-based online course (STI 2026) has been part of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research online training course series since 2010. In 2026, the course was entirely updated by a team of experts based on WHO guidelines.

This course provides participants with the latest evidence-based knowledge and practical skills for STI prevention, diagnosis, treatment, programme implementation, and research, drawing upon WHO recommendations and international field experience. The course aims to strengthen the capacity of health professionals to deliver evidence-based prevention, diagnosis, treatment, programme implementation, and research in sexually transmitted infections through a comprehensive online course.

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Goal

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Objectives

- Strengthen participants' knowledge of STI epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis and treatment.
- Develop competencies in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating STI programmes.
- Promote evidence-based clinical practice in accordance with WHO recommendations.
- Enhance participants' capacity to conduct training, operational research and programme evaluation.
- Foster multidisciplinary approaches integrating STI prevention, HIV, sexual health and human rights.

Course audience

Health professionals, paramedical staff, project planners and managers in health-related areas, advocates, government officials and social scientists.

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The course is based primarily on the latest WHO recommendations and international evidence. Teaching is complemented by the extensive field experience of an international faculty working in sexual and reproductive health across diverse settings

Participants will gain practical knowledge applicable to both resource-limited and high-resource settings, with particular emphasis on evidence-based decision-making, programme implementation and clinical practice.

Course Topics

Week 1

STIs as a global public health challenge: past, present and future

Week 2

Epidemiology of STIs

- Interactions between HIV and STIs

Week 3

Prevention of STIs

- Vaccination
- HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy-PEP)

Live webinar: Syphilis prevention and care

Week 4

STI Screening and diagnosis

- STI screening
- Laboratory diagnosis
- Point-of-care testing

Week 5

STI treatment

- Clinical management of STIs
- Syndromic management
- Etiological diagnosis and treatment
- STI management during pregnancy

Week 6

STI programmes and service delivery

- Monitoring and evaluation
- Surveillance
- Programme design and implementation

Sexual health, human rights and STIs

Live webinar: Antimicrobial-resistant gonorrhoea



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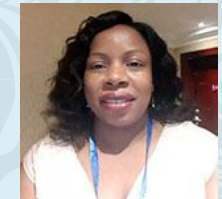
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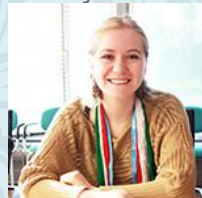
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Learning Methods

For each module participants will have access to:

1. Recorded lectures with downloadable slides
2. Reading materials and WHO guidance documents
3. Additional multimedia resources
4. Multiple-choice questions
5. Written assignments
6. Live webinars (selected modules)

Teaching language

The teaching language of the course is English.

What is required of you?

Complete the multiple-choice assessment and written assignment for each module.

Personal coach

Each participant will be assigned a coach who will provide academic support, facilitate learning, answer questions and provide feedback throughout the course.

Course validation and certificate

Participants who successfully complete all required assessments will receive a certificate jointly issued by the organizing partners.

Admission Procedures

1. Submit the online application form:

<https://forms.gle/ZPnaBDeq1mndhv369>

2. Submit the following documents that are required to process admission via email to: sti@gfmer.org:

- A curriculum vitae, including sections on current and previous positions.
- Letter of motivation (maximum one page or 500 words), outlining the applicant's interest in the course and expected benefits.

3. Wait for the acceptance notice from the administrative office.

4. If your application is accepted, settle the course fee before the course commences.

Important Dates

Start date: 21 October 2026

End date: 01 December 2026

Application deadline: 30 September 2026

Payment deadline: 07 October 2026

Course Fee

USD 250

Course Website

<https://www.gfmer.ch/2026-courses/sti/index.htm>

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