

Central Hall Westminster
27-28 November 2008



Second **Pointers** Conference

Prevention of Occupational Infections, Treatment and Exposure Reporting Strategies for Healthcare Workers

Conference Programme, Application & Abstract Submission Forms



HepB



HepC



HIV



TB

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The **Second HPA Pointers (Prevention of Occupational Infections, Treatment and Exposure Reporting Strategies) Conference** takes place in November 2008, building on the unqualified success of the first meeting two years ago. This is a key event not only for those involved in occupational health, but also for professionals in infection control, public health, health protection, risk assessment and the management of infected healthcare workers.

The conference is built around the epidemiology, prevention and treatment of four major infectious diseases, **Hepatitis B and C, HIV and Tuberculosis** as they apply in the health care setting. Infections of healthcare workers from patients are a worrying observation and one for which there has to be particular vigilance. There are an increasing number of cases where healthcare workers have become infected through occupational exposures. However, infections in the healthcare setting are not just important to the healthcare worker, because sadly patients have been infected by healthcare workers in the process of their hospital care. During the conference international data on transmissions of bloodborne viruses from patients to healthcare workers and from healthcare workers to their patients will be explored, touching on national policy in their management and prevention.

The full programme is detailed within this application form but some of the many highlights are given below.

There will be both national and international speakers who will be reviewing the latest evidence and cutting edge information on occupational exposures. The opening keynote speaker is **Dr Susan Wilburn** from the World Health Organization (WHO), who will detail the global burden of occupational exposures and their impact on the workforce. **Dr Dominique Abiteboul** will provide a European perspective, presenting the epidemiology of needle stick injuries in France and **Professor David Goldberg** from Scotland will talk about the strategies for preventing bloodborne viruses in the healthcare setting. An international perspective will be provided by **Professor Gamal Shiha** from Egypt, who will be presenting on the impact of hepatitis C on healthcare workers in a high prevalence area and **Professor Daniel Shouval** from Israel who will detail the epidemiology and management of hepatitis B reactivation.

Other programme sessions will focus on the prevention and management of bloodborne viruses and TB within the healthcare setting, from both local and national perspectives. There will be presentations detailing local experiences of managing needlestick injuries and pre-employment screening of healthcare workers.

The conference programme will be complemented by a large exhibition of products and services aimed at providing a safer environment for those working in the healthcare setting.

The event will be an excellent opportunity for networking with colleagues from around the UK, and there will be ample opportunities for questions and discussion.

Further information

The Exhibition

Alongside the conference, there will be a large exhibition with companies offering products in the following areas:
Antimicrobial agents, Clinical waste disposal, Computer & software systems, Disinfectants, Hep B vaccines, Hep B, Hep C and HIV treatments, Infection control, Post Exposure Prophylaxis treatments, Protective clothing, Safer devices, TB treatments & vaccines

Drinks reception

There will be a drinks reception on Thursday at 17.45 within the exhibition.

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Programme

Day 1	Thursday 27 November
08.30	Registration & Exhibition Viewing
09.30	Chair: Dr Fortune Ncube, <i>Consultant Epidemiologist, Bloodborne Viruses Section Head, Health Protection Agency, London</i> Dr Vanessa Mayatt <i>Non-executive HPA Board Member, Risk Management Consultant and Company Director, Cheshire</i> Welcome & Opening Address Speaker: Justin McCracken, <i>Chief Executive, Health Protection Agency, London</i>
09.40	Impact of needle stick injuries – a personal account Speaker: To be announced
10.00	Keynote speaker: Global impact of occupational exposures, World Health Organisation perspective Dr Susan Wilburn, <i>Technical Officer, Occupational & Environmental Health, World Health Organization (WHO)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Occupational exposures, global burden of disease and risk to needle stick injuries;2. WHO Resolution: the Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health and WHO Campaign to immunize healthcare workers against the hepatitis B virus3. Seroconversions following transmission of infections4. Control and post-exposure measures5. Impact of occupational exposures on the workforce
10.45	Coffee and Exhibition
11.15	Annual Report Launch: Eye of the Needle 2008 Sarah Tomkins, <i>Scientist (Epidemiology), Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National epidemiology2. Risk factor epidemiology3. Reporting of community needle stick injuries4. National HCV epidemiology in HCWs
11.40	Keynote speaker: Epidemiology of needle stick injuries in the health care setting Dr Dominique Abiteboul, <i>Occupational Health Department, Hopital Bichat, Paris</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Surveillance of occupational exposures in France2. Characteristics and risk factors for HCWs sustaining a needle stick injury3. Risks and management of seroconversion cases
12.10	Managing needle stick injuries in dentists Professor Jeremy Bagg, <i>Professor of Clinical Microbiology & Head of School, University of Glasgow Dental School</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Guidelines on working practices of dentists infected with bloodborne viruses2. Management of exposure incidents3. Frequency of needle stick injuries in dental practices
12.30	Lunch, 'Drop In' Zone and Exhibition
	Chair: Dr John Woodhouse, <i>Regional Director, Health Protection Agency North East</i> Professor Noel Gill, <i>Consultant Epidemiologist, Head of HIV/STI Department, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i>
13.30	Keynote speaker: Strategies in the prevention of bloodborne viruses in the health care setting Professor David Goldberg, <i>Consultant in Public Health Medicine/Clinical Epidemiology, Health Protection Scotland</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Different types of exposure incidents2. Factors contributing to accidental exposures3. Prevention and management of exposure incidents
14.00	Principles of vaccination Professor Will Irving, <i>Consultant Virologist, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Passive and active vaccination2. Rationale in the use of immunoglobulin – hepatitis B vaccination as an example
14.30	Procurement of safety devices in the NHS Elizabeth Pearson, <i>Medical Business Manager, NHS Supply Chain</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Procurement of safety devices2. Types used within the NHS
14.50	Tea/Coffee and Exhibition
15.15	Keynote speaker: HCV in high prevalence areas, implications for health care workers Professor Gamal Shiha, <i>Internal Medicine, GI and Liver Unit, Almansoura, Egypt</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HCV epidemiology in Egypt2. Local experience of needle stick injuries3. Management strategies implemented
15.45	HCV infected healthcare worker – a case study Jane Brown, <i>Clinical Nurse Team Leader – Occupational Health, North Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</i>
16.05	OH service provision in the community Eileen Sullivan, <i>Specialist OH Nurse Practitioner, Harrow PCT, North West London Hospitals NHS Trust</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Service structure2. Management of needle stick injuries in the community3. Follow-up of health care workers and the source patients
16.25	Free Paper session – abstracts invited
17.15	Reporters' feedback – general discussion
17.45	Close of day and drinks reception and exhibition

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Day 2	Friday 28 November
08.30	Registration & Exhibition
08.35	Company Symposium
	Chair: Dr Helen Maguire, <i>Regional Epidemiologist, Health Protection Agency London</i> Dr Mark Zuckerman, <i>Consultant Virologist, South London Specialist Virology Centre, Health Protection Agency</i>
09.30	Welcome & Opening Address
09.40	TB and HIV in the healthcare setting Dr Ibrahim Abubakar, <i>Consultant Epidemiologist/Head of Tuberculosis Section, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recent trends in TB and HIV infection in the UK2. Occupational health challenges of TB and HIV co-infection3. Prevention and management
10.05	TB infected healthcare workers, local management implications Dr Toyin Ejidokun, <i>Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, Health Protection Agency South West</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pre-employment screening2. Risk assessment and infection control procedures3. Case management at the local level
10.30	Tuberculosis: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidelines Allison Smith, <i>Occupational Health Nurse, Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Implementation of NICE guidelines at a local level
10.50	Coffee
11.20	Keynote speaker: Epidemiology and management of hepatitis B virus reactivation in defined risk groups Professor Daniel Shouval, <i>Director Liver Unit, Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital, Israel</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Epidemiology and management of hepatitis B virus reactivation in defined risk groups
12.05	Transmission of bloodborne viruses, the place for phylogenetic analysis Professor Deenan Pillay, <i>Professor of Virology at University College London and Head of Research for HIV and STIs Health Protection Agency, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is phylogenetic analysis2. Uses of phylogenetic analysis in understanding bloodborne viruses transmission3. Implications in prevention, treatment and case management options
12.30	UK HCW HCV seroconversions Dr Fortune Ncube, <i>Consultant Epidemiologist, Bloodborne Viruses Section Head, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General epidemiology of HCV2. Seroconversions among HCWs reported in the UK3. Treatment and management issues
12.50	Lunch, 'Drop In Zone' and Exhibition
	Chair: Dr Valerie Delpech, <i>Consultant Epidemiologist, HIV/STI Department, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> Dr Lucia Batty, <i>Consultant Occupational Physician, King's College Hospital, London</i>
13.50	The infected HCW, a legal minefield Diana Kloss, <i>Barrister and Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Legal framework (the exposed HCW and infected HCW)
14.15	Referrals to the UKAP, results from a national service Dr Susan Cliffe, <i>Senior Scientist (Epidemiology), Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is UKAP2. Burden of referrals to UKAP3. Outcomes in case management4. Update on national policy
14.35	Look back exercise – local experience Dr Derek Ward, <i>Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, Health Protection Agency West Midlands</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Background to case2. Management of HCW and patients3. Lessons learnt
14.55	Tea/Coffee
15.25	The role of OH in the infected healthcare worker Dr Kit Harling, <i>Consultant Occupational Physician, Plymouth</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The role of occupational health in the exposed HCW and the infected HCW
15.50	National Surveillance System – HIV PEP uptake experience Dr Dominik Zenner, <i>Specialist Registrar Public Health, Health Protection Agency Centre for Infections, London</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Surveillance of PEP uptake2. Factors associated with PEP uptake3. Recommendations for research and policy
16.05	Open discussion

The organisers reserve the right to amend this programme without notice.

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Submission of abstracts

Abstracts are invited for submission to the review panel. The closing date for applications is 29 August 2008.

Please submit your abstract via www.hpapointersconference.org.uk where more information can be found.

The following categories of abstracts are available for submission:

1. Epidemiology of needle stick injuries
2. Commissioning and procurement of safer devices
3. Safer needle devices: What is available and what is needed
4. Post-exposure prophylaxis in the exposed healthcare worker
5. Bloodborne virus screening in healthcare workers
6. Management and monitoring of healthcare workers infected with a bloodborne virus
7. Economic impact of needle stick injuries
8. Engagement of stakeholders and implementation of preventative practice in reducing needle stick injuries
9. Case management following a needle stick injury



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Comments from delegates attending the 1st Pointers Conference in 2006

- Very useful meeting. Good to get info on further resources/up to date practice.
- Do it again – without awareness there is no action!
- Excellent conference.
- Very good. Surprised not to see more microbiologists and urologists here.
- The conference is excellent.
- This was an excellent meeting. I learned so much, it raised as many questions as it answered.
- Enjoyable conference – raised more questions than provided answers, but that is good!
- Excellent meeting. A very commendable 2 days.
- I found the final comments of the day very good & agreed that it comes down to application, co-operation & clear thinking of how to achieve the goals.
- Overall excellent – extremely informative.
- Overall the standard & quality of presentations was exceptionally high & very useful.
- Definite benefit from attending, please repeat.
- Overall an extremely good two day conference.
- Very good conference, hope there will be more in some format.
- Excellent. Quality of speakers very good on day.
- Thank you, very stimulative, interesting & scary at times. Good update/insight into all BBV's. Concentration of lectures & full programme made it a very good use of time & well worth the effort of coming.
- Every speaker was expert in their field. Overall the 2 days have been very good and extremely helpful.
- Overall, good conference. Very enjoyable.
- The topics, variety etc was great but two days was not enough time, but I don't know what I'd have left out.
- Very interesting seminar, well presented and content in each seminar very good. Excellent study day – thank you.
- Excellent day. Relevant to my lead areas – good networking to provide info to inform my partnership work across 2 PCT areas. Good personal learning experience.
- Wonderful conference. Very good value for money.

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Take advantage of low cost Apex tickets which can be purchased in advance, book early, as there are only a limited number of these tickets available. See website www.nationalrail.co.uk

Air

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Underground

There are three underground stations within walking distance of the Central Hall

1. Westminster on the Jubilee, Circle and District lines.
2. St James' Park on the Circle and District lines.
3. Victoria on the Victoria, Circle and District lines..

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Taxis

There are taxi ranks outside all main London train stations. For estimates of costs, see website www.tfl.gov.uk/pco or phone Radio Taxis on **0207 2720272**. You can either use a taxi direct from a designated rank, hail one in the street, or book one in advance by credit card (make sure you ask about any additional charges).

Accommodation

A variety of different types of accommodation are available through the accommodation agency Reservation Highway **01423 525577** or book online at www.reservation-highway.co.uk

Registration Confirmation

All delegate applications received will be processed and responded to in writing within 14 days. You will receive a map directing you to the venue and an information sheet containing details on registration times, conference events and other important information.

Conference Secretariat

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The Organisers reserve the right to make changes to the conference programme and speakers without prior notice.

Discounted Rate

Applications from healthcare workers received by 1st August 2008 either by post or fax will be registered at the discounted rate. Payment must be made prior to the start of conference.

Invoice Requests

Remember it is your responsibility to make sure that your finance department processes the application form in time. Applications requesting payment by invoice will only be processed if accompanied by a copy of the Purchase Order or Guarantee by budget holder. If you have not heard from us within 14 days, please contact us to make sure we have received your form. We would recommend that you keep a photocopy of all documentation in case of loss or lack of clarity.

BACS Payments

We will only be able to process your application once payment has been received into the bank account. Please send a copy of the BACS payment advice note.

Cancellation

Notice of cancellation should be made in writing to HPA-POINTERS, c/o Fitwise Management, Drumcross Hall, Bathgate, EH48 4JT. Cancellations received by 1st September 2008 in writing will receive a refund minus 20% for administration costs. However, unfortunately those received after this date will receive no refund. Substitute delegates are welcome.

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Delegate Application Form

- How to register:** A) **Register** online, visit www.hpapointersconference.org.uk
B) **Post** this form to HPA Pointers Secretariat, Fitwise Management Ltd, Drumcross Hall, Bathgate, EH48 4JT
C) **Fax** the application form to 01506 811477
D) **Phone** and speak to Stacy on 01506 811077

I wish to register as a	Early booking rate (25% discount for applications received by 1st August 2008)	Normal rate (for applications received after 1st August 2008)
1. Full delegate (both days)	<input type="checkbox"/> £250 (£212.75 + vat £37.25 = £250)	<input type="checkbox"/> £295 (£251.06 + vat £43.94 = £295)
2. Thursday delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> £155 (£131.91 + vat £23.09 = £155)	<input type="checkbox"/> £185 (£157.45 + vat £27.55 = £185)
3. Friday delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> £155 (£131.91 + vat £23.09 = £155)	<input type="checkbox"/> £185 (£157.45 + vat £27.55 = £185)
4. Exhibition visitor only (does not include catering or delegate bag)	N/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Free

Delegates receive entry to all conference sessions and the trade exhibition, daytime catering, delegate bag and conference handbook

Total cost to pay £
Delegate package

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