

Disclosure Information

Syphilis Testing and Diagnosis Virtual Coffee Break

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Provided by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing and Health Studies
Jointly Provided by the Clinical Training Center for Sexual Reproductive Health

Description:

This brief learning session offers healthcare providers foundational knowledge and actionable strategies for syphilis screening and prevention. It is intended for Title X program clinical providers (MD/NP/PA/CNM), nurses, and other staff who may screen, test, and counsel clients for syphilis. This module discusses syphilis testing and diagnosis, with an emphasis on point-of-care (POC) testing. It highlights when to use POC testing versus traditional laboratory-based methods and outlines key considerations for implementation.

Outcome:

After participating in this session, participants will self-report increased knowledge of and confidence in syphilis screening and diagnosis to select and implement appropriate testing methods in their clinical setting, supporting timely diagnosis, effective follow-up, and improved client care.

Objectives:

- Differentiate between syphilis POC tests and laboratory-based treponemal and non-treponemal syphilis tests.
- Identify clinical scenarios where syphilis POC testing is appropriate and beneficial.
- Compare traditional and reverse syphilis testing algorithms by identifying at least two benefits and two challenges associated with each approach.
- Outline key considerations for implementing syphilis POC testing, including workflow, training, and follow-up procedures.

Successful Completion:

To receive contact hours, participants must complete the activity as well as complete the online evaluation and request for credit form. CNE and Certificates of Completion will be emailed 4 – 6 weeks after submission of the online evaluation/request for credit form.

Relevant Financial Relationships:

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