

Sexually Transmitted and Blood-borne Infections (STBBI) Testing and Linkages to Care: Reaching the Undiagnosed

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100 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON
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Hosted by CIHR Centre for REACH 3.0 / MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases & the Public Health Agency of Canada

Overarching Strategic Goals of the *Pan-Canadian Framework for Action: Reducing the Impact of Sexually Transmitted and Blood-borne Infections in Canada by 2030*:

- Reduce the incidence of STBBI in Canada
- Improve access to testing, treatment, and ongoing care and support
- Reduce stigma and discrimination that create vulnerabilities to STBBI

Meeting Objectives:

1. To introduce new testing technologies and approaches and to share current implementation research (projects and programs) and evidence on STBBI point of care testing and linkages to care;
2. To identify and discuss opportunities and challenges to facilitating scale-up of testing and linkages to care;
3. To create a common understanding of the current policies related to the STBBI testing landscape and pending developments; and
4. To create a mechanism to support ongoing communication about best practices and lessons learned with the implementation and scale-up of projects and programs across the country.



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Agenda

February 4th, 2020	
7:30 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast and registration
8:30 am to 9:00 am	<p>Welcome <u>Facilitator:</u> Jody Jollimore, Community-Based Research Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening invocation – Elder Annie Smith St-Georges • Opening remarks from Public Health Agency of Canada – Kimberly Elmslie • Review of agenda, meeting objectives and introductions
9:00 am to 9:45 am	<p>Bringing new innovations in STBBI testing with linkages to care to Canada <u>Chair:</u> Geneviève Boily-Larouche, Canadian Institute for Health Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the stage - Sean B. Rourke, Centre for REACH 3.0 and MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions • What is working in the real world: A Canadian STBBI point of care testing realist review – Yoav Keynan, National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases • Global lessons on access to testing and linkage - Rosanna Peeling, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine <p>Q/A and Discussion (15 min)</p>
9:45 am to 10:00 am	Nutrition break
10:00 am to 11:15 am	<p>Reaching the undiagnosed – Voices from the community <u>Chair:</u> Stephanie Van Haute, Nine Circles Community Health Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Elliott, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation • Raye St. Denys, Shining Mountains Living Community Services • Len Tooley, Community-Based Research Centre • Denese Frans, Women’s Health in Women’s Hands Community Health Centre • Daryl Luster, Pacific Hepatitis Network <p>Q/A and Discussion (15 min)</p>
11:15 pm to 12:15 pm	Breakout session – Acknowledging success
12:15 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch and Networking
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<p>Novel approaches to testing, reaching the undiagnosed and linkages to care: Structural interventions and promising practices <u>Chair:</u> Jordan Feld, University Health Network</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-testing innovations for reaching those with HIV/HCV - Nitika Pant Pai, McGill University • Advancing testing innovation among gay, bisexual, queer, trans, and two-spirit men – Nathan Lachowsky, University of Victoria • Novel dried blood spot models for reaching hard-to-reach populations with HIV and HCV – John Kim, National Microbiology Laboratory • HIV-STBBI testing in rural and remote areas in Manitoba - Mike Payne, Nine Circles Community Health Centre
2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Nutrition break
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	<p>Cont'd: Novel approaches to testing, reaching the undiagnosed and linkages to care: Structural interventions and promising practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual syphilis and HIV point of care testing to improve access to testing among inner city, remote, rural and hard to reach populations in Alberta - Ameeta Singh, University of Alberta • Population-level approaches to increase STBBI testing – Jason Wong, British Columbia Centre for Disease Control • Pharmacy-based interventions for STBBI – Christine Hughes, University of Alberta <p>Q/A and Discussion (15 minutes)</p>
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm	Breakout session –Identifying challenges for implementation
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<p>End of day 1 wrap-up</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Jody Jollimore, Community-Based Research Centre</p>
February 5th, 2020	
7:30 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am to 8:45 am	<p>Welcome and recap of day 1</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Jody Jollimore, Community-Based Research Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genevieve Tremblay, Public Health Agency of Canada
8:45 am to 10:00 am	Breakout session – Identifying potential solutions
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Nutrition break
10:15 am to 11:30 am	Cont'd Breakout session – Identifying potential solutions (report back and discussion)

11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Next steps and closing of meeting <u>Facilitator:</u> Jody Jollimore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we heard – successes, challenges, gaps, innovations, potential solutions • Closing invocation – Elder Annie Smith St-Georges
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch and networking