The aim of the course is to equip participants with the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes for the effective management of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) outside the GUM setting. Early registration is preferable. It is recommended to attend both days although if you have attended a STIF course in the past 3 years, you can attend the STIF PLUS day to update your knowledge and skills.

It is highly recommended that delegates study the appropriate modules in e-Learning for Health before attending.

This will entail around 8-12 hours of study depending on your experience. Further information about the modules will be provided by the course organiser approximately four weeks before the course commences.

The outlined programme is attached.

For further information please visit http://www.bashh.org

This is a multi-disciplinary course and applications are invited from:
Doctors and nurses working in the general practice, family planning and reproductive health, GUM, health advisors, secondary care clinicians who may encounter patients with STIs (e.g O&G, A&E, rheumatology and ophthalmology), pharmacists, school nurses.

Couse fee (includes Coffee, Lunch & Tea)
Both Days €360
Early Bird €300 (booking 3 months prior to course)
To Reserve a place, please return the attendance form, with a cheque made payable to ‘Dr Lambert ID Practice’

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 8th APRIL

Details of the e-Learning modules and a Course Pack will be sent to you nearer the time with your receipt.
**BASHH - STI Foundation Course**  
*(Outline programme)*

**Aim of the course**
To equip participants with the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes for the effective management of STIs.

By the end of the course you should be able to:

### Knowledge
- describe the principles of STI service provision
- recognise the issues relating to confidentiality, partner notification and treatment
- demonstrate basic knowledge of the epidemiology and the factors involved in the transmission of STIs and how to prevent transmission
- demonstrate basic knowledge of STIs, their presentation, diagnosis and management
- indicate where and when to refer patients

### Skills
- demonstrate competency, and feel comfortable, in taking a sexual history
- demonstrate the skills necessary to inform patients about reducing their risk of sexual infections and risk of unplanned pregnancy
- optimise care pathways for patients through improved links with local services (GUM, Sexual Health, Contraceptive services, Psychosexual services, Microbiology, TOP services and Primary Care)

### Attitudes
- demonstrate an appreciation of the lifestyle and circumstances of others and how this may reflect in their presentation and impact on their management.
- recognise the range of human sexuality, lifestyles and culture and the impact this has on transmission/prevention counselling
- demonstrate an understanding of how one’s personal beliefs could affect the consultation

**Programme timings may change**

**Day 1 (STIF CORE):**
- 08.15 Registration and coffee
- 09:00 Welcome, introduction
- 09:15 Session – Epidemiology of STIs, and principles of sexual health service provision
- 09:45 Session – Sexual History, Symptom Recognition, Risk assessment
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Session – STI Control and Prevention
- 11.45 Session Partner Notification / Prevention, Examination, swabs and tests
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Small Group Workshops:

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**Small Group Workshops:**
1. **Genital Sores**
2. **HIV Testing in Practice**
3. **Vaginal Discharge and Pelvic Pain**
4. **Young People and Sexual Health**

**Day 2 (STIF PLUS):**
- 8:15 Coffee and registration
- 09:00 Welcome
- 09:05 Session – STIs in Pregnancy
- 09:45 Session – Sexual Assault and Abuse
- 10.30 Session – Treatment Guidelines
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Session - HIV diagnosis – HIV in primary care
- 12.15 Session – Syphilis
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Small Group Workshops:

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- 16.40 Evaluation Forms/Feedback
- 17.00 Close

**Small Group Workshops:**
5. **Male Dysuria and Testicular Lumps**
6. **Genital Dermatology**
7. **Viral Hepatitis**
8. **Working with men who have sex with men (MSM) and other High Risk Groups**