

HIV in FOCUS 2026

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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

HIV in Focus 2026 – Session Program

Friday 9th October

Time	Chair(s)	Session	Speaker(s)
08:00 – 08:30		Registration	
08:30 – 08:45		Welcome to HIV in Focus Acknowledgement of Country Dr. Tim Read	Prof. Jenny Hoy - Alfred Care Group, Bayside Health Prof Simone Alexander - CEO Alfred Care Group, Bayside Health Mr Peter Locke – Director HIV Services, Thorne Harbour Health
08:45 – 10:00	Dr David Griffin	Update: HIV and STI Prevention	
		Setting the Scene: HIV and STIs in Australia.	Dr Michael Traegar The Kirby Institute
		Update in STI prevention: GoGoVax and DoxyPEP	Dr Mark O'Reilly
		Debate: Should we eliminate asymptomatic STI testing	Dr Michael Traegar (against) A/Prof Vincent Cornelisse (for) Mr Chris Williams (Community view)
10:00 – 10:30		Morning Tea	
10:30 – 12:00	Dr Emma Paige	HIV, ART and Co-infections	
		What's New with ART	Prof. Jenny Hoy
		Hepatitis B reactivation with non-tenofovir based regimens	A/Prof. Janine Trevillyan
		Causes of Low-Level Viremia: How and when should we intervene?	Dr Michael Moso
		Case-based Discussion – ARV treatment	Moderator: Prof Jenny Hoy Dr Richard Moore Marc Mendoza - Living Positive Victoria Dr Michael Moso A/Prof Janine Trevillyan Prof. Brenda Crabtree Ramírez
12.00 – 12.30		Lunch	
12:30 – 13:15	MIDS	Keynote Talk	

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	Prof. Jenny Hoy		
		"Equity in Science – the Example of HIV"	Prof. Brenda Crabtree Ramírez
13:15 – 13:30		Break	
13:30 – 15:30	Dr Olga Vujovic	Improving the Health of People Ageing with HIV	
		Pragmatic Assessments for Screening for Frailty	Dr Louise Dillon
		Does Exercise make a difference to Falls Risk	Mr Mark Binette and Dr Soula Filipas
		Who are the Chief Culprits of Neurocognitive Impairment in older people with HIV?	Prof Edwina Wright
	Dr Olga Vujovic	Case Discussion Panel –	Prof Edwina Wright Dr Louise Dillon Dr Nan Presswell Mr Mark Binette Ed Moreno - Living Positive Victoria
15:30 – 16:00		Afternoon Tea	
16:00 – 17:30	Dr Tim Krulic	Optimizing Health – Addressing HIV and Comorbidities in Men	
		Peptides, peptides – can't get enough of them	A/Prof Beng Eu
		Harm Minimization for the use of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs	Mr Henri Santori
		How to Approach Testosterone Deficiency in men ageing with HIV	Dr Sarah Catford
		Case Discussion	A/Prof Beng Eu Dr Sarah Catford Mr Henri Santori Dr David Griffin John C - Living Positive Victoria
17:30 – 19:00		Networking Event	

Saturday 10th October

Time	Chair(s)	Session	Speaker(s)
08:30 – 08:50		Arrival	
08:50 – 09:00		Acknowledgement of Country (Jenny Hoy) and Welcome from Ms Kirsty Machon and Ms Heather Ellis (Positive Women, Victoria)	
09:00 – 09:45	Dr Lisa Doyle and Prof Jenny Hoy	"Women's Health and Co-morbidity – Addressing the Gaps"	Prof. Brenda Crabtree Ramírez
09:45 – 10:30		Addressing Menopause in Women with HIV	Dr Anna Pierce
	Lisa Doyle	Case Discussion	Prof. Brenda Crabtree Ramírez Dr Lucy Donovan Dr Sushena Krishnaswamy Melissa K (Positive Women)
10:30 – 11:00		Morning Tea	
11:00 – 12:30	Dr Rekha Pai Mangalore	Substance Use Disorders for People with HIV	
		Substance Use Considerations for People with HIV	Dr Lucy Attwood
		Management of Methamphetamine addiction in people with HIV	Ms Meg McKechnie
		Challenges and solutions for the management of complex HIV	Dr Emma Paige
	Dr Olga Vujovic	Case discussion Panel	Dr Emma Paige Dr Lucy Attwood Ms Meg McKechnie Dr Daniel Wong Ms Tess McAloon Adam B – Living Positive Victoria

12:30 – 13:00		Lunch	
13:00 – 15:20	Dr Neta Petersiel	Hot Topics	
		Anal Cancer Conversations	Prof Jason Ong
		Gender Affirming Therapy	Dr Daniel Wong
		Update on PrEP	Prof. Jason Ong
		Trans peoples' experience in healthcare settings	Dr Tim Krulic
		Solid Organ Transplantation – A practical Approach	Dr David Griffin
		Why do people with HIV age faster than their peers?	A/Prof Anna Hearps
		Are the GLP-1 RAs the answer for all comorbidities associated with HIV	Dr Daniel Fineberg
		Cardiovascular disease prevention update – Statins for all	A/Prof Janine Trevillyan
15:20 – 15:30		Symposium Wrap-up	Prof Jenny Hoy

Appreciation to Our Steering Committee Members:

Prof. Jenny Hoy

Dr. Tim Krulic

David Griffin

Emma Paige

Daniel Wong

Lisa Doyle

Bernadette Roberts