

Clinical Department or Unit Award

Highly commended

Department of Genitourinary Medicine, Barts & The London NHS Trust

Description of approach and achievements

We are national champions of Sexual Health/HIV education and training through development and implementation of innovative programs of multidisciplinary learning for undergraduates, postgraduates and primary care.

1. We provide a learning environment promoting continuous improvement in patient safety/quality of care by:

- Prioritising clinical learning by ring-fencing weekly multidisciplinary education
- Focussing on continuous improvement in team clinical outcomes:
- Trust 'Excellence in Teamwork Award' winners -2010
- Supporting trainees effectively, scoring 2 green flags (Local teaching/Other learning opportunities) on PMETB Trainee Survey 2009
- Fostering an excellent learning/research environment leading to 100 publications, 53 oral and 108 poster presentations plus numerous scholarships/awards/examination distinctions (2007-10)
- Developing new clinical support staff, enabling extension of nursing roles. Cited as good practice example by Department of Health.
- Patients' surveys showed increased satisfaction from 70% [2008] to 95% [2009].
- Led development of Northeast London Sexual Health & HIV Clinical Network [NELNET] to improve service delivery, commissioning, cited as good practice by the Department of Health. NELNET's Education Strategy underpins common standards in clinical care with sector-wide high-quality education for healthcare professionals.

2. Innovation in use of teaching and learning technologies

- Developed British Association for Sexual Health & HIV [BASHH] STI Foundation [STIF] Intermediate Competency training/assessment module to enable Primary Care clinicians to provide specialised STI services, based on the Department of Health Assessment Toolkit [national roll-out in 2010].
- Pioneered BASHH Dark Field Microscopy course through research and using innovative material to simulate ulcers for specimens-taking.
- Involved in developing BASHH educational DVD, "Microscopy for STIs" for training healthcare professionals.
- Pioneered adaptation of BASHH STIF course for medical undergraduates at Queen Mary College (QMUL), University of London
- Authored /edited books, chapters/booklets including electronic chapter on genital ulceration: e-LfH

3. Scholarly application of educational research in clinical teaching

- Led development of national core learning outcomes for medical undergraduates in sexual health /HIV.
- Conducted national survey of recent medical graduates; resulted in increased focus on core public health outcomes in the curriculum.
- Pioneered STIF Course for Primary Care with generic format for national use.
- Survey of rape attitudes led to inclusion of sexual assault in QMUL medical curriculum.
- Participated in STI/HIV teaching/training courses and developing guidelines nationally/internationally.
- Consultants trained in examination techniques based on education research: involvement in undergraduate/postgraduate examinations.
- Evaluated impact of HIVed course in primary care: led to self-reported four-fold increase in HIV testing by course participants.

4. Professional Development Framework

- All consultants completed PDF form; further training near completion.
- Educational/clinical supervision built into Consultant Job Plans.

FUTURE PLANS

Development of a 'Centre of Teaching Excellence' to focus expertise in Sexual Health/HIV education including development of new work-based multidisciplinary learning programs. Expansion of international portfolio including training and competency assessment in China; encompassing development of "Train the Trainers" program to build local capacity for improved management and prevention of STIs/HIV.

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