

INNOVATIVE SEXUAL HEALTH CARE EDUCATION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS.

The University of Melbourne, Doctor of Medicine (MD) is a post graduate degree which has elective subjects across all four years. CERSH offers an elective in the first three years. The *Sexual Health Across Clinical Contexts* (SHACC) subject constitutes 12.5% of learning annually. Traditionally, sexual and reproductive health care has not been a focused area of medical student education. We aim to educate pre-registration doctors to provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, regardless of what area of medicine they pursue in their future career.

SHACC 1 is focussed on communication skills and STI epidemiology, the biology/virology, and partner notification.

SHACC 2 focuses on extending students communication skills through STI consultations including history taking, investigations, examination, treatment and management. Genital anatomy is taught with a focus on vulva pain, dermatological syndromes, arousal and a comprehensive vulva examination. We also introduce interprofessional care and management of patients with complex medical conditions and social circumstances.

In SHACC year 3 students are taught abortion and contraception care, including becoming certified Implanon providers. Online learning modules focused on Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) and Early Medical Abortion (EMA) are part of self-directed learning. A range of more challenging topics are taught, including sexual coercion and non-consensual sex, aging, disability, working with sex workers, assisting in sexual health education.

Students report that SHACC exposes them to topics not covered in-depth in the MD core curriculum and they will graduate with greater confidence and competency in sexual and reproductive health consultations.