

## **ADOLESCENTS AND HIV (FROM A PAEDIATRIC HIV SERVICE PERSPECTIVE)**

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Adolescents with perinatally-acquired HIV in Australia have diverse experiences with regard to health and medication, disclosure and understanding of HIV, and family and peer networks. Many have been treated since early childhood in a paediatric HIV service or clinic, and these differ in several respects from adult-centred care. In this talk I will briefly discuss a paediatric HIV service perspective on working with and caring for young people living with perinatally-acquired HIV infection, including issues around disclosure, peer support, and transition from paediatric to adult health services.