

Joint Session Symposium 12 – Syphilis: An Outbreak in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

Presentation Topic: Clinical challenges and innovation across North Queensland at Sexual and Public Health Services.

Menon A

Synopsis

The Syphilis outbreak which started in late 2010 in The North West Region of Queensland has continued unabated. It has spread to across most of Northern Australia and is now the largest heterosexual outbreak in the world. In 2011, local measures were undertaken in the Region to try and combat the few cases, however, these were ineffective. The presentation will outline the timeline of action to date and highlight some of the challenges and approaches to abate this outbreak.

Dr A Menon; Clinical Director Townsville Sexual Health Service. Visiting Staff Specialist North West Hospital and Health Service.

Email for correspondence; arun.menon@health.qld.gov.au