



Mycoplasma Genitalium

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- Symptoms reported on presentation dysuria, vaginal discharge changes, dyspareunia, PCB, low pelvic tenderness - constant/intermittent; urethral discharge, urethral irritation - can be intermittent
- Morbidity - holistic approach, bio-psycho-social assessment and consideration
- Clinicians - frustration, how to treat to cure, individualized care, protracted management time, do-no-harm
- Testing and treatment - Australian STI management guidelines <http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au/sexually-transmissible-infections/mycoplasma-genitalium#references>

Mycoplasma Genitalium – associated impacts

- Clients - anxiety & depression r/t prolonged tx management
- Premature labour, early pregnancy abortion, PID association
- Risk of transmission to new partners
- Where to access care and treatment
- ?cure and other treatment options where resistance and persistence exists
- Impact on fertility, sexual relationships, other relationships
- Impact on QOL, work absence, travel, costs - treatment

MGen – questions ‘how to hit a moving target’

- What is the bacterial load required for transmission?
- What is bacterial load required for detection – PCR testing?
- What is the bacterial load required for adequate response to anti-microbial treatment regimen?
- ? natural immune clearance if untreated
- Testing – all clients, contacts, symptomatic only?
- Treatment gaps - ? related to tx failure, ? resistance

Qualitative measures

- QOL – how to measure, tool to use
- DASS 21
<http://www2.psy.unsw.edu.au/dass/Download%20files/Dass21.pdf>
- Research to be done ..

M's testimony

- Verbal
- Acknowledgements'