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Navigating STI Diagnostics: When to Choose Point-of-Care and When to Choose Centralised Lab Testing



Monday, July 28, 2025



7:15 AM - 8:15 AM



Room 210 A

Overview

The goal of this symposium is to explore the value of having access to both mPOC and molecular lab testing for different types of patient populations, presentations, and clinic needs. Our speakers will provide insight from both the clinical and laboratory perspectives.

Agenda

7:15 - 7:20 Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Marc Steben

**7:20 - 7:40 Navigating STI Diagnostics From the Front Lines:
A Clinic Director's View on Implementing STI
Testing for Optimal Patient and Provider Outcomes**

Elizabeth Talmont

**7:40 - 8:00 Navigating STI Diagnostics: A Laboratory
Perspective on STI Diagnostics for Public Health
Impact**

Dr. Olusegun O. Soge

8:00 - 8:15: Panel Discussion / Q&A / Closing

All

Speakers

Elizabeth Talmont DNP, ANP-BC

Nurse Practitioner; Chief Projects Officer

Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey, USA

Elizabeth has worked for over 25 years with Planned Parenthood as a researcher, clinician, and advocate both at the local and national level. As Chief Projects Officer at Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern NJ, she oversees a research portfolio involving investigative drugs and devices, social science, and academic projects. She leads the patient navigation program and other innovative clinical projects, including training nurse practitioners in procedural abortion, the use of nitrous oxide for minimal sedation or studying *Mycoplasma genitalium* (Mgen) prevalence rates, which changes in clinical practice.

At the national office, she wrote medical standards and guidelines, including the first for medical abortion, gender-affirming care, and PEP/PREP. She produced national training programs and managed the national mifepristone adverse events database, which influenced policy and practice for many years. In 2023, she received the PPFA Miriam Manisoff Award, which recognized her accomplishments in leadership, innovation, mentoring, professional contributions, and promotion of the Advanced Practice Clinician role. As an active Accreditation Surveyor, having visited affiliates in 47 states. She has served on various national and local boards and is currently serving on the PPFA Accreditation and Quality Committee.

She likes having her “boots on the ground” while keeping an eye on the big picture. She volunteers as a certified Master Gardener, founder of the Native Plant Society of NJ – Union County Chapter, enjoys yoga, cycling, or coming up with a new cocktail to serve family and friends at her next karaoke party.

Speakers

Dr. Olusegun O. Soge PhD

Associate Professor, Global Health & Medicine (Infectious Diseases); Adjunct Associate Professor, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology; Director, Chlamydia Lab & Neisseria Reference Lab
University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Dr. Olusegun Soge is a microbiologist with expertise in molecular diagnostics of infectious diseases, molecular epidemiology, surveillance of antimicrobial resistance, and genetic characterization of antimicrobial resistance of sexually transmitted pathogens and other clinically important pathogenic bacteria. He collaborates with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State Department of Health-STD/HIV Programs in Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, California, Texas, and their Public Health Laboratories, to monitor trends in gonococcal antimicrobial resistance and provide data to guide evidence-based selection of effective treatment regimens for gonorrhea. Dr. Soge serves as a laboratory consultant and collaborator on the development of new diagnostic tests for STIs; and works with pharmaceutical companies on the evaluation of new antimicrobial compounds as promising treatment options for gonorrhea.

Moderator

Dr. Marc Steben, MD

Congress President

International Society for STD Research (ISSTDR), Canada

Dr. Marc Steben, a family physician specializing in sexual health, seeks to implement emerging best practices globally. He will chair the STI & HIV 2025 World Congress. He is ex-officio member of the International Union against STI. He was president of the 26th international conference on HPV in Montreal in 2010 and introduced the first public health workshop at that moment. He is a member of the Board and is chair for the education committee of the International Papillomavirus Society. He is a member of the Expert group on STI guidelines of the Public health agency of Canada. He is co-president of VPH Global Action. Dr. Steben is a member of the US National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute consortium on Automated Visual Examination for Papilloma Virus in Eswatini.

He is the recipient of the Gilles-des Rosiers prize recognizing his efforts in medical training from the Federation of General Practitioners of Quebec, the Doctor of Heart and Action prize from the Association of French-speaking Physicians of Canada and recognition medals from the Coalition Priorité Cancer and the 150th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Montreal. He is Ambassador Emeritus of the Palais des Congrès de Montréal.