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Physicians' Bulletin: STD Update for 2003

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency's STD and Hepatitis Prevention Program recently published a Physicians' Bulletin "**STD Update for 2003**". The continuing outbreaks of syphilis and gonorrhea among men who have sex with men (MSM) are discussed. A PDF version of the Physicians' Bulletin is attached to this email.

Viral Hepatitis Conference Reminder

Viral Hepatitis Fast Fact Question: How long is Hepatitis B vaccine effective? (See answer below)

Topics like the Fast Fact Question above and many more will be the focus of the upcoming **Viral Hepatitis and Fatty Liver Disease Conference on September 29**. If you have not already registered, **Early Bird Registration (\$25) ends Wednesday, August 25!** Don't miss out on this great deal!

Below are the conference details. The complete conference flier is attached to this email.

Viral Hepatitis and Fatty Liver Disease Conference

*** Prevention * Management * Treatment ***

Fall 2004 Liver Update

Wednesday, September 29

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Handlery Hotel & Resort

950 Hotel Circle North

San Diego, CA

Early Bird Registration Fee (Payment Received Before August 25): \$25

Regular Registration Fee: \$30

CEUs Provided! Lunch Included!

Viral Hepatitis Fast Fact Answer: *Long-term studies of healthy adults and children indicate that hepatitis B vaccine protects against chronic HBV infection for at least 15 years, even though antibody levels might decline below detectable levels.*

(Source: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/common_faqs.htm)

Attachments

(Conference Flier) (Physicians Bulletin)