

a short survey capturing demographics, social media use and interest in future testing.

**Results** The advertisement received 401 732 impressions" (displays of the advertisement to users). Nearly all 98%) impressions were to 19–24-year-olds. The daily impressions varied enormously, from 0 to more than 100 000. In the first week, although the advertisement received up to 2,900 daily impressions, no one clicked it. We gradually increased our "bid per click"—the amount we agreed to pay Facebook for each click—from \$0.62 to \$0.90. We also modified the advertisement format to depict a college student and to clearly specify the \$25 cost of the test. Following these changes, both the number of impressions and "clicks" rose dramatically. Seventy-five individuals clicked the advertisement (25 women and 50 men), with an average cost per click of \$0.84. Three students, all female, came for chlamydia testing; one tested positive. Among surveyed individuals (n=60), 75% reported using Facebook daily or more often. Few (10%) reported ever clicking on Facebook advertisements. Only one surveyed student noticed our Facebook advertisement. The direct-to-laboratory testing concept was popular, with 75% reporting willingness to use this service in the future.

**Conclusions** In this short pilot study, 75 individuals clicked on a Facebook advertisement about chlamydia testing, three came for testing and one tested positive. Facebook advertisements are inexpensive, with high exposure to the target population. A small increase in bid per click can make a very large difference in total impressions. The format of the advertisement is critical for catching the attention of the target audience, because many students report never noticing or clicking Facebook advertisements.

# 05-S1.05 COMPUTER ASSISTED SELF INTERVIEWING IN A SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC AS PART OF ROUTINE CLINICAL CARE: IMPACT ON SERVICE AND PATIENT AND CLINICIAN VIEWS

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**Background** Computer assisted self interviewing (CASI) has been used at the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC) in Victoria, Australia since June 2008, to obtain a pre-consultation sexual risk history. We aimed to evaluate the impact of CASI on consultation times, STI testing rates, patient response rates to CASI questions, and obtain patient and clinician views on CASI.

**Methods** The proportion of patients who declined to answer questions using CASI since 2008 was calculated. We then used the same 12 week period (Feb to May) over three years (2008 pre-CASI), (2009 CASI period), and (2010 non-CASI period-due to a computer theft) to assess consultation times and STI-testing rates. We carried out surveys of clinicians and patients to determine their experience and the acceptability of CASI as part of routine clinical practice.

**Results** 14 190 patients completed CASI during the audit period. Men were more likely than women to decline questions about the number of partners they had of the opposite sex (4.4% v 3.6%, p=0.05) and same sex (8.9% v 0%, p<0.01). One third (34%) of HIV-positive men did not answer questions on number of partners and 18% declined questions about condom use with insertive anal sex. There was no difference in the mean consultation times during CASI and non-CASI operating periods (p=0.17). Only the proportion of women tested for chlamydia differed between CASI and non-CASI periods (p<0.01, 84% v 88% respectively). 267 patients completed the survey about CASI. Most (72% men and 69%

women) were comfortable using the computer and reported that all their answers were accurate (76% men and 71% women). Half preferred CASI but 18% would have preferred a clinician to have asked the questions. 39 clinicians completed the staff survey, but a varying proportion (11%–44%) felt that face-to-face interviewing was more accurate, depending on the risk factor. Only 5% were unsatisfied with CASI.

**Conclusions** This is the first evaluation of CASI operating routinely in a sexual health clinic. We have demonstrated that CASI is acceptable to most patients and clinicians in a sexual health setting and does not adversely affect various measures of clinical output. The true value of CASI is most likely to be realised when it is integrated with further innovations in clinical care such as the development of express clinical services, decision support software and detailed behavioural surveillance system.

# 05-S1.06 STD CLINIC TRIAGE BASED ON COMPUTER-ASSISTED SELF INTERVIEW: THE KING COUNTY EXPERIENCE

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**Background** Triageing patients to different service levels based on responses to computer-assisted self interview (CASI) could increase the cost-efficiency of providing care in STD clinics.

**Methods** In October 2010 we began having all patients at the King County STD Clinic provide their medical and sexual histories using CASI. Patients are triaged to express or routine care with a computer algorithm based on CASI data. The express care protocol is to collect specimens for HIV/STD testing without physical examination or counselling. Prior to implementation, we conducted 2 months of parallel data collection in which patients who completed CASI were interviewed by clinicians blinded to CASI results. We used  $\kappa$  statistics to compare CASI and clinician-obtained data. We tracked visit times for walk-in visits in two 10-day periods pre- and post-implementation, and attempted to survey all patients who used CASI on 10 days about interview and visit type preferences.

**Results** 875 patients completed both CASI and clinician interviews on 33 days (see Abstract 05-S1.06 table 1). Four months post-implementation, 2731 patients had completed CASI, 420 (15%) of whom were triaged to express care. Common reasons for triage to routine care were (mutually exclusive): symptoms (72% of routine care), contact to HIV/STD or a symptomatic partner (12%), and needing a vaccine (12%). Patients triaged to express care had lower rates of gonorrhoea (0.7% vs 5.7%, p<0.001), chlamydial infection (3.0% vs 7.5%, p<0.001) and syphilis (0% vs 1.3%, p=0.02) than those triaged to routine care. Chart review and informal qualitative data indicated that clinician adherence to the express care protocol varied. Mean visit times were 32 (SD 3) min pre-implementation and 31 (SD 3) min post-implementation. 133 (39%) of 337 patients completed surveys. 106 (80%) either preferred CASI to clinician interview or had no preference; 27 (59%) of 46 asymptomatic patients preferred express care.

**Conclusions** Our CASI system collected accurate data on key aspects of the history, effectively triaged patients at lower risk for bacterial STD diagnosis and was acceptable to most patients surveyed. Lack of acceptability among some clinicians and poor patient recall of vaccine history were barriers to full implementation of the triage system. To date, CASI triage has not improved clinic efficiency as measured by visit time. Our experience suggests that non-clinician staff may be required to implement express care in STD Clinics.