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# Sexual Health IN>PRACTICE

Introduction to sexual health

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## Ninth of July is Sexual Health IN>PRACTICE Day

On the 9th July 2008, at the Royal College of Nursing Practice Nurses Association (RCN PNA) Conference, Cardiff, the RCN PNA will announce the launch of a long-awaited sexual health resource for nurses.

Sexual Health IN>PRACTICE is a free, web-based education programme designed to complement the national strategy for sexual health and HIV. It will provide a valuable resource to practice nurses, and other nursing professionals, working in the field of sexual health.

is home to puzzles and quizzes that can be used for:

- pre- or post-learning needs analysis
- self-assessment
- team training sessions
- clinical practice top-ups
- or, for creating CPD evidence.

And the handy glossary and resource centre (containing in



excess of 200 downloadable files) complete this comprehensive sexual health programme package.

### About the programme

Sexual Health IN>PRACTICE consists of six key sexual health-related topic areas comprising:

- Foundation (including Anatomy & Physiology and Sexual Health Development)
- Role of Primary Care
- Role of the Practice Nurse
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Latest Topics (including Human Papillomavirus and Chlamydial Screening)
- Communication

Each topic area is supported by a mix of activities, resources and tools for applying sexual health theory in general practice. Plus, the programme's *Interactive Zone*

### A few words...



*Kate Howie, Chair, Royal College of Nursing Practice Nurses Association* says, "The PNA is proud to announce the launch of this programme. Whilst many practice nurses have undertaken training in family planning and contraception, far less receive training in sexual health. This programme provides an ideal opportunity for practice nurses to learn and develop skills in sexual health in an interactive, accessible and fun way."

*Veronica Ellis, Managing Director of programme co-developers, Healthcare A2Z*, adds, "This programme reflects the RCN's vision of a virtual learning environment. Sexual Health IN>PRACTICE focuses on sexual health resources that are quick-reference, job-related and, above all, practical."

From the 9th July, the programme will be available via the internet with unrestricted, open access at [www.in-practice.org](http://www.in-practice.org).

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