

# Contact tracing support for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

Contact tracing support officer Penny Marshall has returned to her role for the Sunshine Coast, Metro North, Wide Bay and Central Queensland Health Service Districts.

The Contact Tracing Support Program initiative was introduced state-wide in 2009, with the appointment by Queensland Health of four contact tracing support officers.

Ms Marshall is a Registered Nurse, endorsed Midwife and authorised sexual and reproductive health Nurse. She has a wealth of knowledge to share and is available to assist clinicians, including general practitioners (GPs) to deal with the challenging task of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STIs) management.

Ms Marshall said she was looking forward to returning to the role.

“I am eager to return to help clinicians, GPs and practice staff initiate and improve partner notification and contact tracing strategies,” she said.

“In this role I will assist and support clinicians in STI management, a process which includes prompt treatment of index cases and their contacts and three month checks for re-infection.”

## Contact Tracing Step by Step:

**Step 1** Take the treatment

**Step 2** Inform partner(s)

**Step 3** Prevent re-infection

This Queensland Health service is free. Resources are available both electronically and hard copy.

Clinic visits, and or onsite education, can be provided at no charge.

Please contact Penny Marshall for support and assistance  
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*Reference: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing  
National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System*