

Pre-Conference Institute: *Syphilis Surging in the South*

Tuesday, October 24

(Time, location and cost: TBD)

Syphilis cases have been on the rise in the last 15 years. The state of South Carolina has seen an increase in cases impacting both the young and the old. Congenital syphilis, Neurosyphilis and repeat cases of syphilis are on the rise. Richland County in SC has seen an increase of 57% in syphilis cases in the last year. A disease that is easily treated with Penicillin and was once on track for elimination with the CDC's Syphilis Elimination Effort (SEE) is now a growing concern for the southern states including SC. The program's speakers will provide information on the growing epidemic. This institute will provide the attendees additional information on diagnosis, treatment and prevention efforts for syphilis in SC and the South.