



Participant Information Sheet

Project title: AMR Prescribing Roundtable: addressing barriers to evidence-based antibiotic use

Background

CSIRO's purpose as Australia's national science agency is to solve Australia's greatest challenges through innovative science and technology. [The Minimising AMR Mission](#) ('Mission'), was initiated by CSIRO and co-developed with Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

Overuse and misuse of antimicrobials across the health, agricultural and environmental sectors is accelerating antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The Mission is working to halt the rising death rate and economic burden of AMR in Australia by 2030. Part of achieving this aim is to develop a culture of shared responsibility to protect the efficacy of new and existing antimicrobials and enable sustainable funding for a One Health approach to addressing AMR.

We have identified you as a person who may be interested in this project because of your skills and experience, and we have obtained your contact details from a time when you previously engaged with CSIRO on a related project, from our own professional networks, or from publicly available information.

Project overview

You are invited to take part in a workshop to identify opportunities to develop evidence based policy, strategy and practice recommendations addressing physical barriers to the implementation of appropriate antibiotic use.

The project is being conducted by CSIRO in partnership with [Research Australia](#), the peak body for the entire health and medical research ecosystem with over 20 years of expertise in policy and strategy in the health and medical research field. The outcomes and themes from this roundtable will be used to create an endorsed, communicate for use with Government and will form the basis of future communication activity with the broader health sector.

The purpose of the project is to build consensus for policy, research, and practice recommendations to support correct drug, dosage and duration in antibiotic use. Findings from the project will enable the Mission to positively impact Australia's ability to address barriers to the implementation of appropriate antibiotic use through policy, strategy and practice change at an industry and community level.

What does participation involve?

Participation will involve taking part in a virtual workshop. Participation is voluntary.

The workshop will be facilitated by Research Australia and will run for approximately 90 minutes. The following topics will be covered:

- ratifying the content of the briefing paper to demonstrate consensus across key stakeholders within the sector

- discussion of key issues in policy, production and practice changes needed to address physical barriers and facilitate Australia's ability to have evidence-informed prescribing of antibiotics
- recommendations on opportunities and priorities for further action needed, to form the basis of communication and advocacy strategies.

The workshop will follow a semi-structured format with opportunities for small group conversation and feedback.

Participants are expected to review any provided pre-session materials and actively engage in workshop through group discussion.

At the start of the workshop, permission will be sought from all participants to record and transcribe the workshop to assist with our note taking for the event. If you do not wish to consent to this, other options will be considered including turning your camera off, or if this is not suitable, written notes will instead be taken during to document the workshop discussions. All responses will be aggregated across all participants, and no individual comment will be attributed to you or your organisation. We may however use quotes from you as examples, but the quotes will not be attributed to you or your organisation.

The discussions and recommendations from the Roundtable will be collated into a communique and audience-specific briefing papers and communication collateral which Research Australia and CSIRO will seek to have endorsed by collaborative partners and key stakeholders and presented to Government.

Please do not provide any identifying personal information about another person including their opinions and experiences during the workshop, without their consent.

Risks and benefits

Aside from giving up your time, there are no foreseeable risks associated with participating in this project. Whilst your participation in this project may not benefit you directly, your participation will positively impact Australia's ability to develop evidence-based policy, strategy, and practice to address barriers in the implementation of appropriate antibiotic use.

Withdrawal from the research project

Participation is voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with Research Australia, the Mission, or anyone else at CSIRO.

If you consent to take part in the workshop and you change your mind prior to the workshop, we would appreciate it if you could advise the contacts listed below of your change of mind. There will be no penalty to you.

If any topic is raised during the workshop that you prefer not to discuss, you only need to tell the facilitator and the topic will not be pursued with you.

Similarly, you are free to withdraw from the workshop at any time. You will need to inform the facilitator if the information you have contributed up until the point you changed your mind, can still be used. You can ask the facilitator to delete all your information, if this is what you prefer to do. However, please be aware that due to the collaborative nature of workshop discussions and group activities, it may not be possible to remove your input. In any case, all responses in the workshop will be aggregated across all participants, and no individual comment will be attributed to you or your organisation.

How will my information be used?

It is anticipated that the information obtained through the workshop will be used to identify opportunities, priorities, and themes to address physical barriers to implementing evidence-based practice in antibiotic use.

The discussions and recommendations from the Roundtable will be collated into a communique and audience-specific briefing papers and communication collateral which Research Australia and CSIRO will seek to have endorsed by collaborative partners and key stakeholders and presented to Government.

The de-identified information may also be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. This includes scientific journal publications and conference presentations. We may use quotes from you as examples, but the quotes will not be attributed to you or your organisation.

De-identified information may also be shared with other researchers for the purposes of verifying published results or future research.

How will my privacy be protected?

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). CSIRO is collecting your personal information for the purposes of conducting the project. CSIRO will only use and disclose your personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act and the *NH&MRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007) as amended from time to time, and as otherwise required by law.

All information provided by you will be treated confidentially. Your personal information of name, title, organisation, and work contact details (phone and email) is being collected for the purposes of conducting this project. Your personal information will not be included in any publications or outputs resulting from the project without your consent.

Research Australia will take reasonable steps to ensure you or your organisation cannot be re-identified, however this risk can never be completely removed.

Some incidental disclosure of your personal information to third parties may occur where Research Australia or CSIRO uses third-party products or platforms to facilitate the project (e.g. Webex, GlueUp, Microsoft Teams or Forms, Skype or Zoom). Some of these platforms are hosted on overseas servers. By participating in this project, you consent to the disclosure of your personal information to these providers and accept that where your personal information is disclosed overseas it will not be subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act. If you have any concerns about this, you should not participate in the project.

Although written notes will be recorded during the workshop discussions and analysed by the project team, these notes will only be available to our project team. All responses in the workshop will be aggregated across all participants, and no individual comment will be attributed to you or your organisation. De-identified, non-sensitive data collected during the workshop may be shared with other researchers for the purposes of verifying published results or future research. We may use quotes from you as examples, but the quotes will not be attributed to you or your organisation.

Any recordings of the workshop will be stored by CSIRO and will only be used internally for the purposes of verifying our notes and recollections. You should be aware that sensitive information about you (as defined by the Privacy Act) may be inferred from your image or voice, including your race or ethnicity. Generally, CSIRO may only collect sensitive information about you with your consent. If you participate, it will be taken that you consent. If this is a concern for you, please speak with us and we may be able to make other options available (including turning your camera off).

While CSIRO and Research Australia do not intend to disclose your information to other parties, you should note that this workshop will be attended by stakeholders external to CSIRO. Any personal information you disclose at the workshop may be noted and used by those other parties.

Any data collected as part of this project will be securely stored as per CSIRO's Recordkeeping Procedure.

For further information on how CSIRO handles your personal information and our access, correction and complaints process please read our privacy policy available on our website <https://www.csiro.au/en/About/Access-to-information/Privacy> or by contacting us at privacy@csiro.au.

Ethics clearance and contacts

This project has been approved by CSIRO's Social Science Human Research Ethics Committee in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018). If you have any questions concerning your participation in the project, please contact the researchers via their contact details provided. Alternatively, any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study can be raised with the Executive Manager of Social Responsibility and Ethics on +61 7 3833 5693 or by email at csshrec@csiro.au.

Thank you for taking the time to help with this research project. Please keep this sheet for your information.

Consent

Consent to participate in a workshop will be by you registering for the event using the online platform GlueUp, and participating in the workshop convened by Research Australia and CSIRO.

By participating in the workshop your agreement will include the collection, use, and disclosure of your personal information only in the ways described in this Participant Information Sheet.

I agree to participate in a workshop convened by CSIRO and Research Australia.

I have read the Participation Information Sheet and agree to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information only in the ways described in this Participant Information Sheet.

I acknowledge that if I agree to participate in the workshop, my photograph may be taken and may be used in promotional or informational material including on social media. I understand I may choose not to have my image recorded and that I must make this request clear to the organisers at the time of the event.

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