



INFECTION CLINICAL NETWORK FORUM 2019
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SESSION 1

Donna Cameron
Infection Control Consultant, DHHS

Donna is an Infection Control Consultant with the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit Public Health Laboratory and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Unit at the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services where she provides infection control advice to non-acute healthcare facilities and other community-based practices, such as beauty therapists and tattoo artists.



Kirsty Buising
Deputy Director of NCAS; Director of Guidance Group;
Infectious Diseases Physician (Royal Melbourne

Health) Associate Professor Kirsty Buising is an infectious diseases physician working for the Victoria Infectious Diseases Service (VIDS). She is Deputy Director of the National Centre for Antimicrobial Stewardship and chief investigator for the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funded Centre for Research Excellence in Antimicrobial Stewardship. Kirsty also holds an appointment as a clinical research physician at VIDS leading the research and development for the Guidance group. Kirsty serves on advisory groups at state, national and international levels in the areas of antimicrobial stewardship, guideline development and healthcare associated infection



Robyn Hudson
Director Clinicians as Partners, Safer Care Victoria

Robyn has over 17 years of varied experience in the health sector in both the UK and most recently in Melbourne, Australia. She trained as a Physiotherapist at University of Sydney and specialised in Paediatrics and Adolescents working at leading hospitals in NSW, Victoria and in the UK. She has been a Director in Innovation hubs, Academic Health Science Centres (UCLPartners) and has held management positions within major acute hospitals in Australia and the UK. She has been a member of Better Care Victoria Board and chair of its emerging leaders subcommittee. She holds an MBA from Judge Business School, Cambridge University. Robyn is passionate about improving health outcomes for people and believes that deep and rich conversations, amongst the leadership of the many players in healthcare, will lead to whole system change.



Ben Howden
Director of Microbiological Diagnostic Unit (MDU)
Public Health Laboratory

Professor Ben Howden is a medical microbiologist, infectious diseases physician and molecular biologist. He is Director of the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit Public Health Laboratory (MDU PHL), Medical Director of Doherty Applied Microbial Genomics and Head of the Howden Research Group. In his roles, he is responsible for the provision of public health laboratory services, the translation of microbial genomics into public health and clinical microbiology, and research investigating antimicrobial resistance and bacterial pathogenesis.



Craig Aboltins
Associate Professor MBBS (Hons), FRACP, DMedSs

Craig Aboltins is an Infectious Diseases and General Physician at Northern Health, Melbourne, Australia. He is Director of the Department of Infectious Diseases, Deputy Director of the Division of Medicine and has an appointment as a Clinical Associate Professor with The University of Melbourne. He completed his research doctorate on the management of implant infections and has multiple publications on this topic, with a particular focus on the role of biofilm-active antimicrobial treatment.



Naveen Tenneti
Principal Public Health Medical Officer
(Communicable Diseases), DHHS

Naveen Tenneti is a medical doctor currently working as the Principal Public Health Medical Officer (Communicable Diseases) at the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and as a Research Fellow at the Nossal Institute for Global Health.



SESSION 2

Jane MacIsaac, Consumer Representative, ICN
Governance Committee, SCV

Jane worked for many years as a diagnostic radiographer before moving into management within the health sector. She then moved to a role of Faculty Manager within the Faculty of Health at University of Canberra before several work-related relocations with her husband. She now lives in Melbourne and cares for her elderly mother and grandchildren, also following leisure pursuits of writing. She is pleased to be a Consumer Representative on the ICN Governance Committee after caring for her daughter who suffered post-surgical osteomyelitis.



Philip Russo, Director of Cabrini Monash University Nursing Research Department

Phil is Director of Cabrini Monash University Nursing Research Department. Previous roles include inaugural Operational Director of the VICNISS Coordinating Centre and National Manager of Hand Hygiene Australia. He is currently President Elect of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control, a member of the National Health and Medical Research Council Infection Control Guidelines Advisory Committee and formerly a member of the Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee for the Australian Safety and Quality in Health Care Commission. He is also the recipient of a National Health and Medical Research Early Career Fellowship.



Rhonda Stuart, MBBS, FRACP, PhD

Rhonda Stuart is an Infectious Diseases physician and clinician researcher at Monash Health. She is the Medical Director of the Infection Prevention and Epidemiology Unit at Monash Health, Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at Monash University, and is the Chair of the Insight committee for the Infection Control Network.



SESSION 3

Kelly Barton

Infection Prevention & Control Officer, Alpine Health

Kelly Barton is a Registered Nurse with a background of ED & community nursing, and nursing education. She has Graduate Certificates in Infection Control & Advanced Acute Care and is currently undertaking Masters in Infection Control at Griffith University. In 2011 she was seconded to the role of Infection Control at Alpine Health, a small rural health service with 3 small hospitals and 3 aged care facilities. She is currently on the Infection Clinical Network governance committee and the VICNISS advisory committee.



Paul Simpson, Manager Infection Prevention Service, Barwon Health

Paul has been the Manager of the Infection Prevention Service At Barwon Health since 2016, previously with the Safety & Quality Unit also at Barwon Health since 2014. Paul has worked in the field of Infection Prevention for over 15 years in both Australia & the UK. This has included stints at Melbourne Health & Hand Hygiene Australia. In the dim & dark past Paul served in the British Royal Navy, as a Nursing Officer & also within the Submarine Service.



Rachel McConville
Waste Education Officer, Department of Health and Human Services.

Rachel is the Waste Education Officer at Department of Health and Human Services. Her work focuses on improving the waste management practices of health services through low cost, behavioural interventions rather than resource intensive infrastructure programs. Rachel has a Masters of Environment from the University of Melbourne and qualifications in community-based social marketing and waste auditing.



Jaclyn Bishop
Pharmacist, Ballarat Health Service

Jaclyn Bishop is a pharmacist with experience spanning acute health, education, government and consultancy. She is currently working at Ballarat Health Services as a project manager for a pharmacy telehealth project and a multi-site regional cellulitis project. Jaclyn is undertaking a PhD with the National Centre for Antimicrobial Stewardship (NCAS) and Melbourne University, and has published several recent papers on the challenges faced by regional and remote hospitals in implementing and sustaining antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programs.



Annaliese Van Diemen
Policy Advisor, Antimicrobial Resistance, Department of Health and Human Services

Dr Annaliese van Diemen is a Public Health Physician and General Practitioner. She has recently commenced as a Policy Advisor on AMR at the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to that she led the Communicable Disease Prevention & Control team at DHHS, managing the public health response to notifiable conditions in Victoria. She has worked with a number of health services in Victoria in responding to outbreaks of resistant organisms, including CPE and C.Auris, and has had ongoing engagement with the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit Public Health Laboratory to progress the implementation of microbial whole genome sequencing and associated epidemiological analysis of resistance in notifiable conditions in Victoria.



Norelle Sherry MBBS FRACP FRCPA

Clinical Microbiologist and Infectious Diseases Physician, MDU Public Health Laboratory

Dr Norelle Sherry is a Clinical Microbiologist and Infectious Diseases Physician with a special interest in Antimicrobial Resistance. She is appointed to the Antimicrobial Reference and Research Unit at MDU Public Health Lab, which provides reference testing for multidrug-resistant organisms for Victoria. She also works in the Infectious Diseases Unit at Austin Health, and is completing a PhD in the use of genomics for antimicrobial resistance surveillance at the Doherty Institute.



Louise Hobbs

Project Lead, Infection Clinical Network, Safer Care Victoria

I recently joined the vibrant and innovative team of Safer Care Victoria as the Project Lead for the Infection Clinical Network. I have worked in a variety of healthcare settings both in Australia and New Zealand as an Infection Prevention and Control Professional over the last 20 years. I really enjoy working with people to effect system change to improve patient care and outcomes with a focus on healthcare associated infections. My education background includes a Masters of Health Science (honours) from Auckland University, New Zealand and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia. I have been Credentialed as an Expert Infection Control Professional by the Australasian College for Infection Prevention & Control (ACIPC) and hold the post-nominal CICP-E.



Stephanie Lowe

Clinical Fellow, ICN, Safer Care Victoria

Stephanie is guiding the Infections Associated with Devices project for the Infection Clinical Network, aiming to reduce staphylococcus aureus infections associated with peripheral lines. Prior to her secondment with Safer Care Victoria, Stephanie was a Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapist at Western Health where she coordinated research to improve evidence-based management of community-acquired pneumonia. She has been co-investigator on several research projects investigating patient reported outcomes, multimorbidity and exercise rehabilitation. Stephanie completed a Master of Public Health at Melbourne University which fuelled a passion for equity in healthcare and a desire to improve health outcomes for disadvantaged groups.



On behalf of Safer Care Victoria, would like to thank our speakers and chairs for their time and commitment to this event.