
Check Again Breakthrough Series Collaborative

Expression of Interest information pack

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Safer Care Victoria (SCV) is excited to invite health services to participate in the Check Again Breakthrough Series (BTS) Collaborative. The collaborative is a part of the 100,000 Lives program which aims to reduce harm and improve health outcomes for 100,000 Victorians over five years. Please see our [FAQ](#) for further information about SCV and 100,000 Lives.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applications are open to all Victorian hospitals that provide care to people with a penicillin allergy. We are keen to partner with health services and teams from:

- Metropolitan, rural, or regional
- Subacute or acute
- Private or public
- Adult or paediatric

At this stage, the Check Again Expert Working Group has decided to not include maternity and critically ill patients in the collaborative

What will the collaborative accomplish?

Check Again is an improvement collaborative that will spread and scale a penicillin allergy assessment and delabelling program for hospitalised Victorians to ensure they have access to the most appropriate and safe antibiotics. Check Again aligns with the Preventing and Controlling Infections (Standard 3) from the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard – Quality Statement 3.

What does participation in the collaborative involve?

This collaborative is designed for any Victorian hospital that is committed and ready to accelerate their work in the assessment and, if appropriate, delabelling of penicillin allergies. Participation is open to all public and private health services and is free.

Participation requires the support of an executive sponsor. Health services will need to commit dedicated time and resources to the collaborative to achieve optimal results and within the project work collaboratively to:

- Complete a health service charter, setting aims and goals for the project team
- Hold weekly team meetings
- Test changes using rapid Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles
- Collect data and plot results over time
- Complete and share reports for monthly calls (virtual) and Learning Sessions (in-person)
- Contribute to monthly collaborative online meetings and site visits

Please refer to the [project charter](#) for further details on selecting your team, key dates and events.

How can I apply?

Applications close at 11:59pm Thursday 25 August 2022. We recommend the application is completed by the project lead with the executive sponsor.

Step 1 - Review this document and the [project charter](#) for details about the opportunity.

Step 2 - Confirm who will be in your team, including your executive sponsor.

Step 3 - Complete the online expression of interest form [here](#).

An optional Kickstart call (virtual meeting) will be held for all participating teams on Tuesday 6 September 2022 12:30-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

Where can I find more information?

If you or your Health Service are interested in participating in Check Again but unable to commit to the full collaborative, please contact us and we can discuss flexible options for joining the project and specific components that you and your site can choose to be involved in.

If you would like further information on the Check Again collaborative or this expression of interest, please email 100klives@safercare.vic.gov.au or on (03) 8650 1588.

Alternatively, please visit the Safer Care Victoria [website](#) (bettersafercare.vic.gov.au).