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Geoff and Denise,

I am thinking about the process to drive forward paediatric bacterial surveillance using the AGAR mechanism in 2022.

To kick off, I am wondering about trying to get some key members to ASA Brisbane

I wanted to sound you out about process – your input would be really welcomed.

1. We reach out to all AGAR lab members to highlight that we are setting up a specific paediatric program and call for EOI to be involved
2. We meet (in person or electronically) in Brisbane where we i) review summary data; ii) hear about what work is happening in the S aureus and GN space (and enterococcus) and iii) call for paediatric nominees to join the pathogen specific program committees (particularly SA and GN) to ensure that communication is open and transparent (cross-fertilisation of ideas)
3. We set expectations and commitments at this stage – I would suggest that involvement in the annual reports but also either a biennial or triennial Paeds vs Adult report would be required

I would be keen to have a few non-AGAR-lab contributors to a steering group and wanted to sound you out about this. The reason that I think it would be beneficial is that bringing in some non-lab researchers who are very active in the clinical data space (e.g. Adam Irwin – gram neg; Brendan McMullen or Asha or Anita – SA) could help us think about AGAR-kids-plus (using the AGAR mechanism as a platform for clinical studies and larger collaborative national funding applications)

Before I move on this, keen on your thoughts.

Happy to discuss this as an idea at next AGAR exec meeting

Best wishes and Merry Christmas

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