

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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MEMO

TO: Dr Geoffrey Coombs, Chairperson, Australian Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR)

FROM: Kathy Meleady, Program Director, Commonwealth Programs, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission)

RE: Consent to use AGAR 2013 Reports for the Commission's *Vital Signs 2015*

DATE: 24 April 2015

The Commission publishes a report entitled *Vital Signs* on an annual basis since 2013, which provides information to the general community regarding the safety and quality of health care in Australia. A copy of the latest *Vital Signs 2014* can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications/vital-signs-2014-the-state-of-safety-and-quality-in-australian-health-care/>.

In last year's publication, the Commission has included a section on *Staphylococcus aureus* infection as an important issue for health care. In the upcoming *Vital Signs 2015*, the Commission would like to give further consideration to the issue of antimicrobial resistance.

To inform the content, the Commission would like to reference AGAR's reports, including the Australia *Staphylococcus aureus* Sepsis Outcome Programme (ASSOP) Annual Report 2013; the Enterobacteriaceae Sepsis Outcome Programme (EnSOP) 2013 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report; and the Australian Enterococcal Sepsis Outcome Programme (AESOP) Annual Report 2013. These reports will be used to outline key data on species that are more commonly known to the general community, such as *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*.

I understand these reports are publicly available from the AGAR website. The Commission would like to request AGAR's consent for these reports to be referenced in *Vital Signs 2015*. The Commission will insert appropriate acknowledgements where materials from AGAR reports are referenced.

As the Chairperson of AGAR, I would appreciate if you could please provide your consent to me via email at Kathy.Meleady@safetyandquality.gov.au by **Friday 1 May 2015**. Should you require more information regarding *Vital Signs*, please contact me on (02) 9126 3640 or via email.