

National Medicines Symposium – 8 November 2023
The future of medicines: good for people, good for the planet

10:00 – 10:03 am	Welcome to Country	<i>Yvonne Weldon</i>
10:03 – 10:05 am	Introduction with MC	<i>Ms Tegan Taylor</i> Journalist and Broadcaster
10:05 – 10:15 am	Opening Address	<i>Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy</i>
Session 1: A case for change – how appropriate use of medicines contributes to a sustainable healthcare system and planet (65 mins)		
10:15 – 10:30 am	Welcome Address: Introducing quality use of medicines (QUM) and the link to sustainability	<i>Conjoint Professor Anne Duggan</i> Chief Executive Officer, ACSQHC
10:30 – 10:45 am	Safety, quality and sustainability in medicines	<i>Professor Paul Kelly</i> Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Aged Care
10:45 – 11:00 am	Approach to medicines and health system sustainability in the United Kingdom	<i>Professor Nick Watts</i> Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore
11:00 – 11:15 am	Medicines, health and environmental sustainability: the consumer perspective	<i>Dr Elizabeth Deveny</i> Chief Executive Officer, Consumers Health Forum
11:15 – 11:20 am	Interactive Q&A Session: Improving sustainability in practice	<i>Ms Tegan Taylor</i> Journalist and Broadcaster
11:20 – 11:30 am	Break	
Session 2: Medicines and appropriate care in practice (80 mins)		
11:30 – 11:45 am	Overdiagnosis, overtreatment and low value care	<i>Professor Paul Glasziou</i> Professor of Evidence-Based Medicine, Bond University
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Harnessing medicine stewardship for sustainability	<i>Associate Professor Liz Marles</i> Clinical Director, ACSQHC and General Practitioner, Hornsby-Brooklyn GP Unit
12:00 – 12:15 pm	The future of medicines: good for people, good for the planet	<i>Dr Kate Charlesworth</i> Medical Director, Climate Risk and Net Zero Unit, NSW Ministry of Health

12:15 – 12:45 pm	Panel Discussion: What can be done to drive more appropriate prescribing in practice?	<p>Professor Alexandra Barratt Professor of Public Health, University of Sydney</p> <p>Mr Tim Perry Consultant Pharmacist</p> <p>Dr Brett Montgomery General Practitioner and Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, University of Western Australia</p>
12:45 – 12:50 pm	Interactive Q&A Session: Sustainability of antimicrobials	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster
12:50 – 1:20 pm	<p>Break: Lunch and Lightning Talks</p> <p>During lunch there will be Lightning Talks on Opioid Stewardship in Australia</p>	
<p>Session 3: Carbon footprint of medicines – improving sustainability across the medicine lifecycle for better health (80 mins)</p>		
1:20 – 1:35 pm	Sustainability in medicines as a global priority	Associate Professor Alpana Mair Head of Effective Prescribing and Therapeutics, Scottish Government and Senior Consultant, WHO
1:35 – 1:50 pm	The carbon footprint of pharmaceuticals: Why is QUM so important?	Dr Forbes McGain Anaesthetist and Intensive Care Physician, Western Health, Melbourne and Associate Professor, Sustainable Healthcare, University of Melbourne
1:50 – 2:05 pm	Climate-conscious care of respiratory diseases	Dr Valeria Stoyanova and Dr Celia Culley CASCADES, Centre for Sustainable Health Systems
2:05 – 2:35 pm	Panel Discussion: What can be done to reduce carbon footprint of medicines and minimise pharmaceutical waste?	<p>Dr Eugenie Kayak Doctors for the Environment Australia</p> <p>Ms Grace Wong Pharmacists for the Environment Australia</p>
2:35 – 2:40 pm	Interactive Q&A Session: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience Healthcare Module in development	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster
2:40 – 2:50 pm	Break	

Session 4: Thinking differently – innovative approaches to drive sustainable and quality use of medicines (80mins)		
2:50 – 3:05 pm	What can consumers do to support environmental sustainability of health care?	Ms Darlene Cox Executive Director, Health Care Consumers' Association
3:05 – 3:20 pm	How digital health technologies promote the appropriate use of medicines and contribute to sustainability	Dr Paul Miles Director eHealth and Medication Safety, ACSQHC
3:20 – 3:35 pm	Quality Use of Medicines – sustainable systems	Professor Faye McMillan AM Community Pharmacist, Deputy National Rural Health Commissioner, Professor in Indigenous Health, UTS
3:35 – 4:05 pm	Panel Discussion: Projects and case studies that could be opportunities to scale	Dr Emma-Leigh Synnott Medical Advisor, Sustainable Development Unit, Western Australia Department of Health Ms Toni Riley Pharmacist – RUM Project Professor Branwen Morgan Minimising Antimicrobial Resistance Mission (AMR) Lead at CSIRO
4:05 – 4:10 pm	Interactive Q&A Session: Sustainable prescribing in general practice	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster
4:10 – 4:20pm	Closing Address	Professor Villis Marshall AC Chair of the Board of the ACSQHC
4:20 – 4:25pm	Close with MC	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster
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