

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	Yvonne Weldon		
10:03 – 10:05 am	Introduction with MC	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster		
10:05 – 10:15 am	Opening Address	Hon Mark Butler MP		
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	Conjoint Professor Anne Duggan Chief Executive Officer, ACSQHC		
10:30 – 10:45 am	Safety, quality and sustainability in medicines	Professor Paul Kelly 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	Professor Nick Watts Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore		
11:00 – 11:15 am	Medicines, health and environmental sustainability: the consumer perspective	Dr Elizabeth Deveny Chief Executive Officer, Consumers Health Forum		
11:15 – 11:20 am	Interactive Q&A Session: Improving sustainability in practice	Ms Tegan Taylor 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	Professor Paul Glasziou Professor of Evidence-Based Medicine, Bond University		
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Harnessing medicine stewardship for sustainability	Associate Professor Liz Marles 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	Dr Kate Charlesworth 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?	Professor Alexandra Barratt Professor of Public Health, University of Sydney Mr Tim Perry Consultant Pharmacist Dr Brett Montgomery General Practitioner and Associate Professor, School of Medicine, University of Western Australia	
12:45 – 12:50 pm	Interactive Q&A Session: Sustainability of antimicrobials	Ms Tegan Taylor Journalist and Broadcaster	
Break: Lunch and Lightning Talks 12:50 – 1:20 pm During lunch there will be Lightning Talks on Opioid Stewardship in Australia Session 3: Carbon footprint of medicines – improving sustainability across the medicine lifecycle for better health (80 mins)			
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 Stoynova 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?	Dr Eugenie Kayak Doctors for the Environment Australia Ms Grace Wong Pharmacists for the Environment Australia	
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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