Antibiotic management of drug resistant infections:  
A survey of clinical practice

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DESCRIPTION
We are aiming to exchange views and provide a broad base of options on the clinical management of antimicrobial resistant bacteria. This survey forms part of a larger research study termed “The Health Economic Modelling of Antimicrobial resistance in Australia”, which aims to determine the health and economic burden of key resistant organisms which have shown to be of importance in Australia.

Information on the management of the following pathogenic bacteria is requested:
1. *E.coli* resistant to third-generation cephalosporin.
2. *K. pneumoniae* resistant to third-generation cephalosporin.
3. Ceftazidime-resistant *P. aeruginosa*.
4. Vancomycin-resistant *E. faecium*.

An example of the type of questions which are being asked, include the following:

Recognising that therapy is determined by laboratory results, what is the most commonly used management for an ‘average’ stable patient with confirmed resistant bloodstream infection (drug name, route of administration and dose)?

If you are a treating doctor and have had experience in the management of patients with antimicrobial resistance, we would like to invite you to participate in this short survey.

PARTICIPATION
Participation will involve completing an online survey that will take approximately 10 minutes of your time.

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to complete any question(s) you are uncomfortable answering. Your decision to participate or not participate will in no way impact upon your current or future relationship with any associated external organisation. If you do agree to participate you can withdraw from the project during your participation without comment. However as the survey is anonymous once it has been submitted it will not be possible to withdraw.

RISKS
There are no risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this project.
**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

All comments and responses are anonymous and will be treated confidentially unless required by law. The names of individual persons are not required in any of the responses. Any data collected as part of this project will be stored securely as per QUT's Management of research data policy and all responses will be aggregated to ensure the anonymity of your participation.

**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Submitting the completed online survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this project.

**QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT**

If you have any questions or require further information please contact:

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**CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT**

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS RESEARCH PROJECT. PLEASE PRINT THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**