

Subject: July 11th 2018 - Teleconference Global Point Prevalence Survey on Canadian Hospital Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance

At about 5 minutes per hospital bed, you and your team can create a standardized local snapshot on wise antibiotic use measurements at your hospital and compare yourself with other Canadian Hospitals and over 400 hospitals across the world.

Learn more about how and what data is generated by attending the webinar and begin a rapid REB process at your facility in time to complete your work during September and October 2018.

Dear IPAC Canada Members:

We invite you to attend an **informative teleconference** for participation to the **Global Point Prevalence Survey (Global-PPS) on hospital antimicrobial consumption and resistance 2018**, led by Dr. Greg German MD PhD FRCPC DTM&H.

When: **July 11, 2018 12 PM EDT (Ottawa time).**

The Global-PPS coordinates surveillance of antimicrobial prescribing and resistance in **hospitalized adults, children and neonates** worldwide. The Global-PPS is the **only global program already in place** that creates global awareness about antibiotic use and resistance and is instrumental in planning and supporting national and local stewardship interventions.

This project is **coordinated and conducted by the University of Antwerp, Belgium**, under the leadership of **Prof. Herman Goosens and Ann Versporten**. The Global-PPS is supported by bioMérieux.

The first Global-PPS was conducted in 2015 and included 335 hospitals in 53 countries, including Canada ([https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/langlo/PIIS2214-109X\(18\)30186-4.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/langlo/PIIS2214-109X(18)30186-4.pdf)). The second Global-PPS in 2017 included over 400 hospitals. Canadian data from the 2017 participation were presented at the 2018 ECCMID conference in Madrid-

Participating provides multiple **benefits for the centre**, including evaluating antimicrobial prescription practices, identifying targets to improve the quality of antimicrobial prescribing and helping design hospital interventions to promote prudent antimicrobial prescribing. The direct, ready-for-use feedback reports on several antibiotic quality indicators. There is also surveillance on antibiotic resistant organisms.

Data submitted online are confidential and **will remain the property of the participating hospital**.

Country specific analysis is possible after consent is given by the participating centres and led by a local collaborating participant.

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a top priority worldwide. Surveillance is an essential component of the fight against AMR with the Global-PPS being a readily available and validated surveillance tool. To improve the comparability within Canada among the different Canadian sites, we launched a call for **participation in the fall of 2018**.

We invite leaders of Canadian hospital ASP programs, infection control representatives, pharmacists, infectious diseases physicians and microbiologists and other players interested in AMR in the hospital setting, to participate in this call.

Agenda

1. Introduction to the Global-PPS and role of the call.
2. Global experience **by Ann Versporten, University of Antwerp.**
3. Canadian experience for 2015 and 2017
4. Canadian participation for 2018
5. BioMérieux Canada's commitment for 2018-2020 by **Dr. Joanna Merckx, Director Medical Affairs bioMérieux Canada.**
6. Practical preparation for 2018 participation
7. Brainstorming and interest for additional Canadian specific questions for 2019.

To **access** the teleconference directly on July 11, 2018 at 12 PM EST go to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/824425709>

For more general information about Global-PPS please visit www.global-pps.com.

If you would like to join a discussion group on Global-PPS in Canada please email and/or sign up for globalppscan@googlegroups.com.

Sincerely,

Dr. Greg German and Dr. Charles Frennette

Disclosures:

bioMérieux is the sole sponsor of Global-PPS (International). bioMérieux has no role in study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation, or writing of reports. Dr. German and Dr. Frennette have not received any financial support / honorarium from bioMérieux for past or planned events. This event is hosted by Health PEI (Prince Edward Island).