CROSS INFECTION POLICY FOR THE 11th AUSTRALASIAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CONFERENCE

The policy below will apply to the 11th Australasian CF Conference (Conference) for delegates who have Cystic Fibrosis (CF). While the Conference organisers will make every effort to reduce the risk of cross-infection, all persons with CF are discouraged from attending, as this is the most effective way of preventing cross-infection.

In order to limit the risk of cross-infection between persons with CF and allow everyone to participate fully in this important event, Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) require all attendees at the Conference to adhere to the precautionary measures outlined in this document.

Organiser Responsibilities
The organisers of the Conference, CFA are responsible for publicising this Policy. They are also responsible for ensuring that appropriate hygiene guidelines are available, that suitable venues are used, and that adequate hand washing facilities and hygienic rubbish disposal bins are available.

Attendee Responsibilities Generally
All attendees at the conference must take all reasonable steps to minimise the risk of cross-infection, when attending any gathering of people with CF. This includes, but is not limited to, the precautionary steps set out in this policy, as well as any other procedures that CFA may notify you of from time to time.

Attendee Responsibilities Before the Conference
People with CF who wish to attend the Conference must agree to the terms and conditions of this policy and tick the appropriate box on the registration site to agree to the Infection Control waiver.

If you have Cystic Fibrosis and have not ticked the appropriate box you may be refused admission to the Conference.

Attendee Responsibilities At the Conference
In order to minimise the risk of cross-infection at the Conference (and at events associated with the Conference) all attendees will be required to adhere to appropriate infection control practices. These include, but are not limited to:

1. safe greeting practice as an alternative to hand shaking (for example, the elbow bump or the Apache greeting);
2. covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing;
3. regular hand sterilization (appropriate facilities will be made available at the Conference), particularly after coughing or sneezing;
4. safe disposal of tissues in a covered container (appropriate facilities will be made available at the Conference);
5. avoiding contact with others with CF (for example, adhering to the "2 metre rule") particularly during coughing spells;
6. avoiding high-risk activities, for example, spending prolonged periods of time in poorly ventilated areas (including cars), use of public exercise facilities, handling multi-use soap bars and sharing hotel rooms with other persons with CF;
7. not sharing personal items (for example eating or drinking utensils, toothbrushes or nebulisers);
8. any other practices notified to you by CFA from time to time (including at the Conference).

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