

INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH AND CONSENT FORM

National Point Prevalence Survey of Antibiotic Use in U.S. Small Animal General and Referral Practices

You are invited to contribute to a research study to improve understanding of veterinary antibiotic prescribing for small animals in the United States. As a U.S. small animal referral or general practice, your clinic has been identified as a potential participant. Please read this form and the [Overview and Benefits of Participation](#) form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to participate.

This study is being conducted by: University of Minnesota (UMN) College of Veterinary Medicine.

Procedures:

If you agree that your practice will participate in this study, we will ask you to do the following:

- Identify a primary point of contact (POC) to work with UMN research staff. A primary contact will need to dedicate 2-8 hours to the study each year, for a total of up to 16 hours over two non-consecutive years during a 5-year span. The primary POC should have a working knowledge of veterinary practice and your clinic's medical record system.
- The primary POC will review and enter medical record data from a single day of practice into an electronic database. The date for the day of practice will be established prior to data collection. Data do not need to be collected on that date, as long as medical records can be reviewed retrospectively. You will be given a date before which data should be entered into the electronic database. Data entry is estimated to take between 1 and 5 hours, depending on practice size and the number of patients seen on the day of service.
- Attend a 1 hour online training session prior to data collection to understand standard operating procedures (SOP) and ask questions.
- Adhere to SOP and utilize training materials made available by UMN research staff.
- Complete a short (≤ 10 minutes) electronic survey prior to data collection, including questions about clinic demographics, antibiotic stewardship practices, and the perceived feasibility of the long-term collection and reporting of antibiotic use data in your practice.
- Complete a short (≤ 10 minutes) electronic survey after data collection answering questions about challenges encountered, areas for improvement or clarity, and ways we can enhance the point prevalence survey data collection in subsequent years.
- Obtain clinic leadership/owner approval for participation, as necessary.

Confidentiality:

Data from this study will be stored securely. Participating clinics will have access to enter patient data. No personal information will be collected for patients, clients, or veterinary professionals. Patient medical record number will be collected for the purpose of data validation, but this cannot be linked to any personal information by the UMN research team. Any published report or professional presentation using data from this study will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a patient or clinic. Funding for this project is being made possibly by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through grant number 1U01FD007061-01. Individual participating practice data are not shared with FDA.

Benefits of Participation:

Participation in this study will contribute to baseline knowledge of antibiotic prescribing in small animal practice. Your clinic will gain experience reviewing antibiotic use data and using protocols that can be used internally for continued antibiotic use tracking. Clinics will receive access to an antimicrobial stewardship resource toolkit and be invited to a free continuing education webinar. There is no payment to clinics for participating in this research.

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with UMN.

Contacts and Questions:

The researchers conducting this study are: Drs. Jennifer Granick and Amanda Beaudoin (faculty) and Emma Leof Bollig (staff). You may ask any questions you have now or later via the contact information below:

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This research has been deemed exempt from review by the UMN Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. This research has been reviewed and deemed “Not Human Research” by the UMN Institutional Review Board within the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP). To share feedback privately with the HRPP about your research experience, call the Research Participants’ Advocate Line at 612-625-1650 (Toll Free: 1-888-224-8636) or go to z.umn.edu/participants.

Consent:

Your signature documents your permission and ability to consent this facility and to take part in this research. You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.

Signature of Primary Contact at Clinic

Date

Printed Name of Primary Contact at Clinic

Clinic Name

Phone and Email Address of Primary Contact at Clinic

Signature of UMN Researcher Obtaining Consent

Date

Printed Name of UMN Researcher Obtaining Consent