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## IMPROVING ACCESS TO ALLERGY CARE IN AUSTRALIA – A CO-DESIGN PROCESS WITH A SHARED AIM

The Shared Care for Allergy Project aims to improve access to quality allergy care by addressing four key areas:

1. Standards of care for allergic diseases
2. Education and training of health professionals
3. Pathways to care and scope of practice
4. Improving connectivity and sharing of information about allergies

### Consultation process

- A social media campaign ran for 6 weeks to raise awareness of the project, directing people to subscribe to a Bulletin to stay informed.
- Open invitation stakeholder consultations were held from May to July 2023.
- Consultations were facilitated using a co-design process that brought health professionals, consumers and carers together with equal respect, combining their knowledge with the shared aim of improving access to health services.
- 15 sessions were held (8 in person and 7 virtual), attended by 177 people.
- Every attendee received a summary of the session they attended.

### Outcomes

- These sessions generated ideas for improvements and harnessed a wide variety of perspectives based on professional and personal experiences, community and hospital care, urban and rural contexts, and patient and health professional views.
- Key findings and suggestions for improving access are being progressed and consultation is ongoing.



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