

Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation

Conflict of Interest

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has established processes to identify and manage conflicts of interest declared by its members, refer to the Conflict of Interest Procedures. A *Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest (CoIs)* form is completed by each member of ATAGI or its Working Parties prior to their appointment on ATAGI / Working Parties. At all subsequent meetings, ATAGI / Working Party members are asked if there are further updates required to their disclosure form. Table 1 provides a summary of all disclosures for ATAGI members.

People with certain vaccine related interests at the time they apply for ATAGI membership are not considered for membership of ATAGI. For example, direct employment of a candidate or an immediate family member by a vaccine manufacturer holding a patent on a vaccine or related product, or serving on a Board of Directors of a vaccine manufacturer, excludes people from ATAGI membership.

However, because ATAGI members are experts in the vaccine field, they may be involved in vaccine studies. Therefore ATAGI members who lead vaccine studies at their respective institutions may become ATAGI members but they must abstain from voting on recommendations related to the vaccine they are studying. In addition, they cannot vote on any other vaccines manufactured by the company funding the research or on any vaccines that are similar to the one(s) they are studying.

A number of members have both academic and clinical interests in vaccine research including people who publish and lecture in the field. After review of all forms, no members of ATAGI were conflicted such that they were either precluded from being a member of ATAGI or were required to abstain from comment or leave the room when any specific clinical question/recommendation was being discussed. CoIs are only considered for the previous 5 years.

Summary of disclosures from ATAGI members

Member	Part a – Relevant financial activities	Part b - Relevant professional experience	Part c - Other relationship or activities
Associate Professor Christopher Blyth (Co-Chair)	Nil	Investigator on a pneumonia/meningitis study in Papua New Guinea. Grant received by employer (The University of Western Australia) from Pfizer. Presented at a number of conferences and on pneumococcal.	Manuscript – revision of infant pneumococcal vaccine recommendations.
Professor Allen Cheng (Co-Chair)	Nil	Site Investigator for a number of infectious disease studies. Alfred Health received payment	Nil

Member	Part a – Relevant financial activities	Part b - Relevant professional experience	Part c - Other relationship or activities
		from Merck, GSK, Biocryst, George Clinical and Gilead. Chief Investigator for Influenza surveillance (FluCAN surveillance system). Therapeutic Good Association Advisory Committee on Infectious disease and Biostatistics.	
Associate Professor Nigel Crawford	Nil	Investigator on a number of epidemiological surveillance research and vaccine safety research. Funds received by employer (Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (MCRI).) (Pfizer) Director of the Influenza Specialist Group (ISG). Resigned 23/2/2015.	Nil
Associate Professor Michelle Giles	Nil	Travel, accommodation and registration paid by Pfizer to attend a vaccine conference. Investigator on an antenatal pertussis study examining consumer and healthcare knowledge and attitudes. Grants received by employer Monash University.	Nil
Ms Madeline Hall	Nil	Nil	Nil
Professor David Isaacs	Nil	Nil	Publication associated with Meningococcal B Vaccine.
Professor Helen Marshall	Nil	Investigator on a number of clinical trials including investigational vaccines. Research grants received by employer (The University of Adelaide) from GSK, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer, and Sanofi. Member of Pertussis Advisory Board, GSK. No payment.	Nil

Member	Part a – Relevant financial activities	Part b - Relevant professional experience	Part c - Other relationship or activities
		<p>Travel support to attend symposia to present scientific data, sponsored by vaccine companies.</p> <p>Supervising student undertaking research on influenza and pertussis vaccine in pregnancy. Funded by the Sanofi and Women’s Children Hospital Foundation.</p>	
Professor Jodie McVernon	Nil	<p>Investigator on a number of clinical trials. Grants received by employer (University of Melbourne) from bioCSL, GSK, Novartis, Pfizer.</p> <p>Received funding from the Australian Research Council for vaccine clinical trial investigations.</p> <p>Director of the Influenza Specialist Group (ISG). No payment.</p> <p>Travel covered to attend a number of workshops and symposiums sponsored by vaccine companies.</p>	Publication associated with Meningococcal B Vaccine.
Ms Debra Petrys	Nil	Member of South Australian meningococcal B vaccine Herd Study Reference Group Committee. Sponsored by University of Adelaide. Funded by GSK.	Nil
Dr Nicholas Silberstein	Nil	Member of the Australian Society for HIV Medicine and travel covered for HIV related conferences.	Nil

Ex- Officio Member	Part a – Relevant financial activities	Part b - Relevant professional experience	Part c - Other relationship or activities
Dr Masha Somi	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dr Sonya Bennett	Nil	Nil	Nil

Ex- Officio Member	Part a – Relevant financial activities	Part b - Relevant professional experience	Part c - Other relationship or activities
Dr Ting Lu	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ms Kristine Macartney	Nil	Travel, accommodation and registration paid by Mérieux Foundation in conjunction with the Vietnam National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology to attend an international vaccine conference.	Nil
Ms Karen Peterson	Nil	Nil	Nil