



## **Antibiotics and Allergy | A Free Community Event with Dr Norman Swan**

**When:** Thursday 5 September at 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

**Where:** Bellevue Ballroom 2, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Dr Norman Swan will host an expert panel discussing antibiotic allergy. This free event is supported by the University of Western Australia.**

In Australia 18% of adults report an allergy to antibiotics. Current research suggests that over 90% of people who believe they have an allergy are avoiding certain antibiotics needlessly. This is a problem because self-reported antibiotic allergy may restrict antibiotic choices for doctors to treat infections. This situation is leading to an increase in the prescription of broad spectrum antibiotics, which is associated with the emergence of super bugs in our hospitals. To tackle this problem support from the community is required.

Expert panellists will discuss antibiotic allergies in our community with moderator Dr Norman Swan, of the ABC's Health Report. This discussion will be followed by a Q&A session, during which time audience members, from the community, can address their questions to the panellists. Questions for the panellists may also be submitted at the registration desk prior to the session. This event will be audio recorded, and the podcast used to inform the community about antibiotic allergy. The event is ticketed, and you will be required to present your ticket at the registration desk.

This event is being held in conjunction with the ASCIA 2019 Conference, so entry to the Bellevue Ballroom 2 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre will only be possible from 5pm on Thursday 5 September, as there is another session until then that will be restricted to health professionals registered for the ASCIA 2019 Conference.

To register for this free event please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/antibiotics-and-allergy-a-free-community-event-with-dr-norman-swan-tickets-68241832157>

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