Australian Vaccinology Course

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Acknowledgement of Country

‘Protect your mob – get vaccinated’

Samantha Williams (1988–2023; *vale*),
Wiradjuri woman from Narrandera, NSW

NCIRS would like to recognise Samantha for her significant contribution to the community through her work in health and immunisation.

The artwork’s design represents our communities in the centre, from our home to the wider community. The symbols around the circle represent the people, both men and women – this could be anyone from mothers to fathers to gran. It is our responsibility to keep our mob healthy. We need to educate our younger generation and communities about the importance of immunisations and how they keep us protected. The lines going out from the circle represent our journeys, jobs and relocation and the impacts we have made along the way. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families may relocate from one community to another. We have mob all over – but no matter where we go, the story is the same: we need to protect our mob. So the smaller circles represent herd immunity across our communities, and the people that this has an impact on – our elders, our babies and our people who cannot be immunised.

NCIRS commissioned this artwork



Welcome to the Australian Vaccinology Course 2026!

Q Station Manly



- A traditional place of learning and ceremonial practice for local Aboriginal peoples
- Between 1832-1984 served as a quarantine facility to reduce the introduction and spread of infectious diseases in Australia
- Home to endangered species of eastern long-nosed bandicoots, little penguins, sunshine wattle and eastern suburbs banksia scrub



Eastern long-nosed bandicoot

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Australian Vaccinology Course participants

Occupations



Australia's National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance

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NCIRS is the leading research organisation in Australia that provides objective expert advice on all aspects of vaccine preventable diseases, and other issues related to immunisation, to inform policy and planning for immunisation services in Australia

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander immunisation	Immunisation program support, including the PHN support program
Australian Immunisation Handbook	Paediatric Active Enhanced Disease Surveillance (PAEDS)
AusVaxSafety	Program evaluations in immunisation
Population Health	Research to inform policy, including ATAGI technical support
Clinical research	Serosurveillance
Disease surveillance and epidemiology	Social science in immunisation
Education and training	Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation (SKAI)
New South Wales Immunisation Specialist Service (NSWISS)	Vaccine coverage
Global Health	Vaccine safety research

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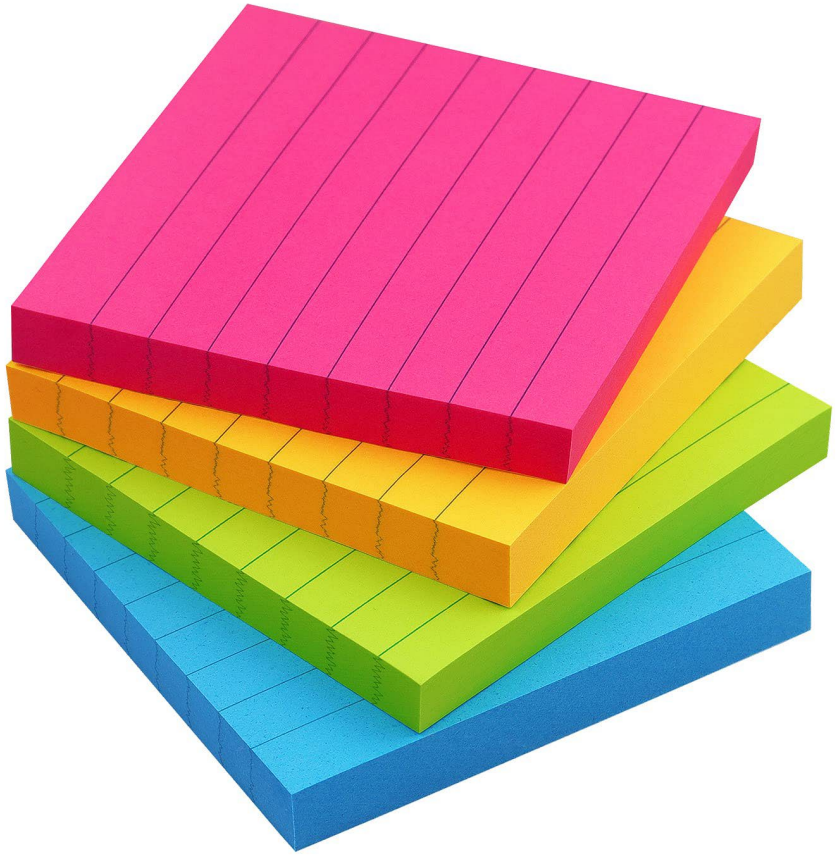
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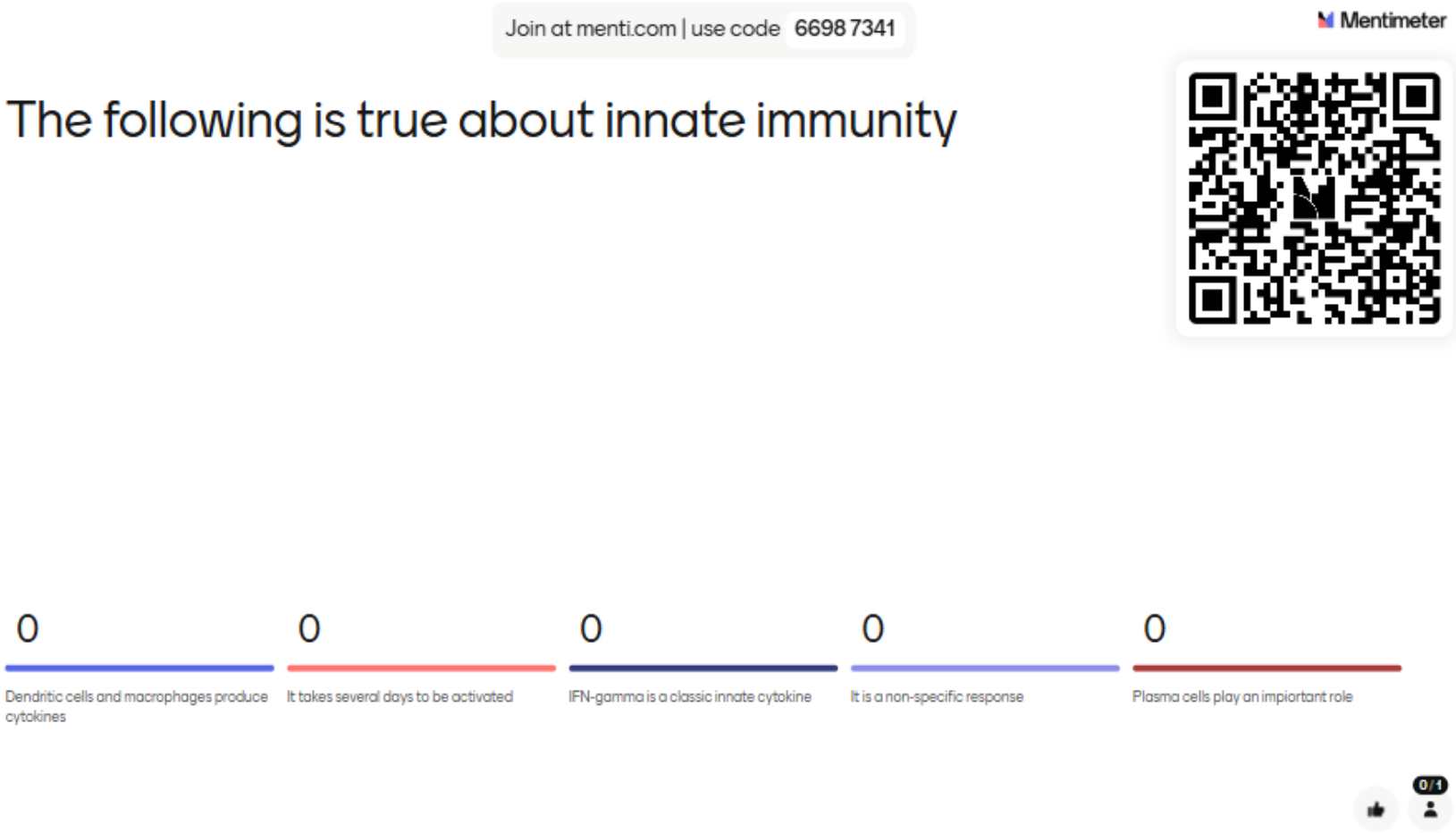
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Your questions

Please write down your questions as we go, and add them to the FAQs posters around the room



Mentimeter quizzes



Day 1 – Monday

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8:30 a.m.	**Australian Vaccinology Course open**
9:00 a.m.	**Vaccination in 2026**
9:30 a.m.	**How vaccines work**
10:30 a.m.	**Morning tea**
10:45 a.m.	**Vaccines from research to licensure**
1:00 p.m.	**Lunch**
2:00 p.m.	**Decision making for vaccine policy**
3:10 p.m.	**Afternoon tea**
3:20 p.m.	**Increasing vaccine uptake**
3:45 p.m.	**Decision making for vaccine policy: case study**
5:20 p.m.	**Day 1 closing remarks**
5:30 p.m.	**Session close**
5:45–7:45 p.m.	**Reception with drinks and canapés**

Thank you

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