

**Antimicrobial Resistance Communications and Media Support Services**  
Focus Group Screener for Providers on Antifungal Therapeutic Drug Monitoring  
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**Introduction**

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Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling from \_\_\_\_\_, an independent communications firm.

You indicated that you are interested in participating in a group discussion, conducted virtually, to discuss your practices and opinions regarding your profession. **[DO NOT DISCLOSE THE EXACT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION BEFORE THE INTERVIEW.]** The discussion will last up to 1 hour and 30 minutes. The sole sponsor of this activity is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

I have a few questions to start. But first, to maintain participants' confidentiality, we will use first names only during the interview and your name will not be used in any study materials. CDC will not receive any personally identifying information that you provide. We will be asking you a few questions to ensure we are recruiting a variety of people, but the information will not be associated with your specific name.

**IF TERMINATED DURING SCREENING PROCESS, READ:** I'm sorry, we already have enough individuals in that category. Thank you very much for your time.

**INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION:** If individual expresses concern at any point during the screening process, please note their concern and reassure them appropriately. Remind them that their answers and participation will be completely confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (residence): \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATE CONTACT SHEET FROM THE REST OF THE SCREENER AND SHRED AT THE END OF THE PROJECT.**

### Recruit Summary

Group	Audience	Number to Recruit
1	Urban infectious disease physicians	8
2	Rural infectious disease physicians	8
3	Hospital or infectious disease pharmacists	8

### Screening Questions

1. Are you a...?

Medical Doctor (hold an MD)		<b>REQUIRED FOR PHYSICIAN GROUPS MAX 2 DO PER PHYSICIAN GROUP</b>
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (hold a DO)		
Pharmacist (hold a PharmD)		<b>REQUIRED FOR PHARM. GROUP</b>
Nurse Practitioner		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
Physician Assistant		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
Other (Please specify)		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

2. Is direct patient care one of your primary responsibilities? (Direct contact with patients for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring)

Yes		<b>CONTINUE</b>
No		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

3. **IF MD OR DO** On average, how many hours per week do you spend in direct patient care? **RECORD ACTUAL HOURS**

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20+ hours		<b>CONTINUE</b>
Less than 20 hours		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

4. **IF MD OR DO** Of those hours, what percentage is dedicated to adult care?

50% or more		<b>CONTINUE</b>
Less than 50%		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

5. **IF PharmD** On average, how many hours per week do you spend in clinical patient care? **RECORD ACTUAL HOURS**

20+ hours		<b>CONTINUE</b>
Less than 20 hours		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

6. Do you have a medical specialty in infectious diseases?

Yes		<b>REQUIRED FOR PHYSICIAN GROUPS</b>
No		<b>TERMINATE IF PHYSICIAN IF PHARMACIST, CONTINUE</b>

7. Which best describes your work setting?

Hospital-based clinic or practice		<b>RECRUIT MIX WITHIN EACH GROUP</b>
Urgent care or immediate care clinic		
Community health center		
Solo practice		
Primary care or specialty clinic		
Single specialty group practice		
Multi-specialty group practice		
Hospital-based emergency department		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
Other (specify)		<b>RECORD, CONSULT KRC</b>

8. **IF HOSPITAL-BASED** Is your hospital setting an academic medical center or teaching hospital?

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Yes		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
No		<b>CONTINUE</b>

**TERMINATE PHARMACISTS IF NEITHER IS YES:**

- (1) SPECIALITY IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
- (2) WORK IN HOSPITAL-BASED CLINIC OR PRACTICE**

**PHARMACIST GROUP: RECRUIT MINIMUM 3 EACH (CAN BE BOTH AND COUNT TOWARD MIN FOR BOTH):**

- (1) SPECIALITY IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
- (2) WORK IN HOSPITAL-BASED CLINIC OR PRACTICE**

9. Do you work at or are you affiliated with any of the following?

A public health department		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
Pharmaceutical company or research lab		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>
None of the above		<b>CONTINUE</b>

10. Here is a list of topics related to infectious diseases. How familiar are you with each of the following as they relate to your work? Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar? **RANDOMIZE ORDER, RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH**

Antifungal therapeutic drug monitoring		<b>ALL MUST SAY <u>VERY</u> OR <u>SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR</u></b>
Mpox, also called monkeypox		<b>CONTINUE (DUMMY TOPICS TO MASK SUBJECT OF THE GROUPS)</b>
Guillain-Barré syndrome		
Healthcare-associated infections		

11. In which state do you work? **RECORD STATE**

Northeast		<b>MAX 4 IN ANY ONE REGION PER GROUP</b>
South		
Midwest		
West		

12. How would you describe the location where you work?

Urban		<b>CONTINUE</b>
Suburban		

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Small town		
Rural		

**URBAN: REQUIRED FOR URBAN PHYSICIAN GROUP**

**RURAL: REQUIRED FOR RURAL PHYSICIAN GROUP**

13. What is the ZIP code of your primary work setting? **RECORD ZIP**

14. How many times within the past three months have you participated in a focus group or one-on-one interview related to your professional expertise? **DO NOT READ LIST**

None		<b>CONTINUE</b>
1 or more		<b>TERMINATE ALL</b>

15. Are you...? **MARK ALL THAT APPLY**

Female		<b>RECRUIT MIX WITHIN EACH GROUP</b>
Male		
Transgender, non-binary, or another gender		
Prefer not to answer/Decline		

16. What is your age? **RECORD EXACT AGE; DO NOT READ LIST**

39 or younger		<b>RECRUIT MIX WITHIN EACH GROUP</b>
40-49		
50-59		
60 or older		<b>MAX 3 PER GROUP</b>

17. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Yes		<b>CONTINUE</b>
No		

18. What is your race? Choose all that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native		<b>CONTINUE</b>
Asian		
Black or African American		

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Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		
White		
Prefer not to answer/Decline		

***RECRUIT MINIMUM 2 WHO ARE HISPANIC, LATINO, SPANISH, OR NON-WHITE PER GROUP***

**Invitation**

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Thank you for answering all of my questions. As I mentioned, we respect your privacy and understand this information is confidential, and we will not disclose this information to anyone. We asked these questions because we want to speak with a wide variety of people who can review important information and provide their feedback. Based on your answers to the questions, we would like to invite you to participate in a virtual focus group that will last approximately 90 minutes. During the virtual discussion, you will need to have a reliable internet connection and use a desktop or laptop computer.

You will receive \$75 as a token of appreciation for your participation, which will be provided to you after you complete the discussion.

All of your feedback will be confidential, reported in the aggregate only, never in association with your name or identity. To make sure we capture your remarks accurately, we will record the interview. The purpose of the audio recording is to make sure we report accurately, but without any personally identifying information. Is this something you are interested in and comfortable with?

Yes		<b>CONTINUE</b>
No		<b>THANK AND TERMINATE</b>

The discussion is virtual, meaning that you can participate from the comfort of your home or office. You will not need to come to a facility and can meet us from wherever you are, but you will need to be in front of a computer or tablet with internet access. The information you will review could include reading, so it is best that you do not participate using a cell phone. You will also have to be in a quiet place. Someone will call you before the interview to make sure all the technology needed for the interview is working properly. Is this focus group something you are interested in and comfortable with?

Yes		<b>CONTINUE</b>
No		<b>THANK AND TERMINATE</b>

**CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF FOCUS GROUP**

Please provide the best telephone number to reach you:

**RECORD PHONE NUMBER**

Please indicate how you would like us to confirm with you:

**PHONE OR EMAIL, RECORD EMAIL IF PREFERENCE**



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