

Australia's Health Panel (AHP)

Background

Australia's Health Panel (AHP) is an initiative of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF). The AHP is dedicated to collecting the views of Australians about the state of the nation's healthcare system. It is designed to survey the general public on a range of current and topical health issues to assist CHF in their health policy advice and advocacy.

Frequently Asked Questions - AHP

Participation

1. What topics do the surveys cover?

Australia's Health Panel surveys explore a wide range of health-related issues raised by consumers. Past topics include artificial intelligence in healthcare, dental care, pharmacy services, and prescription use.

View previous survey results here:

<https://www.chf.org.au/get-involved/australia-s-health-panel/australias-health-panel-results>

2. How are the surveys conducted?

Surveys are conducted online using LimeSurvey, a secure open-source survey platform.

3. How often will I be invited to participate?

Survey invitations vary depending on the topic and selection criteria. You may be invited several times a year, depending on your profile and the relevance of the survey.

4. Will I be paid for participating?

Participation is entirely voluntary and unpaid. Your input helps shape health policy and services, making a valuable contribution to the community.

5. Can I leave Australia's Health Panel at any time?

Yes, you can unsubscribe at any time without needing to provide a reason.

6. Do I need any special skills or qualifications to join?

No special skills are required. We welcome all people aged 18 and over who live in Australia and are interested in sharing their views on health issues.

Confidentiality and data security

7. Why is my personal information collected?

We collect your personal details (such as name and email) to manage your participation, send survey invitations, and respond to any feedback or enquiries.

8. How is my data protected?

Your survey responses and personal information are stored securely on Australian servers that comply with national privacy and data protection laws. Access is restricted and protected by multiple authentication methods.

9. Who can access my personal information?

Only authorised staff within the CHF can access:

- Your panel profile
- Survey responses where your identity may be apparent
- Any correspondence related to your participation

10. Will my identity be shared in survey results?

No. All published survey findings are de-identified and summarised to ensure your privacy.

11. Will researchers or external parties have access to the data?

The survey data will be reported in summarised form to protect individual privacy. CHF will not share individual-level or anonymised datasets for secondary use. Only official findings prepared by CHF will be published to ensure accuracy, integrity, and alignment with the survey's objectives.

Survey findings

12. Will the survey results be published?

Yes. De-identified and summarised results are published in reports on the CHF website, shared via social media, and may be presented at conferences or used in advocacy.

13. Can I access the survey findings?

Absolutely. Results are publicly available on the CHF website and may also be shared through CHF's LinkedIn and other social media channels.

View survey results: <https://www.chf.org.au/get-involved/australia-s-health-panel/australias-health-panel-results>

Facebook: [Consumers Health Forum of Australia | Canberra ACT | Facebook](#)

LinkedIn: [Consumers Health Forum of Australia \(CHF\) | LinkedIn](#)

Instagram: [Instagram](#)

X: x.com/CHFofAustralia

Additional Questions

14. How do I join Australia's Health Panel?

You can sign up by clicking on Australia's Health Panel Portal. You will receive a notification via email when there is a new survey available. You will need to provide your name, email and answer a few demographic questions to help us match you with relevant surveys.

15. Can I suggest topics for future surveys?

Yes! We welcome suggestions from panel members. You can share your ideas by emailing us at: research@chf.org.au.

16. What happens if I miss a survey invitation?

No problem. Participation is optional, and missing a survey won't affect your place in the panel. You'll still be invited to future surveys.