

Making MASLD a National Priority

Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) Action Network Charter

Our Purpose

The MASLD Action Network is a national network committed to making MASLD a national public health priority.

We share knowledge, generate resources and collaborate on projects that will raise the national profile of MASLD for better quality of life and health system experiences of affected Australians.

This network provides a forum for:

- Exploration of issues and collaborative problem solving;
- Sharing information and co-developing resources;
- Elevating the voice of lived experience; and
- Collaborative policy change advocacy and fundraising.

Our Values

Collaboration

We recognise the strength of a multidisciplinary approach, fostering a network of experts, including people with lived experience, who actively work together to leverage learnings and successes from a broad range of public health experiences.

Creativity

We approach problem solving with innovation and dynamism, challenging the status quo, adapting our approach when needed and thinking 'outside the box' to achieve our purpose.

Courage

We are bold and unapologetic in our approach and ambitions. We recognise that now is the time for action and we are committed to targeted work that will result in tangible impact and influence.

Scope

We are an Australian network committed to action that will improve the national profile of MASLD, increase policy commitment and investment, and improve the quality of life and health system experiences of those affected by MASLD. The focus of our collaborative work spans the following domains:

- Epidemiology and human and economic burden of disease
- Clinical care models and pathways
- Consumer and community engagement
- Awareness, education and advocacy

Goals & Objectives (12 months)

- *Fundraising* – Explore and pursue opportunities to secure funding for projects and initiatives that will elevate the public profile of MASLD nationally.

- *Data accuracy and availability* – Identify data sources (disease burden, cost, etc.) already available and investigate future opportunities for data collection to inform and support an effective stakeholder engagement strategy.
- *White paper/statement* – Develop a document outlining the national issue of MASLD and the case for elevated attention and investment.
- *Chronic illness landscape/allies* – Identify and engage with an extended network of stakeholders with aligned chronic disease priorities to support the national MASLD profile.
- *Resource development* – Directed by the voice of lived experience, co-develop resources to raise public awareness and support better health system experiences for MASLD patients.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. LiverWELL is the sponsoring organisation of the network, responsible for:

- Documenting and maintaining the network charter, including managing the 12-monthly review and amendment processes.
- Scheduling, hosting, chairing and minuting meetings per the agreed schedule.
- Welcoming and acting as the key liaison for new/enquiring members.
- Inviting guest presenters.
- All-network communications, news and updates.
- Managing the platform holding centralised resources.

2. All core network members are responsible for:

- Attending and actively contributing to meetings and agreed collaborative projects within their areas of expertise to the best of their ability.
- Supporting the expansion of the network and engagement with stakeholders in alignment with collaborative projects through existing professional relationships.
- Acting in accordance with the agreed network values and engagement principles when representing the network.

3. Peripheral participants:

Peripheral MASLD Action Network participants will receive information shared by the sponsoring organisation and/or core members, either directly or through routine mailing list correspondence. Peripheral participants may participate in network activities on an ad-hoc basis or not participate at all beyond receiving information.

Membership

We welcome individuals with expertise in any of the following domains relevant to MASLD, who are committed to collaborative work to make MASLD a national Australian priority:

- Epidemiology and human and economic burden of disease
- Clinical care models and pathways
- Consumer and community engagement
- Awareness, education and advocacy

Prospective core members will submit their expression of interest via [online form](#) submission. All



membership applications will be assessed and responded to by LiverWELL.

Anyone who is interested in receiving updates about the activities of the network and/or participating in network activities on an ad-hoc basis is welcome to register as a peripheral participant. Peripheral participants will register by contacting LiverWELL (liverhealth@liverwell.org.au) to subscribe to the network email list. LiverWELL will manage email lists for network correspondence.

Meetings

90-minute MASLD Action Network meetings will be held online every two months. LiverWELL is responsible for setting up and facilitating these regular meetings. The purpose of regular meetings is for network members to share information and discuss and progress agreed collaborative projects. Meetings are also a forum for guest participants to attend in alignment with current project topics and needs.

The upcoming meeting schedule will be listed on the LiverWELL website.

Out-of-session meetings may be conducted from time to time in alignment with specific project needs. These meetings will be agreed, scheduled and facilitated by various network members as dictated by the specific project requirement.

Document & Resource Sharing

Digital resources will be shared amongst network members via a core member-only SharePoint folder. LiverWELL will host this folder and is responsible for managing member access. This arrangement will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis.

Engagement Principles

The following engagement principles apply to the MASLD Action Network:

- Members engage respectfully using appropriate professional language.
- Members engage constructively in group discussions, listening and responding with an open mind. Members recognise the value of diverse voices in community discussion and encourage each other to participate.
- Members agree to maintain confidentiality of discussions in meetings, unless permission is explicitly given to share more broadly than the members in attendance.
- Members do not forward or share information posted on the email list unless explicit consent has been given by the sender to do so.

Evaluation & Review

This charter will be reviewed annually.

LiverWELL will conduct an annual evaluation process to measure network effectiveness and member satisfaction, informing changes to operation as indicated.