

CYSTIC FIBROSIS WORLDWIDE (CFW)
CONFERENCE / MEETING
ANTI CROSS-INFECTION REQUIREMENTS
for People with Cystic Fibrosis

Contact with other people with CF (PWCF) may contain a risk of cross infection. Specific bacteria, such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, can spread from one patient to another. Infection with those bacteria can lead to a decline in lung function. Therefore, when attending events where other PWCF may be present it is important to follow certain hygienic guidelines, to minimise any possibility of cross-infection. Please read the CFW guidelines carefully before attending the meeting!

The possibility of cross-infection between CF individuals observing proper hygienic measures may be very low, nonetheless CFW must request that those individuals who have cultured positive with *Burkholderia cepacia*, Methicillin resistant Staph. aureus (MRSA) or other panresistant bacteria, do not attend CFW events.

EVERY PERSON WITH CF HAS TO BRING THE FOLLOWING FORMS :

1. **A bacterial report, no more than 28 days old**, will be required upon registration. The kind of medium which was used for sputum analysis must be indicated. It is recommended that agars or medium supportive of *B.cepacia* growth be used for conference/meeting bacteriological specimens. Such mediums include *B.cepacia* selective agar (BCSA), OFPBL, PC agar and MAST agar. Evidence of your bacterial status will need to be provided before we can allow entry to the meeting !
2. **A letter written on medical notepaper and signed by your primary (preferably CF) physician** will be required upon registration/entrance. This should state that you have not cultured *B. cepacia*, MRSA or any other panresistant bacteria for 12 months prior to the event. *See sample letter, to be copied EXACTLY.*

**You have to have both papers with you when you register for the conference meetings
in Copenhagen.**

Out of respect to other persons with CF attending the meeting

**WE CAN NOT ALLOW ENTRY TO ANYONE WHO CAN NOT SHOW
THE ABOVE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR BACTERIOLOGICAL STATUS UPON ENTRY!**

Although hygienic methods have been endorsed and encouraged by CFW, and efforts to restrict attendance by those cultivating either *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Methicillin resistant Staph. aureus* (MRSA) or panresistant bacteria have been enacted; we cannot guarantee a conference that is free of virulent bacteria. The very nature of cross-infection, inaccurate laboratory cultures, and other factors make it impossible for anyone to guarantee a *Burkholderia cepacia* or MRSA free gathering. Therefore we urge you to discuss cross-infection with your physician and decide for yourself if you wish to attend the conference.