

Health on the menu

ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT bacteria in the animals humans eat will be on the menu at the inaugural National Centre for Farmer Health Conference in Hamilton, Victoria, next month.

American Professor Kelley J. Donham will give a current risk assessment and management tips for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) during the conference at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre from October 11-13.

The director of the National Centre for Farmer Health, clinical associate professor Sue Brumby, said MRSA was well-recognised as a hospital-acquired infection but had recently been detected in livestock, including cattle and poultry, in Europe and Asia.

Professor Brumby said the conference would also cover Q Fever, equine influenza, leptospirosis, cross staph infections and needle-stick injuries.

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