

**MANAGING PATIENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGY IN HOSPITAL – SUPPORTING HOSPITAL STAFF WITH TRAINING TO GET IT RIGHT**

**Introduction**

**Hospital food allergen management is unique as many different staff are involved in providing food to patients.** All about Allergens for Hospitals e-training was launched by the Australian Minister for Health in 2020 to train hospital staff about food allergy.

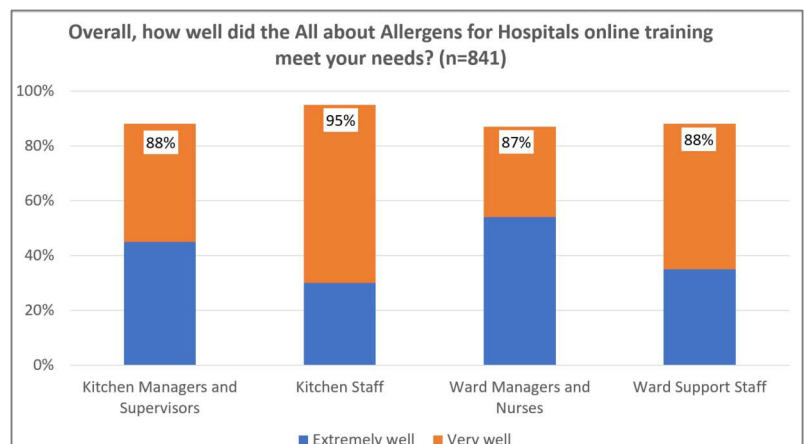
**How did we develop All about Allergens for Hospitals?**

- ✓ Formed an expert working group that included hospital allergy dietitians and nurses
- ✓ Consulted with key stakeholders and were advised to develop four versions, specific to staff roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Included photos, videos and animations demonstrating best practice food allergen management in the hospital setting
- ✓ Developed supporting resources including sample policies and templates



**Results (9 months of data)**

An average of 850 course enrolments per month (all hospital courses)



**Conclusion**

The kitchen courses have had greater uptake than the ward versions; their uptake indicating that the training is filling a resource gap. Evaluation indicates that the courses are meeting the needs of participants in content and comprehension. All about Allergens for Hospitals has been recommended to all public hospitals by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.