

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A FREE MASTITIS CONSULT?

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A new veterinary-led consult for farmers has been developed by Animal Health Ireland called Cell Count Solutions. The objective of this free consult is to help facilitate a collaborative approach between service providers and herdowners, to ensure better SCC and mastitis control on farms. It highlights the important roles that different professions play in supporting herdowners in the management of mastitis including farm and milk quality advisors, veterinary practitioners and milking machine technicians.

The consult has been developed by AHI and the CellCheck Technical Working Group, to provide a framework to kick-start ongoing multi-disciplinary support for dairy farmers who struggle with mastitis and/or high SCC levels. All service providers including veterinary practitioners, milking machine technicians, farm advisors and milk quality advisors that wish to be involved in these consults need to complete training. This training provides the tools to support and assist dairy farmers

to develop a strategy that will ultimately lead them to better mastitis control and less antibiotic use on their farms.

During the consult all relevant areas, including the cow, the milking routine, the environment, records etc. will be examined to enable a farm-specific plan to be created. The herdowner nominates the service providers they want to include on the team, such as the milk quality or farm advisor, milking machine technician and vet. The consult is available throughout the entire lactation and there aren't any eligibility requirements necessary to register. This service is funded through the Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health (TASAH) and supported by the Rural Development Programme, and coordinated by Animal Health Ireland.

More information in relation to service provider training for this consult and how to become part of the team approach to mastitis on farms is available [here](#).

## CELL COUNT SOLUTIONS

A FREE IN-LACTATION CONSULT FOR DAIRY FARMERS

Farmers can register for the consult, by scanning the QR Code or [click here](#)

