



Clinical Excellence Queensland

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clinical Network

What is a Clinical Network?

A clinical network is a group of health professionals and clients from across the health sector that give clinical direction, advice and know-how to Queensland Health with the aim of improving the health services of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

What is the Purpose of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clinical Network?

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clinical Network was established to be the driving force for strong and sustained engagement across the Queensland Health Sector to make a positive difference to health outcomes and improve life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

The network brings together clinicians, consumers and stakeholders from across the primary, community and acute care sectors to:

- provide leadership, cultural safety and clinical expertise to drive system wide best practice through the identification, adoption and promotion of evidence-based best practices and clinical policy;
- share and support the implementation and replication of best practice approaches across the health system;
- advocate for evidence-based clinical policy in matters related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.
- provide advice to Hospital and Health Services and Queensland Health on cultural and clinical quality and the cultural safety implications of policy, planning and funding decisions in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders;
- Co-design and co-implement initiatives in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled health sector, Hospital and Health Services, the health system and more broadly to achieve health equity with Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Who is in the general network?

Membership to the network is open to anyone with an interest or know-how in improving the delivery of healthcare for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Members are welcome from health sectors, community, government and non-government groups.

The network aims to have at least half of its members as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

How will it be run?

The network will draw on the cultural knowledge, clinical skills and know-how of its members to develop ideas, effective clinical practice and provide advice.

It will join with key clinical groups within and outside of Queensland Health and network representatives will take part in various system wide advisory and leadership groups.

Can I join as an elder/community member?

Yes – the voice of elders, youth and community members will be important to the network making a difference. We want to know about your stories in the health sector. What can be improved? What does and does not work well?

As a member you will get news about what the network is doing to improve the stories and endings for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

You could be involved in a group for the network and work with leaders to help the path of the network.

How can I get involved?

Membership is free and is open to everyone.

General members can join the network at any time.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait health is everybody's business!

How do I contact the Network?

Email:

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