



Australian Indigenous  
HealthInfoNet

# Five reasons why the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet is making a difference

Core funding  
is provided by the  
Australian Government  
Department of Health



# The Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet is an award winning web resource supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector

## 1 Unique in the world

**The Health/InfoNet is the first resource of its kind in the world and is guided by strong commitments to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.**

- Strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance by a national advisory board.
- Independent research centre co-located within Kurongkurl Katitjin, the Edith Cowan University Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research.
- Partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak health organisations.
- Guided by over 140 experts on a wide range of health topics.
- Recognised internationally and winner of many national awards.

## 2 Excellent return on investment

**The commitment by the Australian Department of Health and other funding partners delivers a substantial return for every dollar invested.**

- High productivity, low risk investment over 20 years.
- The Health/InfoNet continues to deliver productivity, efficiency, skills and knowledge dividends to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce to enhance CQI commitments.
- The Health/InfoNet has developed a custom designed content management system that would be very costly to replicate.
- The Health/InfoNet is a cost effective way to reach the entire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce across Australia.

## 3 Aligned with key government objectives

**The Health/InfoNet addresses key policy and strategic goals identified in national policy documents including workforce training, support and capacity building.**

- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013–2023.
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Implementation Plan.
- National CQI Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategic Framework 2011–2015.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework.
- National Health and Medical Research Council Road Map II: A Strategic Framework for Improving the Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through Research.

## 4 Proven record of success for over 20 years

**Now in its 20th year, the Health/InfoNet has a proven track record providing evidence-based support to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector throughout Australia.**

- Confirmation that the Health/InfoNet is an essential part of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health infrastructure in an independent review (2008).
- Over one million sessions and six million page views a year in 2015 and 2016.
- Continued growth in new users and user statistics since records began.
- More than 97% of users are satisfied or very satisfied (2015 survey).

## 5 Advanced skills in knowledge transfer and exchange

**The Health/InfoNet is a leader in knowledge translation and exchange for time poor and often overburdened health sector workers, and provides:**

- An annual overview of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health summarising over 300 health research papers, surveillance data reports and national statistics.
- 16 peer reviewed health topic reviews, plain language reviews and newsletters.
- A plain language summary of the overview every year.
- Current information on policy, practice resources, health promotion resources, conferences and job opportunities.
- A suite of audiovisual and infographic representations of health data for a wide range of users.
- 18 online yarning places that connect 4,821 members throughout Australia, many being Health Workers.
- An extensive social media presence to foster knowledge exchange through Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

## What users say

*'It's a great resource for health practitioners working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.'*

*'Thank you for providing such a cultural and knowledge rich resource.'*

*'A very helpful and reliable resource that utilises credible sources to corroborate its information. I have used this website many times.'*

*Source: 2015 user survey of 1,000 respondents.*