

Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia

Indigenous Oral Health Goals

Goal 1. Community water fluoridation.

Target

All Indigenous communities with a population of more than 1000 will have a fluoridated water supply by 2015.

All Indigenous communities with a population of more than 500 will have a fluoridated water supply by 2020.

Process

The Federal Government will initiate a small community water fluoridation program, which includes the development of small water fluoridation plants suitable for remote and rural locations, and work with State/Territory Governments, local water authorities and communities to implement the program.

Reference

Australian National Oral Health Plan 2004 – 2013.

Center for Disease Control, US Department of Health & Human Services

Goal 2. More Indigenous dentists, dental therapists and dental hygienists.

Target

100 Indigenous dentists, dental therapists and dental hygienists by 2020.

300 Indigenous dentists, dental therapists and dental hygienists by 2030.

30 Indigenous specialist dentists by 2030.

10 Indigenous dental educators by 2030.

Process

The Federal Government will coordinate a focused process with the Dental Schools, the Australian Dental Council, RACDS, the Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia and the professional representative organisations to promote careers in oral health and support students and practitioners.

Reference

The representation of Indigenous practitioners within the oral health workforce ought to be similar to their representation within the Australian population.

Australian National Oral Health Plan 2004 – 2013.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Oral Health Workshop, 2002.

Goal 3. A coherent oral health promotion strategy, and an Indigenous oral health data set.

Target

Implementation of a coherent national oral health promotion strategy by 2010.
Agreement on an Indigenous oral health data set by 2010.

Process

The Federal Government will resource the Australian Research Centre for Population and Oral Health to develop an oral health promotion strategy with NACCHO, Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia, RCADS, professional representative organisations and State/Territory health promotion agencies.

The Federal Government will resource the Australian Research Centre for Population and Oral Health to develop and negotiate an agreed Indigenous oral health data set with public dental providers, NACCHO and the Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia.

Reference

Australian National Oral Health Plan 2004 – 2013.
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Oral Health Workshop, 2002.

Goal 4. High quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate oral health care services organised and coordinated on a regional basis.**Target**

By 2020 high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate oral health care services will be organised and coordinated on a regional basis.

Process

The Federal Government will coordinate a National Indigenous Oral Health Care Program which allocates resources and responsibilities for the provision of clinical care by State/Territory public dental providers and NACCHO on a regional basis. All oral health students will receive appropriate cross-cultural training to enable them to provide culturally appropriate care.

Reference

Australian National Oral Health Plan 2004 – 2013.
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Oral Health Workshop, 2002.