

Media Release – New publication brings you up to date about the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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The most recent indicators of the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are documented in the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet's authoritative annual publication, the *Overview of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status 2017*. <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/learn/health-facts/overview-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-health-status/>

In an increasingly data rich world the Overview 'cuts through' the enormous amount of information to provide a succinct, brief and evidence based review of key issues that will assist in everyday practice and policy. It summarises the current status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people and communities on a number of health indicators.

The Overview, strives to provide a balance of reporting the emerging positive health outcomes within the context of persisting health inequalities. The Overview draws on the most up-to-date, authoritative sources and undertakes some special analyses. It is freely available on the HealthInfoNet web resource, along with downloadable PowerPoint presentations of key facts, tables, and figures.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/CXMgLk5Gplw>

HealthInfoNet Director, Professor Neil Drew says 'The Overview is our flagship knowledge exchange resource. This means that health workers and others working in the sector receive an update that is accessible and timely. Our expert authors summarise over 350 publications and data sources in a single brief publication to deliver significant time savings for the extremely busy health workforce who want to access the latest information.'

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About the HealthInfoNet: Now in its 21st year, this is a massive Internet resource that informs practice and policy in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health by making up to date research and other knowledge readily accessible via any platform. In this way, the HealthInfoNet contributes to closing the gap in health between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Working in the area of translational research with a population health focus, the HealthInfoNet makes research and other information freely available in a form that has immediate, practical utility for practitioners and policy-makers in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, enabling them to make decisions based on the best available evidence <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au>