



Focus Area

Aboriginal
and Torres
Strait Islander
Health

Why improve this focus area?

The status information gathered will help the design, delivery, and evaluate services and so be more responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Every patient in your service receives the same high standard of care, delivered in a way to best meet their needs.

Accurate patient records will support the provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services, referral health pathways and assist with early detection of chronic diseases.

QI Ideas “What” of the Action Plan

Improve the collection and recording of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Increase the cultural awareness training to all staff in your practice and build a welcoming and safe environment that is inclusive to patients who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Help to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive primary health care matched to their needs, by encouraging early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and treatable conditions that cause morbidity and early mortality through the uptake of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Check (MBS item 715) as an annual service for all ages.

Resources

Clinical Audit Tools

[Cat4 – install](#)

[Topbar – install and set up prompts](#)

[Pen Recipe Identify patients eligible for an annual 715](#)
[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Assessment](#)
[GP Hub/PHN Exchange](#)

HealthPathways

[Health Assessment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#)
[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health](#)

Patient/Clinic Resources

[GoShare](#)
[Heart Foundation](#)
[Diabetes Victoria](#)
[AIHW](#)