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Dear Healthcare Professional,

GSK invites you to attend the upcoming
webinar event:

Respiratory Health with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: **Closing the Gap**

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th 2022
7:00PM - 9:00PM AEDT

Nearly one-third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a respiratory condition; with Asthma and COPD contributing to the highest burden of disease¹. Hospitalisation for Asthma and COPD exacerbations are higher for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders than for non-Aboriginal Australians^{2,3}. Among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, COPD is responsible for two-thirds of respiratory deaths⁴, and the asthma mortality rate is more than three times that of other Australians².

AGENDA (AEST)

7:00PM	Meeting start, introduce speakers and rationale	Prof. Hubertus Jersmann
7:10PM	Welcome to country	Uncle Fred Agius - Kurna Elder
7:15PM	GSK Reconciliation Action Plan	Alex White
7:20PM	Lung function compromise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients – restrictive or obstructive?	Dr Antony Veale
7:35PM	Lung disease in Aboriginal people	Dr Subash Heraganahally
7:50PM	Mycobacteria and other infections in the Aboriginal population	Dr Simone Barry
8:05PM	The nursing perspective of the patient journey	Adrienne Mackenzie
8:20PM	Q&A	Hubertus Jersmann
9:00PM	Close	Jess Carter

RSVP

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SPEAKER INFORMATION

Professor Hubertus Jersmann

Hubertus Jersmann is a Respiratory and Sleep Physician in the Royal Adelaide and Alice Springs Hospitals. He has a special interest in Interventional Pulmonology, in particular for treating severe COPD with endobronchial valves to achieve non-surgical lung volume reduction. Hubertus has an MD in human genetics and a PhD in immunobiology and is a Professor in the School of Medicine, University of Adelaide. He enjoys the mix of treating patients, research in the lab as well as clinical, and of course, teaching. Hubertus is passionate about raising the awareness of the health impacts of climate change and is advocating for improved air quality through his role on the board of the Thoracic Society.

Dr Antony Veale

Dr Antony Veale is a respiratory and sleep disorders physician at TQEH and is the visiting Respiratory Physician for the Nganampa Health Council (covering Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands) the Kakarara Wilurara Health Alliance (covering Yalata, Oak Valley and Tjuntjuntjarra). Antony has a PhD from the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population health. His thesis was entitled "Chronic Lung Disease in Australian Aborigines".

Dr Subash Heraganahally

Dr Subash is the director Respiratory & Sleep Medicine at Royal Darwin Hospital, Darwin Private Hospital and Darwin Respiratory and Sleep Health, Darwin. NT. Australia. He is also an Associate Professor at Flinders University College of Medicine and Public Health, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Dr Simone Barry

Dr Simone Barry is a Respiratory and Sleep Physician. She undertook her medical training at University of Newcastle with specialist training undertaken at St Vincent's Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. She completed a clinical fellowship specialising in tuberculosis and Royal Adelaide Hospital before returning to Sydney to complete a PhD in the molecular aspects of tuberculosis. Her clinical practice in Respiratory and Sleep medicine encompasses all aspects of both disciplines with a special interest in tuberculosis, COPD, lung cancer and interstitial lung disease. Simone works at Aboriginal MaariMa Health Service in Broken Hill.

Adrienne Mackenzie

Adrienne has a nursing career spanning 25 years working in variety of settings acute, primary and domiciliary nursing positions in 3 states. What makes work worthwhile is sharing the patient journey and the passion to keep the patient at the centre of all care making decisions.

Adrienne relocated to the Northern Territory in January 2011, it was time to leave the rat race, to work and live alongside Indigenous people. Adrienne is still here twelve years later focusing on chronic disease and health promotion across the age spectrum.

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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