

# ACI Aboriginal Chronic Conditions Network



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**The NSW Agency of Clinical Innovation (ACI) works with clinicians, consumers and managers to design and promote better healthcare for NSW. We provide expertise in service redesign and evaluation, specialist advice on healthcare innovation, initiatives including guidelines and models of care, implementation support and continuous capability building. ACI has over 39 networks that cover a range of clinical areas. Anyone with an interest may join any ACI Network, Institute or Taskforce.**

The newly established Aboriginal Chronic Conditions Network (ACCN) will work to improve the experience and delivery of healthcare for Aboriginal people with chronic conditions in NSW. To achieve this, the ACCN will support the process of evidence-based reform by promoting new initiatives, frameworks and models of care that are identified and developed by clinicians and consumers. It will do this by enhancing and supporting the integration of care for Aboriginal communities accessing chronic care services in NSW in accordance with ACI values.

The ACCN will collaborate to respond to priorities identified by Network members and key stakeholders.

### **Responsibilities / Functions:**

- Draw on the skills and expertise of members to inform the development of evidence-based tools, guidelines and pathways that assist with addressing chronic conditions in Aboriginal communities in NSW.
- To provide a platform to share learnings and best practice in Aboriginal chronic condition initiatives across NSW.
- Identify opportunities to integrate services between mainstream and Aboriginal specific programs.

### **Membership**

Membership to the ACCN is open to anyone with an interest or expertise in Aboriginal chronic care in NSW. We welcome members from community as well as health and social services, government and non-government organisations, and educational institutions. Additional members may be invited to join the ACCN as appropriate to the work plan or agenda.

### **Network Executive**

The Network Executive was established in October 2017, with 15 members from across all parts of NSW and with different clinical expertise and backgrounds. Three quarters of the Executive are Aboriginal people which is crucial in having a diverse Aboriginal perspective in our decision making. The Executive will work together to set the priorities and project work for the Network.

The ACCN may also establish time-limited, task-oriented Working Groups to progress key activities identified by the Network or ACI Executive.

### **How to join**

[www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/networks/join-a-network](http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/networks/join-a-network) or contact via email [ACI-CCAP@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ACI-CCAP@health.nsw.gov.au) for a membership form.

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