



Community Co-ordinated Burn Care (CCBC)

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Facts:

- Health programs delivered through ACCHS have demonstrated high Aboriginal patient engagement and positive health outcomes.
- The NSW State-wide Burn Injury Service provides clinical leadership and expertise in the management of burn injury, promotes best practice in clinical care and education and has successfully completed roughly 430 sessions for approximately 18,500 health practitioners in NSW.

Project Cycle:

2021-2026

Partners:

*NSW State-wide Burn Injury Service
Aboriginal Health and Medical
Research Council*

*The Children's Hospital at Westmead
NSW Rural Doctor's Network
Flinders University*

*National Association of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Health
Workers and Practitioners*

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Background:

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) are well placed to deliver burn prevention and culturally safe first aid and aftercare, however ACCHS have previously not had the opportunity to participate in relevant burn care training despite being in an optimal position to deliver holistic burn care.
- Rates of burn injuries are higher for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, their average stay in hospital is longer and they experience more complications compared to other Australian children.
- For optimum outcomes, the provision of culturally safe co-ordinated health care is crucial for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Aims:

- To partner with ACCHS, build capacity to deliver burn care and strengthen leadership by facilitating a 'hub-and-spoke' model of care co-ordination.
- To close the gap in local burn care prevention, first aid and provision of ongoing burn care.
- To facilitate culturally safe interactions between ACCHS, tertiary burn services and local health services.

Methods:

- An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group guides all components of this project to ensure cultural safety and adherence to local community needs.
- We partnered with ACCHS throughout NSW to tailor the burn training to meet the needs and capacity of each individual service.
- Burn care training, endorsed by the National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners, helps to build capacity of healthcare workers through accumulating Continuing Professional Development hours.
- The program brings together ACCHS, NSW Statewide Burns Injury Service and The Children's Hospital at Westmead to deliver community co-ordinated burn care.

Impact:

- Improved skills among health workers and health practitioners within ACCHS who provide high-quality burn first aid and assess and refer patients for further care at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Strengthened partnership and ongoing collaboration between ACCHS and The Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Increased access to culturally safe and coordinated high-quality ongoing burn care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

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