



Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Health Systems and Workforce program

What is the Program about?

The goal of the Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Health Systems and Workforce Program is to improve the performance of health systems, with a particular focus on comprehensive primary health care services, in order to maximise health gains for Aboriginal people.

The Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) is doing this by working with communities, health care professionals, health service organisations, governments and researchers, in a determined effort to address gaps in knowledge and uptake of evidence critical to providing comprehensive primary health care that improves the health of Aboriginal people.

Why Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Health Systems and Workforce?

To maximise the achievable health gain for Aboriginal people improvements are required across the spectrum of health service delivery including:

- better access to information and uptake of evidence across the health system;
- measurement and improvement of quality of care;
- improved processes for effective interaction with Aboriginal communities;
- development of systems to support Aboriginal governance of health services;
- improved resourcing and efficiency of health services for providing comprehensive primary health care;
- enhanced capacity in the workforce of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health professionals.

The CRCAH is already building a comprehensive body of knowledge addressing these issues; the Comprehensive Primary Health Care, Health Systems and Workforce program will provide a strategic, collaborative framework for bringing together that knowledge, building on it and sharing it in ways that better informs practice and policy, and education agendas.

An integrated approach to health research

The program will use an integrated approach to bring together existing research knowledge and people from across the Aboriginal health sector to share of ideas, questions, skills and resources. To achieve sustainable change we know we must incorporate research transfer activities to ensure that our research gets used and we must support capacity development at the community level, as well as among the workforce and in the research world.

Making sure research makes a difference

CRCAH research is committed to research that is going to make a real difference to the health of Aboriginal people. We involve governments, health services and communities in the research to make sure it is directed towards priorities identified by Aboriginal people and industry partners, and is going to deliver solutions they can use.

There is a network of interested researchers and practitioners where you can get more information and become actively involved in achieving the program outcomes.