REMOTE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE MANUALS
by the user, for the user

A suite of 5 manuals grounded in evidence based practice and the practicalities of the remote context. The manuals are produced with extensive input from health professionals with the ethos of by the user for the user. They cover conditions that are:

- Common or clinically significant in remote practice
- Have different presentations and management issues to those in “mainstream” practice
- Are life-threatening and need emergency management
- Are frightening for practitioners
- Have important public health implications
- Need coordinated standardized care

GOVERNANCE
Strategic direction and oversight is provided through a Governance Committee made up of representatives of the participating organisations: Centre for Remote Health (CRH), Central Australia Rural Practitioners Association (CARPA), Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Alukura and CRANAplus.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE
The Editorial Committee is responsible for:

- Ensuring review processes follow best-practice guideline development principles
- Maintaining the accuracy and quality of the manual content
- Ensuring manual content is context appropriate
- Determining the need for and timing of revisions based on new evidence or practice
- Establishing Editorial Working Groups and supporting them to identify primary reviewers
- Convening Expert Advisor Groups as needed.

EDITORIAL WORKING GROUPS & PRIMARY REVIEWERS

Editorial Working Groups
Editorial Working Groups are formed around content areas and work across the manuals. Their focus is on both the content and the context of the protocols/procedures. They assess recommendations from Primary Reviewers and feedback from Secondary Reviewers.

Primary Reviewers
Primary reviewers are principally content experts but strong preference is given to reviewers who also have expertise in the remote/Indigenous health context. Primary reviewers are familiar with existing guidelines, emerging research and/or expert opinion related to the topic.

SECONDARY REVIEWERS
Secondary reviewers are users of the manuals. Their focus is on the context and implementation of the protocols/procedures, in particular the applicability and practicality for implementation in the remote or Indigenous context.

EXPERT ADVISORY GROUPS
Expert Advisory Groups are established as needed to deal with materials that require substantial change, are complex or are contentious.

PROJECT TEAM
The process is supported by the RPHCM project team, based at the Centre for Remote Health.

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