Supporting clinical governance in Indigenous health: an AHCWA/APHCRI partnership

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Changes in the policy environment, including the Australian Government’s ‘Closing the Gap’ reform agenda, impact significantly on the clinical governance structures required to support quality improvement across the community controlled sector. The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australian (ACHWA) and the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) have entered into a partnership to progress the quality improvement agenda in WA through enhanced clinical governance. This research aims to test a new approach to embedding quality improvement activities within an affiliate supported clinical governance framework to increase health assessments and improve outcomes in ear health, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and smoking. A second project examining regionalisation of the planning and delivery of primary health care services is planned.