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National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands

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Medicines must be administered... in more ways than one!

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- PBS

- Additional PBS listing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Section 100 Supply to Remote Area Aboriginal Health Services

- QUMAX under the 4th Community Pharmacy Agreement

- CTG co-payment relief measure

- QUMAX under the 5th Community Pharmacy Agreement

- Hospital supply of medications/discharge meds
Disjointed system

Identification as being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage

Restricted to eligible prescribers

- Hospital doctors ✗
- General practitioners ? ✗ ✓
- Doctors in Aboriginal Health Services ✓
- Medical specialists ✗ ✓
Guiding Principles for Medication Use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
National Medicines Policy

The National Medicines Policy aims to improve positive health outcomes for all Australians through their access to and wise use of medicines.
• Timely access to the medicines that Australians need, at a cost individuals and the community can afford
• Medicines meeting appropriate standards of quality, safety and efficacy
• Quality use of medicines
• Maintaining a responsible and viable medicines industry.
• Development
• Stakeholder input
• **Funding**
• Adoption by government
• **Inclusion in policy & standards – accreditation for services/pharmacy**
• Implementation
• **Evaluation of Current Systems**
• Education
• **Monitoring**
• Revision of systems to reflect the Guiding Principles
- **Workforce**
  - Designated role
    - Service level
    - Affiliate level
    - National level
  - Education/training for workforce
  - Program development
  - Funding
Policy Recommendation

- Funding and development of a QUM workforce to promote best practice in medication management for prevention, treatment and education about medicines and the conditions they are treating or preventing.

- Assistance with funding & support for the development of the Guiding Principles for Medication Use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

- Adoption of the Guiding Principles for Medication Use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to reform medicines programs for the sector.
How you can stay **connected**: **engaged with** and **informed** with NACCHO into the future
Thank you

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