

ENDING STIs



The project aims to reduce the prevalence and improve management of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) in Indigenous communities in the Central Queensland region. In collaboration with Indigenous communities, we will collect and analyse data from multiple sources to identify hotspots and populations most at risk of STIs and understand what drives STI transmission at a local level. Working with community advisors, we will design, implement and evaluate STI interventions tailored for local communities. This is a 5-year project (2021-2025) funded by an NHMRC grant and led by Professor James Ward from the University of Queensland Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.

Become a Community Advisor

We are inviting community advisors to help us with this project. Our researchers know a lot about STIs, but you are the experts on everything to do with your community.

To join us, you must be:

- 16 years or older
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Living in Central Queensland

You might be a young person, parent or family member, community leader, health or youth worker, or just someone who wants to make a difference. You don't need to know anything about STIs or research. Just bring your enthusiasm and your ideas.

Community advisors will meet with researchers and other advisors about four times per year. Each meeting will last 1-1.5 hours at a suitable time for members of the group. Where possible, these meetings will be held face-to-face with refreshments and videoconference facilities (e.g. Zoom, Teams). If you cannot join a meeting, we can arrange one-to-one meetings with a researcher via phone or videoconference. Come along to a meeting and see what you think. After that if you think you'd like to be involved, we ask that you join us for at least a year. You are also welcome to stay on for the whole project.

Community Advisor Tasks

- Making sure the project is run in a way that is acceptable to your community
- Contributing ideas for advertising the project
- Checking the meaning is clear in study documents and questionnaires
- Promoting the project within your community
- Advising on the best way to recruit people to work or participate in interviews or surveys
- Working with researchers to understand the information being collected
- Helping researchers choose what sexual health services or programs will suit your community
- Helping to report our progress and results to your community

Payment

Community advisor payment is \$80 per hour. Travel time (\$80/hr) will also be paid to individuals travelling greater than one hour in total to and from the meeting location. Travel costs with own vehicle will be reimbursed at ATO rate (72c per km) or travel by public transport reimbursed on submission of receipts.

Training

We want this to be a chance for people to learn more about sexual health and research. Training activities will be provided throughout the project.

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