



## **Aremella Arratyenye-ileme - Doing It Right: Research Knowledge Generation and Translation in Central Australia**

**Why this research is needed:** Historically, research agendas have been imposed on Aboriginal people in central Australia with little or no meaningful exchange of knowledge and understanding. This project will assist Aboriginal community members, health services and Community Controlled Board members to improve their understanding of research processes, benefits and outcomes and be empowered to become equitable partners driving research agendas.

The majority of researchers currently engaged in Aboriginal health research are non-Aboriginal and do not reside in the communities where the research takes place. As a result there is often limited understanding of the context in which Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations operate and central Australian Aboriginal people live. This project will assist researchers engaged in research in central Australia to better understand the context in which they are working and the expectations and responsibilities to community.

**What this research will do:** The overall aim of Doing It Right is to improve research knowledge exchange, generation and translation by creating a shared understanding between researchers and community.

The *Doing It Right* project uses an integrated quality improvement framework, a community-based participatory research methodology and a 'both ways' approach to generate knowledge and shared understanding between Aboriginal community members, Community Controlled Boards and their staff and researchers. Building on the formative work funded by the Lowitja Institute, this extension project will include:

- providing integrated quality improvement tools and associated training to assess current research practices in select remote communities
- extending translation (concept mapping) of key messages from the NHMRCs 'Keeping Research on Track' into plain English and other local language.
- extending the Congress 'Working Together' guideline to outline expectations of research partners when conducting research in Aboriginal communities in central Australia.
- producing multi-media vignettes on research rights, responsibilities and processes in central Australia in local language.

**How this research will be used:** This project will generate research knowledge by and for Aboriginal community and Community Controlled Boards to empower community members in understanding research and its benefits. It will provide practical tools for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and others involved in research to assess, record and monitor research activities to promote good practice and meaningful partnered research to benefit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and their clients.

### **Project details**

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