

## **Abstract Submission – 1.5 hour oral session**

### **Title**

Ask me anything about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health?

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### **Background**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is an urgent priority. As primary healthcare specialists, GPs are at the forefront of providing high quality, comprehensive healthcare in both mainstream practices and Aboriginal and Community Controlled Health Services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience complex health issues and navigating our health system can be complicated. Many GPs and other health practitioners want to provide quality care for their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, but often don't know who to ask for support.

### **Aims**

This panel session provides a safe space for delegates to explore issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, to ask experts critical questions and to seek advice on how to deliver quality care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

### **Method**

Convene a panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GPs and community members to answer participant questions relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and healthcare delivery.

Dr Tim Senior will facilitate the session and delegates will be encouraged to ask the panel members wide-ranging questions, however questions relating to individual patient care or workplace problems may only receive high level responses.

### **Results**

Delegates will enhance their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues and leave more confident and with greater enthusiasm for working in partnership with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

### **Conclusion**

Our expert panel will encourage greater awareness and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues, leading to improved care for patients and communities.