

Our network

We support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP registrars. All Indigenous GP registrars are invited to be a part of IGPRN — it is free to join. IGPRN is working to ensure that we continue to Close the Gap — we believe, as part of the reconciliation process, it is essential that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders play a critical role in the Australian health system.

Our history

The network was formed in 2008 by Indigenous GP registrars who saw that the challenges and opportunities they faced would be better experienced with support from their peers. Today, it continues on in its mission to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP registrars.

Our people

Network Chair – Dr Simone Raye (below) is a GP and Darwin-based medical educator. Simone is a proud Aboriginal woman descendant from the Jabbir Jabbir and Bardi people from the Dampier Peninsula in the Kimberley.

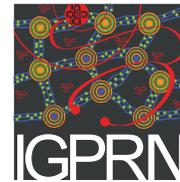
Network patron – Dr Mark Wenitong is the Adjunct Associate Professor at James Cook University School of Tropical Public Health, the Aboriginal Public Health Medical Officer at NACCHO and the Senior Medical Advisor at Apunipima Cape York Health Council. He is from the Kabi Kabi tribal group of South Queensland.

Network patron – Mary Martin resides on Minjerriba in the Quandamooka region. She helped establish and still works for the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council and received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2007 National Excellence Awards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. Mary is one of two Indigenous nominees to the Queensland Health Minister's Rural Health Advisory Council.



IGPRN

Indigenous General Practice Registrars Network (IGPRN) is a network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP registrars.



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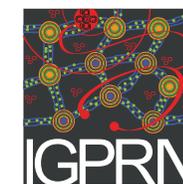
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Peer networking

The support of Indigenous peers during your time as a GP registrar can make a big impact on your experience; we aim to better connect Indigenous GP registrars with their peers.

IGPRN can connect you with other Indigenous GP registrars on the pathway to Fellowship — networking can be once-off or ongoing.

Support can be provided face-to-face or online and can include peer-support and exam study groups. Through formal and informal means, IGPRN members support each other by sharing their experiences and knowledge.

Mentoring

IGPRN can connect you with Indigenous GP Fellows who are interested in either mentoring or providing study support — mentoring can be face-to-face or online.

If you are an Indigenous GP Fellow interested in mentoring, supporting clinical education or assisting with exam workshop activities, please contact us.

Other opportunities

From time to time, IGPRN is funded to run once-off special programs for our members — in the past, these programs have included targeted educational events, individual tutoring, free educational materials and other supports.

Members of the network are kept informed of these special opportunities as they arise — join us today.

“Indigenous General Practice Registrars Network (IGPRN) allowed me to connect with colleagues, friends and family on the same journey, and we were able to learn from each other as we worked towards Fellowship.”
— Dr Marjad Page



Get involved

If you are interested in any of the network's supports, please email igprn@igprn.org.au

Bi-annual workshop

Each year, IGPRN holds two national workshops — all Indigenous GP registrars are invited to attend.

At the workshop you will have the opportunity to:

- participate in exam preparation, including sitting practice exams in exam conditions
- connect peer-to-peer with other Indigenous GP registrars
- be mentored by Indigenous Fellows
- undertake professional development
- undertake medical education
- complete accredited courses (for example, advanced life support)
- network with peers, Fellows and practices
- attend social events.

Indigenous GP Fellows are welcome to join and provide support, mentorship and present at the workshops.

Training and employment advocacy

IGPRN can assist you if you need advice, or if you run into any issues during the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program.

We can provide advocacy on your behalf, provide advice on training or employment issues and liaise with your Regional Training Organisation (RTO) or medical College.

We provide a network of people who advocate for you, understand what you are going through, and can help you through any issues you encounter during your GP training.

Partnerships

Through collaborative partnerships with other organisations, IGPRN can connect you with exciting opportunities during GP training. We aim to improve your experience by working with these organisations:

- Australian Indigenous Doctors Association
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Department of Health
- General Practice Registrars Australia
- General Practice Supervisors Australia
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and regional affiliates
- Regional Training Organisations and the Remote Vocational Training Scheme.



“IGPRN understood me and what I was going through. I felt well supported and guided for the first time...they helped me get across the line for my Fellowship exams and provided me with mentors, study groups and workshops.”
— Dr Sam Olliver