



South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program: The Aboriginal Health Council of SA Project

Reducing diabetes-related foot complications in Aboriginal people through embedding best practice care into existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) systems.

Aim of the project

To improve Aboriginal diabetes-related foot outcomes through the provision of targeted systems improvement in South Australian ACCHS and through the delivery of best practice foot care for clients with diabetes accessing services through these ACCHS.

Key SA strategies being addressed through the AHCSA project:

- Implement culturally appropriate early detection foot programs
- Implement a standardised approach to assessment and risk stratification
- Increase access to culturally appropriate and practical preventative self-care foot education
- Develop and monitor local and state-wide referral and clinical care pathways
- Embed/link the standardised screening and assessment tools into existing Patient Information Management Systems
- Embed training and support programs
- Strengthen local capacity through a network of champions/ambassadors

Objectives:

- Work with and complement existing ACCHS chronic disease systems of care
- Build capabilities of existing ACCHS workforce in the prevention, screening and assessment of diabetes related foot disease
- Implement a standardised approach to assessment and risk stratification in ACCHS including the use of telehealth to enable this
- Embed diabetes foot care and referral pathways into existing ACCHS clinical systems

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