



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program: South Australia

Strategy & Implementation Plan Summary

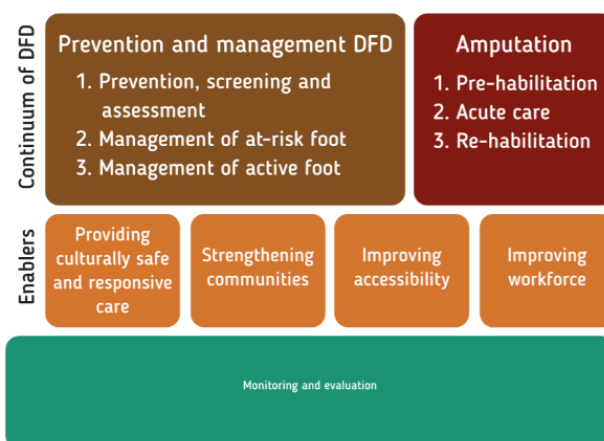
South Australia committed to a state-wide implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program and a longer term planning approach through the development of a 5-year [Aboriginal Diabetes-related Foot Disease \(DFD\) Strategy](#) and an implementation plan for the current funding period. The Aboriginal Chronic Disease Consortium, auspiced by the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), led the planning phase and coordinates the implementation of six collaborative projects.

Overview of the Strategy

The state-wide strategy identifies six key target areas across the continuum of diabetes-related foot disease and amputation, underpinned by four enablers to ensure cultural safety, workforce capacity, community empowerment and increasing access to specialist care.

A comprehensive approach to monitoring and evaluation ensures that outcomes can be measured at the end of the current implementation period, and it enables reflection on trends and achievements across the strategies and enablers along the way.

Components of the SA Diabetes-related Foot Disease (DFD) Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People



Collaboration and Governance

Coordination of the South Australian implementation is provided through the Consortium's Coordination Centre, and high-level oversight is provided through the Consortium's governance structure. Advice on the effective and timely delivery of the six South Australian projects, state-wide oversight and support for operational collaboration is enabled through a Diabetes-related Foot Complications Advisory Group and Operational Group.

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Implementation Plan overview

Six projects were funded based on an expression of interest (EOI) process and assessment through a panel of experts. Aligned with the target areas of the strategy, and with a demonstrated commitment to Aboriginal engagement and collaboration across the continuum of care, the six projects resemble a coordinated, state-wide approach, which will improve diabetes-related foot health outcomes for Aboriginal people, particularly in rural and remote South Australia.

Overview of projects

	Name of project	Lead organisation	Target areas of SA
1	Reducing diabetes-related foot complications in Aboriginal people across South Australia through embedding best practice care into existing ACCHS systems.	Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia	Metropolitan Adelaide, regional and remote SA
2	Look at me! Diabetes foot education, early intervention and ongoing support for community and health providers in rural and remote communities'	University of SA	State-wide (SA Health and ACCHOs)
3	Eyre and Far North Foot Health Alliance	Rural Support Service, SA Health	Eyre and Far North Local Health Network
4	A continuity-of-care approach to improving outcomes for diabetes-related foot complications in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: The role of telehealth and improved amputation care pathways	Central Adelaide Local Health Network	State-wide
5	Northern Model of Care: Prevention and Management of Diabetic Foot Disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network	Northern areas of Adelaide including Gawler
6	"Listen, Act, Make better together" The southern foot stomp project.	Southern Adelaide Local Health Network	Southern area of Adelaide including Mt Gambier

Project 1: Aims to improve Aboriginal diabetes-related foot outcomes through the provision of targeted systems improvement in South Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and through the delivery of best practice foot care for clients with diabetes.

Project 2: Aims to develop, implement and evaluate a workforce program that includes foot education, early intervention and ongoing support.

Project 3: Aims to develop a Foot Health Alliance of rural and remote health care providers as a foundation for collaborative projects/programs such as; Health care provider education on foot risk assessment, identification of at-risk feet and appropriate and timely consultation with and/or referral to next level care.

Project 4: Aims to implement a sustainable model of telehealth to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with DRFCs by supporting community health providers in order to reduce lower limb amputations.

Project 5: Aims to develop and implement a model of primary care that support Aboriginal people to access culturally responsive and timely care to prevent and reduce the risk of amputation

Project 6: Aims to increase access to culturally responsive preventative and proactive foot programs by engaging with community and key stakeholders to develop a Southern Adelaide Local health Network 'Aboriginal Wellbeing Model for Feet' and promote feet becoming 'everybody's business'.