



South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diabetes-related Foot Complications Program: The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network project 'Our Mob, Our Footprints'

Aim of the project

Aims to increase access to culturally responsive foot health services across the primary, secondary and tertiary programs by identifying current models or care pathways and building workforce capacity and engaging with community and key stakeholders to develop a NALHN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Model for Foot Health and Wellbeing and promote feet becoming 'everyone's business'.

Key SA strategies being addressed via the NALHN project

- Implement culturally appropriate early detection foot health programs
- Implement a standardised approach to assessment and risk stratification, de-escalation and stabilisation care.
- Embed training and support programs that enable Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal health workforce to further develop competency (appropriate to clinical scope) in the prevention, screening and assessment of diabetes related foot disease and in managing the at-risk foot.
- Strengthen local capacity through a network of Foot health champions within health services/or community through a designated role of diabetes and feet.

Objectives

- Identify within the existing services the current gaps and barriers to ensuring evidence based and patient centred care and developing a plan to reducing these.
- Implement a standardised approach to assessment, foot care education, risk stratification and escalation across SA Health, non-government and Medicare funded primary care in the North.
- Build the capabilities of the existing primary care workforce in the prevention, screening, assessment and education, inclusive of managing the at-risk foot with appropriate escalation and de-escalation of care pathways.

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