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Cultural Safety Training to help Close the Gap

An online database of cultural safety training options for professionals and organisations involved in Aboriginal health is a step closer. Cultural safety training is designed to overcome cultural barriers to Aboriginal patient's health needs being met.

The peak body for Aboriginal health, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) hosted a meeting in Melbourne to begin work on NACCHO's standards for cultural safety training and the architecture of the data base.

Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of NACCHO said, "The aim is that information on cultural safety training is easily accessible and relevant to all GPs, pharmacists, specialists and other health workers and that high quality cultural safety training is acknowledged by our Sector".

"The online Cultural Training Inventory will be a useful tool for health professionals who are required to undertake cultural safety training as part of being involved in the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package and the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program.

"The inventory would allow all Aboriginal health services and the wider health community to search for accessible and validated cultural training opportunities", Mr Mohamed said.

Organisations that are in support of this project include:

- The Department of Health and Ageing
- the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners,
- the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and
- the Pharmacy Guild of Australia

It is envisaged that both the project reference group and support for this project will grow as the project gains momentum.

NACCHO is the peak body for Aboriginal health representing over 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services nationwide.

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