

RESEARCH PROJECTS: MATERNAL, ADOLESCENT & CHILD HEALTH

Research Vision:

In partnership with our communities, lead a research agenda which improves health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, empowers people to reach their full potential and strengthen research and researcher capacity and capability.

Evaluation of the Baby One Program (BOP) 2019 – 2021.

PHN Funded.

Aim: To review the BOP for how the intent and principles of the program has been upheld and its effectiveness in giving baby the best start in life by providing a comprehensive health worker and midwife/child health nurse team approach to supporting families and women to achieve optimal health.

Principal Investigator: Yvonne Cadet-James, Apunipima

Partnership: Apunipima, Charles Darwin University, Coopkins Analytics.

Peer Delivered early intervention for infants at high risk of cerebral palsy/ neurodevelopmental disability in Indigenous Australians. Dates TBC

Private Funding Source

Aim: To determine efficacy of peer to peer multi-domain early intervention on motor outcomes; Determine efficacy of peer-delivered multi-domain intervention culturally adapted early interventions; Implement early detection of Indigenous infants at high risk of CP/NDD through targeted training of health and other professionals.

Principal Investigator: Dr Katherine Benfer, University of Queensland



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Meaning and Experience of Pregnancy Loss amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. 2019 – 2023.

The Centre for Research Excellence in Stillbirth Funded.

Aim: To understand the meaning and experience of pregnancy loss by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Principal Investigator: Dr Susan Vlack, University of Queensland. Cairns and Hinterland Health Service, Apunipima, QAIHC

Paving the way to affordable health care for Indigenous Adolescents 2019 – 2021

Hot North Funding

Aim: To understand the health priorities and needs of Indigenous Adolescents and how these needs can be met by primary health care.

Principal Investigator: Dr Peter Azzopardi, Partnership with South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI)
Apunipima Chief Investigators, Dr Mark Wenitong, Professor Yvonne Cadet-James

North Qld Diabetes in Pregnancy Partnership Project 2017 - 2020

NHMRC Funded

Aim: to improve delivery of services for pregnant women with diabetes and their families and to explore the effect of diabetes during pregnancy concerning the ongoing health of the mothers and their babies.

Principal Investigator: A/Professor Louise Maple-Brown; Apunipima Chief Investigator Dr Mark Wenitong
Partnership with Menzies School of Health Research



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Kimberley Mums' Mood Scale (KMMS) 2017 – 2020

NHMRC Funded

Aim: Validate the KMMS tool for use with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women during and after pregnancy to screen for anxiety and depression.

Principal Investigator: Professor David Atkinson; Apunipima Chief Investigators Dr Mark Wenitong, Professor Yvonne Cadet-James and Ms Johanna Neville Partnership with Rural Clinical School, University of Western Australian

Women, Mums & Bubs (WOMB) Project 2018 – 2022

NHMRC Funded

Aim: Women's Action for Mum and Bubs A pragmatic trial of participatory women's groups working with service delivery organisations to improve Indigenous maternal and child health

Principal Investigators: Professor Sarah Larkins and A/Professor Catrina Felton-Busch; Apunipima Chief Investigator Prof Yvonne Cadet-James Partnership with James Cook University

Maternity Service Integration Project. 2019 – 2020.

QAIHC Funded

Aim: To define the place-based approach of maternal health integration activities in participating member services in the Cairns and Hinterland Health Service (CHHS).

Principal Investigator: Dr Lucy Morris, Queensland Health.

