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Articles of interest

Indigenous social exclusion to inclusion: Case Studies on Indigenous nursing leadership in four high income countries

This international study was undertaken by Indigenous nurse academics from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and USA. This paper highlights that the nursing profession has a key allyship role to play in supporting and promoting health outcomes for Indigenous people.

The Kaupapa Maori case study methodology was used to bring together several themes to illustrate how Indigenous nurses have provided nursing leadership to redress colonial injustices; contribute to models of care and enhance the Indigenous workforce. Identified case studies highlighted five strategic areas where Indigenous nurses provide strong leadership to influence health outcomes for Indigenous people. The work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Services, and the establishment of nursing curriculum standards which mandate that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' history, culture and health is taught as a discrete subject were highlighted.

Ensuring the work of Indigenous nurses and midwives is visible must be a key focus to support the development of strategic approaches for the improvement of health outcomes, workforce expansion and implementation of new care models.

[Find out more](#)

A critical care pandemic staffing framework in Australia (2020).

Pandemics are unpredictable with the impact on intensive care resources often significant and requiring modification of service delivery. Having an appropriately skilled ready-to-go workforce is a major challenge with the planning data

estimating an additional 42720 nurses and 4092 senior medical staff may have been required during Australia's peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Critical Care Pandemic Staffing Working Party utilised a modified consensus approach to develop 60 recommendations which will help to inform multidisciplinary workforce capacity expansion planning within critical care environments. Although these recommendations were developed in the COVID-19 pandemic context the anticipation is that they can be adapted to any critical care surge environment.

[Find out more](#)

Models of remote professional supervision for psychologists in rural and remote locations: A systematic review.

Less than 8% of the Australian psychology workforce are estimated to be practicing within a geographically rural or remote area. This presents many challenges for the psychology workforce due to the structure of psychology post-graduate training and the absence of clinical placements in undergraduate degrees.

Although remote supervision has been a mainstay within the medical profession for several years, it is a relatively new initiative for the psychology profession. As remote supervision has been identified as a strategy for increasing the rural and remote health workforce this study sought to identify models of professional supervision currently in place for psychologists and develop an understanding of the remote supervision experiences of psychologists currently practicing within rural and remote Australia.

Current evidence suggests that for a remote model of supervision to be efficacious, it would need to be holistic and include mentoring, teaching, education, and supervision. Future research is needed to ensure models of remote supervision are purpose built for the psychology workforce and draw from the learnings of medicine.

[Find out more](#)

What influences nurses' decision to work in rural and remote settings? A systematic review and meta-synthesis of qualitative research.

Through a systematic review and thematic synthesis this paper provides an insight into the influencing factors that impact a nurses' decision to work in rural and remote locations. With multiple influencing factors identified, the paper developed Mackay's 3P Model to explore the complex interplay between person/al, profession/al and place related dimensions of rural and remote nursing.

The literature review from 6 countries recognises that recruitment and retention issues arise as remote populations are smaller, more isolated, and more highly dispersed. A limitation of the current literature is that many experiences noted by nurses are at a single point in time and further research is needed to understand experience over time.

Recommendations for policy makers include incorporating identified influences into recruitment approaches and marketing material.

[Find out more](#)

Effect of a Birthing on Country service redesign on maternal and neonatal health outcomes for First Nations Australians: a prospective non-randomised, interventional trial.

Seeking to redress unacceptable maternal and infant health disparities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Mater Hospital, Brisbane collaborated with two Aboriginal Community-controlled health services to create a Birthing in Our Community Service (BIOC). This study compared results over a 5-year period from 1422 participants, split into a standard care group and a BIOC group.

Results from the study have shown the clinical effectiveness of the BIOC Service with women in the BIOC more likely to attend 5 or more antenatal appointments, less likely to have a pre-term birth, and more likely to exclusively breastfeed on discharge.

This BIOC service was underpinned by Birthing on Country Principles with recommendations for widespread scale-up of similar services to be prioritised. Dedicated funding, knowledge translation, and implementation science are all needed to ensure these services are accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Events

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference Virtual Conference 2021

07 September 2021

Online

[Find out more](#)

The Herston Health Precinct Symposium

06 - 10 September 2021

Brisbane

[Find out more](#)

International Conference on Family Nursing and Healthcare

25 October 2021

Brisbane or Virtual

[Find out more](#)

Food for thought

Health Professional Student Placements and Workforce Location Outcomes: Protocol of an Observational Cohort Study

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7843200/>

Nursing resilience interventions - A way forward in challenging healthcare territories

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/jocn.15276>

Professionalism and professional identity of our future doctors

<https://medicaldeans.org.au/md/2021/02/Professionalism-and-professional-identity-of-our-future-doctors-2021-FEB.pdf>

PODCAST: Improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients

<https://soundcloud.com/ahhapodcast/improving-health-outcomes-for-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-patients>

Allied Health in Australia and its role in Palliative Care.

<https://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/Portals/0/Engagement-Project/Allied-health-in-Australia-and-its-role-in-palliative-care.pdf>

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