

A TEACHING RESOURCE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKERS

The Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) is pleased to launch the free online education resource ‘Taking care of skin: How to recognise and respond to skin health issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.’

This set of online modules has been developed by specialist dermatologists following consultation with Aboriginal Health Care Workers to help provide a foundation for dealing with a range of skin health issues. As the primary health care providers, Aboriginal Health Care Workers have a heavy work load and much responsibility.

Dr Andrew Miller, President of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) says: “These modules were developed by the ACD using Australian Government funding. They are a great step forward for providing free education about skin conditions that are most commonly experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.”

Dr Clare Tait, dermatologist on the College Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee says: “It has been great to use my experience working with rural and remote communities to help formulate education on how to best serve the needs of these communities. I hope all Aboriginal Health Care Workers will find these modules useful and that they will help them to further develop their skills and knowledge in managing skin conditions.”

The course is made up of nine topics as per below:

- Skin basics
- Fungal and bacterial infections
- Animal and insect bites
- Scabies
- Skin cancers
- Eczema
- Skin examination
- When to refer to a General Practitioner
- How to educate clients about skincare.

Last year, the ACD also released its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which outlines the steps that the College will make to work towards reconciliation and improved outcomes in skin health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Dr Miller says: “The ACD also acknowledges the barriers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders face in the healthcare system. We have a responsibility to make skincare accessible to all Australians.”

Links to further information

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker modules](#)

[Reconciliation Action Plan](#)



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The ACD is the peak medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council for the training and professional development of medical practitioners in the specialty of dermatology. They provide authoritative information about dermatology to Government, the media, other health professionals and the general public.

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