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Indigenous Health - & It's Contradictions

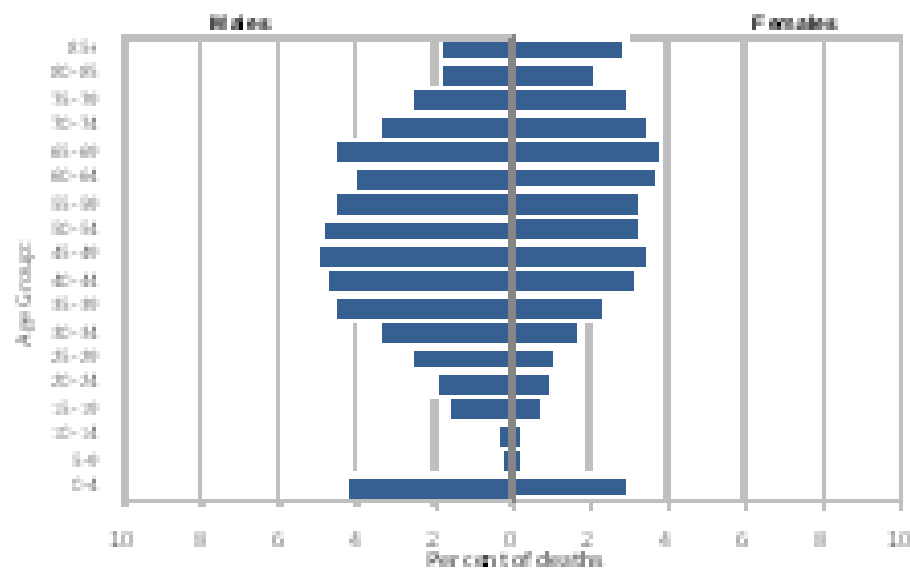
- Burden of Disease
- Being Indigenous a Risk Factor
- Professor Fiona Stanley - 2003 Australian of the Year



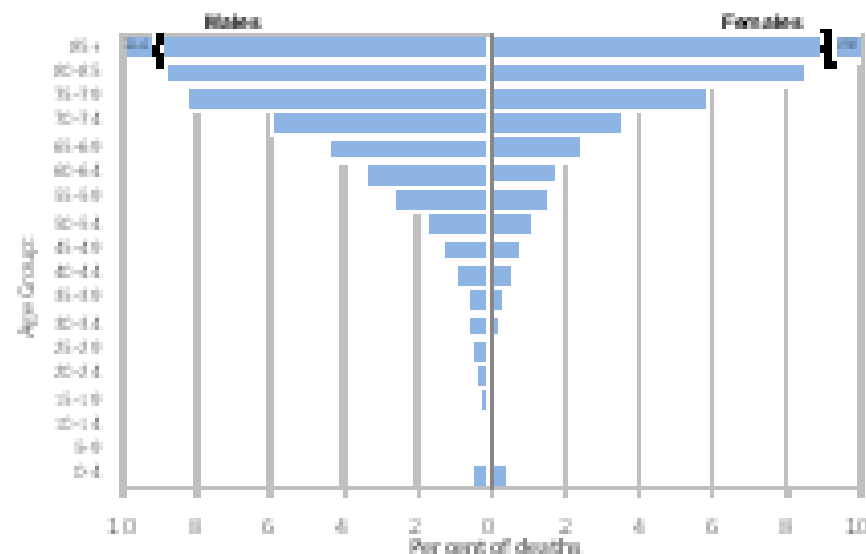


Mortality rates by age group and sex by Indigenous status, Qld, WA, SA and NT, 2002–2006

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



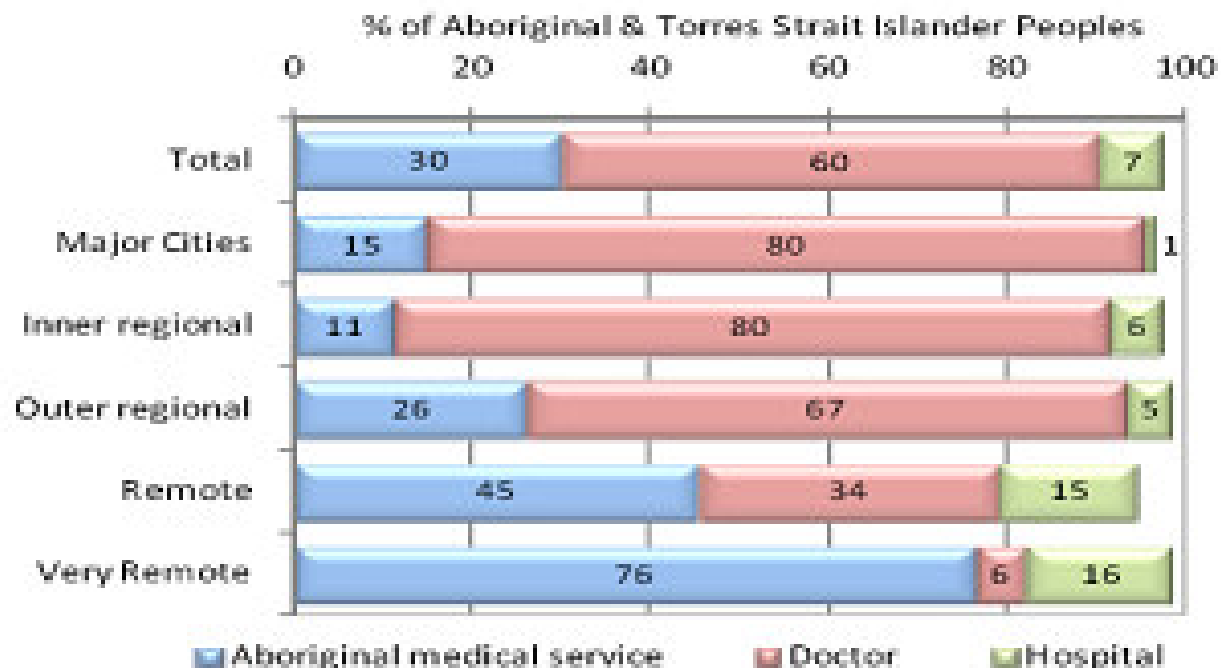
Non-Indigenous



Source: AIHW analysis of National Mortality Database



Access to health services, by remoteness area, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2004-05



Source: ABS and AIHW analysis of 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey

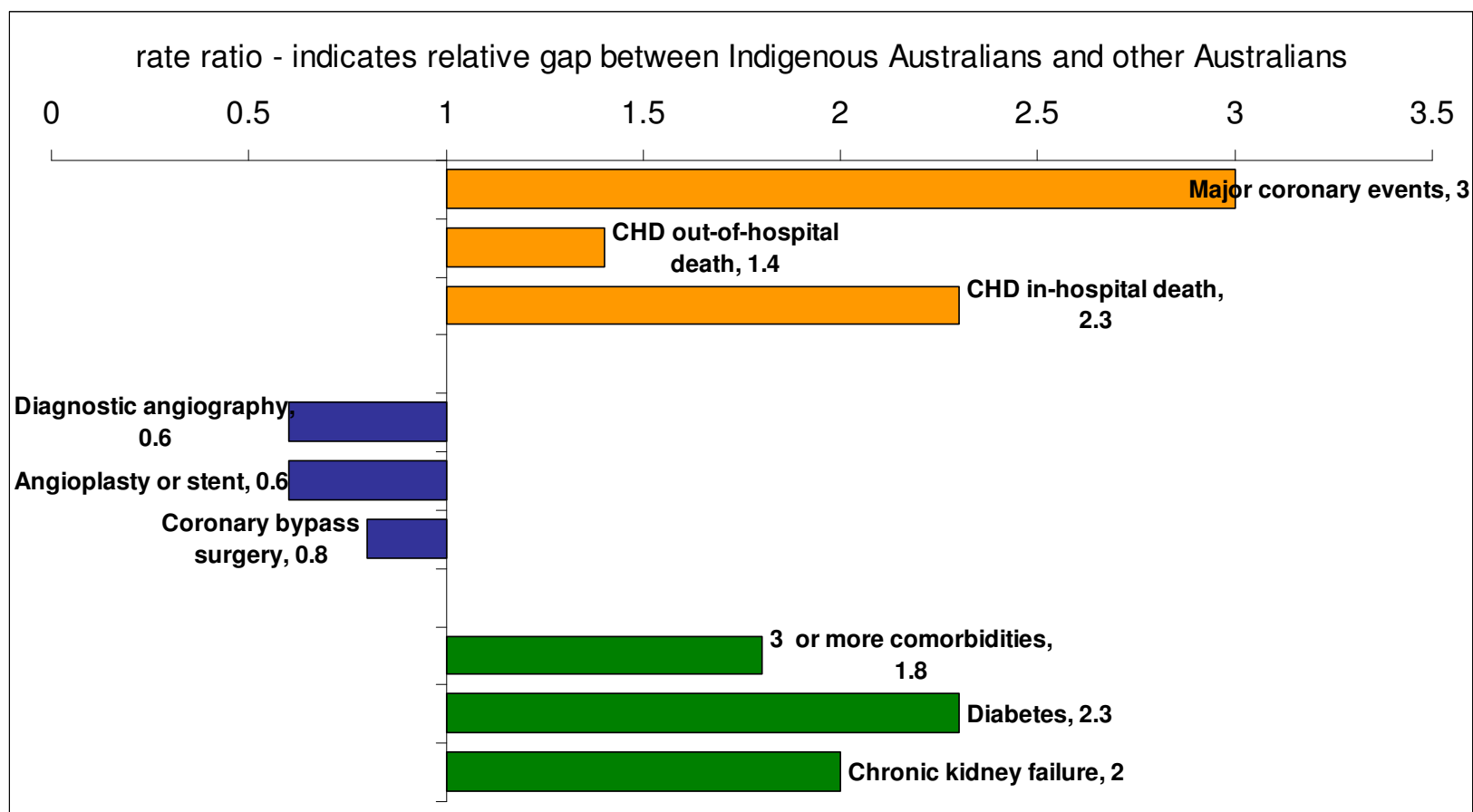


Access to care

- Despite significant worse health status, Indigenous Australians access MBS & PBS funded care at a lower rate than their non- Indigenous counterparts.
- Per person MBS expenditure is just over half that of other Australians at 58%
- For PBS the figure is 60%



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have higher rates of death & co-morbidities, and receive less procedures



Source: AIHW, Mathur S, Moon L & Leigh S Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people with coronary heart disease: further perspectives on health status & treatment. 2006



Indigenous Health Sector Response:

- 2005 - Health Inequalities Report - Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission.
 - 2006 Collaboration of NGO's
 - 2007 Confirmation of Close the Gap Campaign
 - 2007 Engage support
 - 2008 Culminated into Prime Minister & Opposition Leader signing of the “*Statement of Intent*”
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Council of Australian Governments (COAG): Context

- 13th February 2008 - Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples by the Australian Prime Minister
 - 20th March 2008 - Prime Minister & key stakeholders sign *Statement of Intent* at National Indigenous Health Equality Summit
 - July 2008 - National Indigenous Health Equality Council Formed
 - 2nd October - COAC signs first National Partnership Agreement
 - 29th November 2008 - COAG agrees to major Indigenous Reform investment across health, education, housing & employment
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Council of Australian Governments (COAG): Context cont.

- All Governments have now signed the *National Partnership agreements on Indigenous outcomes* which commits \$1.6 billion over four years consisting of:
 - \$805.5 million from the **Commonwealth**
 - \$771.5 million from **States & Territories**
- The Australian Governments contribution is the *Indigenous Chronic Disease Pack*





National Indigenous Reform Agreement


COAG - Building Blocks

- **Early Childhood**
 - **Education**
 - **Health**
 - **Economic Participation**
 - **Healthy Homes**
 - **Safe Communities**
 - **Governance & Leadership**
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National Indigenous Reform Agreement

COAG - Building Blocks - Health


- **November 2008**
 - **COAG \$1.6 billion**
 - **Target to close the life expectancy gap within a generation**
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National Indigenous Reform Agreement

HEALTH

5 Priority Areas

- **Tackling Smoking**
 - **PHC Service that can deliver**
 - **Improving Patient Journey**
 - **Healthy transition to Adulthood**
 - **Indigenous health everyone's business**
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HEALTH

- **Indigenous Chronic Disease Package**
 - **\$805.5 million – Australian Govt.**
 - 1. Tackling CD risk factors**
 - 2. CD management & follow up**
 - 3. Workforce expansion & support**
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Investment into the Australian General Practice Network

- **Political / Policy Backdrop**
 - **Practice – Implementation**
 - **Access to > 22,000 GP's**
 - **Conviction**
 - **Further model development**
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CTG Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Health Care


Investment

- **Current Network Capacity**
 - **At least 80 FTE Indigenous Health Project Officers**
 - **At least 80 FTE Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Officers**
 - **Tobacco & Healthy Lifestyle**
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CTG Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Health Care


Objectives

- **Increase Access**
 - **Capacity of GP's to deliver**
 - **Uptake of Specific MBS Items**
 - **Self Identify**
 - **Understanding of CTG Measures**
 - **GP's & Indigenous Health Sector relationship**
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CTG Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Health Care

Expected Outcomes

- **Expanded health workforce**
 - **133,000 additional health checks**
 - **400,000 additional chronic disease management services**
 - **More than 300,000 episodes of allied health care services**
 - **110,000 additional episodes of specialist care**
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Indigenous Health Network

- **SBO Indigenous Health Project Officers**
 - **SBO Management / Support staff**
 - **AGPN Cross Program Engagement**
 - **National Touch Point**
 - **Policy Development**
 - **Shared Capacity**
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In Summary

- **Political / Policy / Investment is positive**
 - **Specific Initiatives to engage Network**
 - **Implementation mode**
 - **Recognise and validate principles of practice**
 - **Help shape health systems to match need**
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