Indigenous people have the poorest health in Australia compared to any other cultural group. This fact is evident and persistent regardless of whether Indigenous people live in urban, rural or remote communities. Since 2008 there has been a national partnership agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous health outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The governments’ health reform agenda stipulates that evidenced based policy is to be developed to improve outcomes. Though this strategy is highly commended it raises questions for Indigenous health researchers, practitioners and professionals such as: who decides what evidence produced by research should inform policy? Should an Indigenous led and developed research agenda be prioritised to inform policy and programs to bring about change?

This symposium brings together some of Australia’s leading Indigenous practitioners, professionals and researchers to discuss the different dimensions and complexity of Indigenous health research. We will hear speakers discuss community led health research, culturally based health service delivery and the implications of Indigenous led research for policy and practice. They will also address the complexity of knowledge sharing, capacity building, partnerships and developing Indigenous research methodologies.

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