NACCHO Antimicrobial Stewardship Academy

Embedding First Nations leadership into medicines stewardship

The Academy is not simply teaching antimicrobial stewardship to First Nations communities—it is reshaping antimicrobial stewardship through First Nations leadership

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National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Why AMS Needs More Than Clinical Knowledge

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- Evidence-based prescribing
- Cultural safety
- Community trust
- Partnership
- Respect for First Nations knowledge



The Origin Story of the Academy
From recognising a gap... to building a movement

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- **Australia's challenge**
  - Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is disproportionately high in remote Australia.
  - Despite this, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care were largely absent from Australia's National AMR Strategies.
  - Clinicians working in remote communities had limited opportunities for AMS education, leadership and advocacy.

The response

- **The HOT NORTH Antimicrobial Academy**
  - Created in 2021 to:
    - Build workforce capability
    - Develop local stewardship leaders
    - Democratise antimicrobial stewardship knowledge
    - Support Indigenous and remote clinicians to become advocates for change

Today

- **The NACCHO AMS Academy**
  - A nationally led Academy that places:
    - First Nations leadership
    - Community-controlled health
    - Cultural safety
    - Self-determination
    - Two-way learning at the centre of antimicrobial stewardship



Self-determination Through Education

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Nothing about us without us.

- First Nations faculty
- Community voices
- Two-way learning
- Ways of knowing, being and doing

Reframing the Conversation

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First Nations Australians are a priority population—not a vulnerable population.

Gold Standard Care

- Evidence-based
- Best practice
- No compromises

Priority Population

- Proactive
- Equitable
- Supported

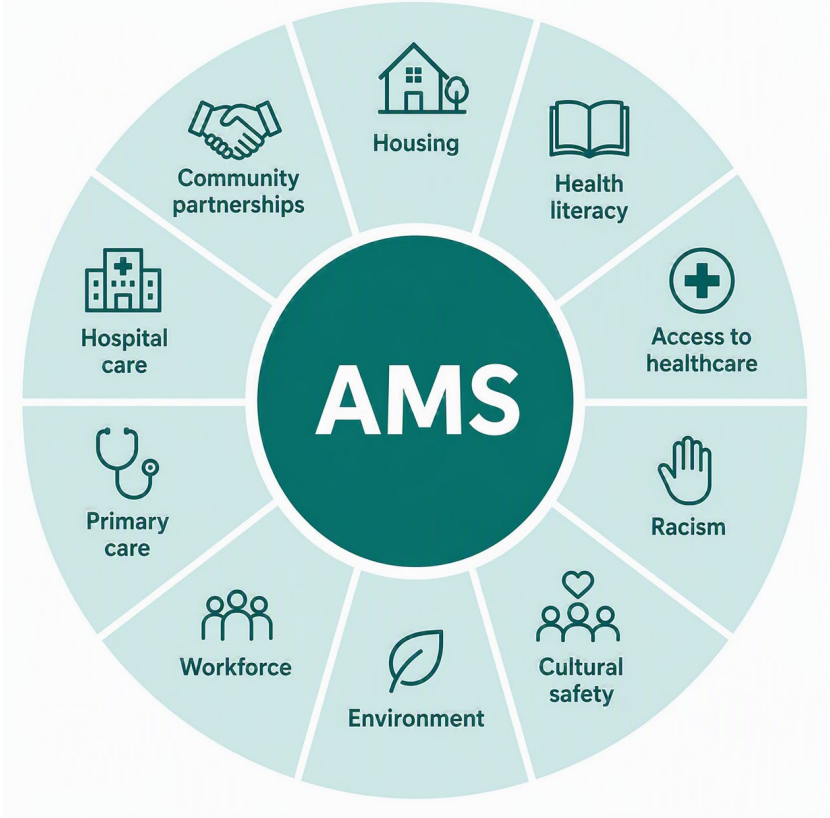
Strengths Based Discourse

- Avoid labels
- Recognise strengths
- Celebrate resilience

AMS is More Than Antibiotics

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- Housing
- Health literacy
- Access
- Cultural safety
- Racism
- Community partnerships



What Success Looks Like

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- ✓ Safer prescribing
- ✓ Better medicines use
- ✓ Stronger partnerships
- ✓ First Nations leadership
- ✓ Health equity
- ✓ Sustainable workforce



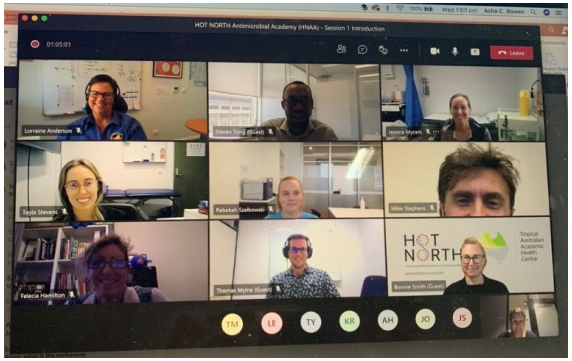






















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Thank You

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Safer use starts with all of us

The NACCHO AMS Academy demonstrates that medicines stewardship is strongest when scientific evidence and community knowledge work together.

Together we can create stewardship that is clinically excellent, culturally safe and community led.