



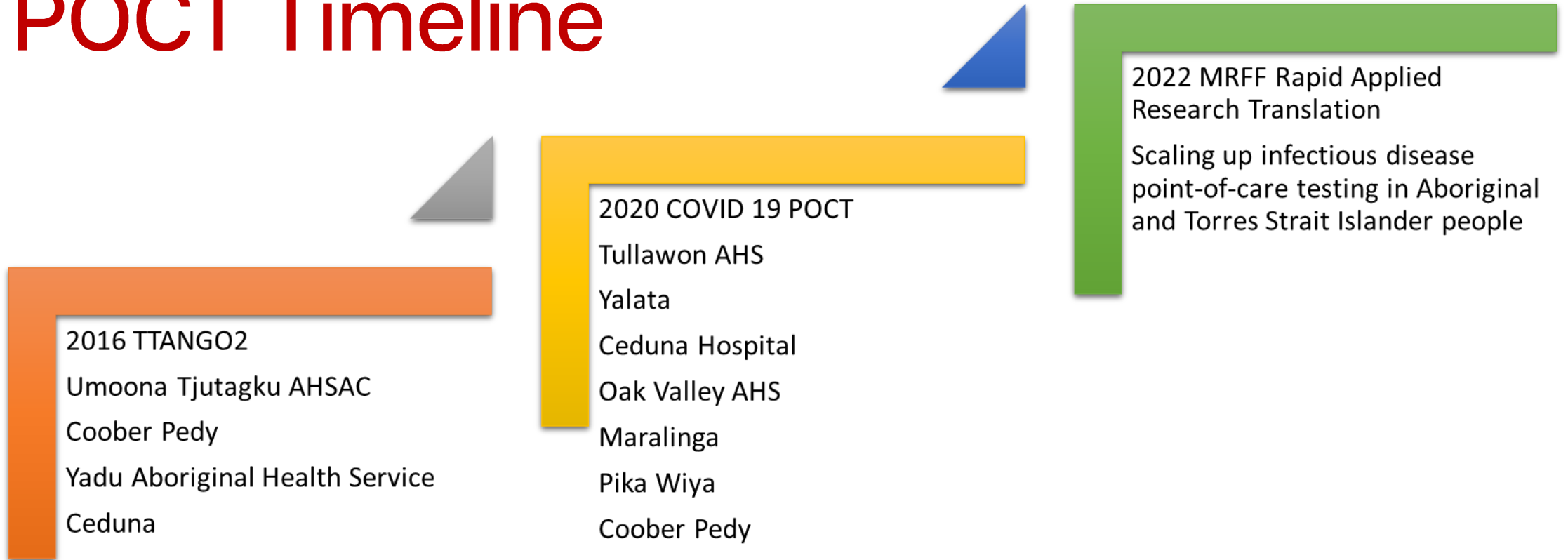
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Aboriginal Health worker experiences of PocT in rural and remote S.A

Who are we?



AHCSA's Sexual Health POCT Timeline



Models that work

- Annual 6 week screen
- Capacity increase
- Utilizing the machine to maximum potential
- Follow ups

Pika Wiya Health Service (Port Augusta)

- **Length and time as a Health worker** – Over 10 years in various roles, mainly focusing in Women's health – which includes sexual health
- **How did you become and operator and Why?** – Steph identified a gap in the cultural competence to Genexpert PocT at her Health service. Which allows Better communication from testing to clients.
- **What does PocT mean for you?** – Quicker services, quicker testing , trust building as an Aboriginal person being the face of the service provided, further relationship building as clients know what you are doing and more inclined to return.



Pros and cons of PoCT –

Its builds trust with clients and the community
The testing is a free service

Clients not wanting to know results *

*in regards to COVID clients (transients) not wanting to know results as to not getting isolated for period of time.

What would you like to see happen in PoCT and what would be helpful?

Capacity, more staff trained

Full time operator

Models of operation – 1 or 2 day clinic of PoCT a week/month

Yadu Health service (Ceduna)

Length of time as a Health worker – 36 years in Gov Admin and Career change in 2016 to pursue being an Aboriginal Health Practitioner.

How did you become and operator and Why? – Watching other people using it, also her name got put down on the list to be an operator.

What does PocT mean for you? – Having PocT means early detection of infections, people treated quickly, education to clients about infections, lessen overall infection transmissions in community and contact tracing.



Pros and cons of PocT

Quick results

Speedy diagnosis

Maintenance issues and that its another thing to maintain

Cleaning issues per operator

What would you like to see happen in PocT and what would be helpful?

More people trained and stay as operators

Knowing how do deal with smaller maintenance issues

If the machine could be transported around to different communities

