

Title: Overcoming the "Post Code Lottery" through telehealth: Queensland Virtual Early Medical Termination of Pregnancy Service (QVEMTOPS)

Abstract:

Women, girls, and pregnant people in Queensland currently encounter a significant barrier when it comes to accessing termination of pregnancy services, often referred to as a "post-code lottery." This challenge is especially pronounced for those in priority communities, including First Nations women and girls, individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those living with disabilities, transgender and gender-diverse people, and residents of rural and remote areas.

Queensland Virtual Early Medical Termination of Pregnancy Service (QVEMTOPS) was established in April 2025 in direct response to the needs articulated within the QLD Women and Girls' Health Strategy 2032 and the Termination of Pregnancy Action Plan 2032. We are pleased to announce our intention to present at the Australasian Sexual & Reproductive Health Conference 2025, where we will share key insights into the establishment of this service, its care pathways, and specific initiatives designed to improve access for priority groups. The conference offers a valuable forum for ongoing co-design, collaboration, and the exchange of feedback with colleagues and stakeholders.

We respectfully request your consideration of our abstract submission for the presentation of the first publicly funded virtual early medical termination of pregnancy service in Australia.