

SEXUAL AGENCY, RISK AND VULNERABILITY: YOUNG INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS' SEXUAL HEALTH.

Reflecting on primary research conducted in Central Australia, and a review of qualitative research examining factors affecting young Indigenous Australians' sexual health, this paper highlights the profoundly social nature of young Indigenous people's sexual lives. We discuss efforts made by some young Indigenous Australians to exert control their sexual lives, mitigate risk and maintain their sexual health, and identify factors which are conducive to the reduction of sexual health risks and vulnerability. By identifying future research priorities, we hope to inform the design and delivery of culturally safe and acceptable sexual health services and programmes, underpinned by an understanding of key factors influencing young Indigenous Australians' everyday sexual lives.