

ADAPTING PEER NAVIGATION MODELS TO MEET LOCAL CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Queensland's Peer Navigation program was developed in 2015 to support people newly diagnosed with HIV or those reengaging in care with treatment initiation, adherence and retention in care. Peer Navigators provide education to improve HIV literacy, practical support to navigate the health system and support to improve HIV self-management skills. Peer Navigation, initially designed as an early intervention model, has adapted to meet the complex and diverse needs of people with HIV, including culturally and linguistically diverse people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. This presentation will explain how the program has adapted service delivery for individuals and communities, integrated case management with Peer Navigation and identified opportunities to improve quality of life for people with HIV.