

Hard to reach populations title: Indigenising sexual health interventions for impact.

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For too long rates of STIs particularly Chlamydia, gonorrhoea, trichomoniasis and syphilis have notified at disproportionate rates in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This is despite significant advances in technology over time, a rich policy and program environment and moderate investments in research. Clearly conventional approaches to address endemic conditions are not enough. This presentation will highlight new ways to approach this wicked issue including multi-sectorial approaches, that help to understand and address social determinants of health and their impact on this area. Additionally, new technology such as implementation of pathogen genomics or point of care technology is adopted early in communities where there is greatest need should be a priority. Finally, the meaningful involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at all levels of decision making is required to address these issues.