

Menzies secures funding to improve Indigenous cancer outcomes

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Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) has welcomed an announcement of \$2.5 million in National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funding for an Indigenous-led collaboration to improve cancer outcomes for Australia's first peoples.

The funding announcement for the Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Targeted Approaches to Improve Cancer Services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians was made earlier today.

According to the chief investigator, Menzies' Professor Gail Garvey, the funding will enable the team to address critical current issues to increase cancer prevention and early detection of cancer, improve diagnosis and treatment, and provide appropriate care to enhance psychosocial wellbeing of Indigenous Australians affected by cancer.

"Our vision is to improve cancer outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities." Prof Garvey said.

"The collaborative Indigenous-led CRE will contribute to achieving this vision by robust research translation to policy and practice, ensuring knowledge leads to improvements in cancer care for Indigenous people and building research capacity through training the next generation of Indigenous research leaders."

The new CRE, due to commence in January 2019, will be led by Menzies in collaboration with partners from the Victorian Cytology Service, University of New South Wales, University of South Australia, University of Sydney and Genesis Cancer Care.

The National Health and Medical Research Council are the principal funders of health research in Australia.

Menzies researchers have worked with a wide range of health services and community based partners, for more than 30 years to undertake research with impact.

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Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works at the frontline, joining with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia. Menzies collaborates to create new knowledge, grow local skills and find enduring solutions to problems that matter.