

Menzies Lunchtime Seminar

Presenter

Michelle Dowden - CEO, One Disease

Title

One Disease short film and new resources

When

Wednesday, 26 August 2020 from 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Where

Seminar Room | John Mathews Building (Bldg 58), Royal Darwin Hospital Campus - [view map](#) (Limited seating available)

Online

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Abstract:

One Disease has just released a new resource called “Walking Together Working Together”, this new short film highlights the voice of Indigenous Australians who One Disease are working with in remote communities.

For those professionals who are new to the NT and for the old guard you will be aware there have been many cross-cultural resources made. This project has provided another platform for Indigenous Australians to say it how it is. The film provides insights for non-Indigenous Australians on how to approach working with local communities where competing demands may affect your program agenda. This presentation will include other examples of resources that have been developed by One Disease for use in media campaigns to promote Scabies Free Zones and an update on our plans for the final phase of our work.

One Disease is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that aims to eliminate Crusted Scabies in remote Indigenous communities by providing education and support to local health services and communities.

Biography:

Michelle Dowden is currently the CEO for One Disease. She has worked as a Registered Nurse Midwife with over 25 years’ experience conducting health programs that focus on good clinical outcomes and the social determinants of health. The main focus of her work has been with remote indigenous communities and other large indigenous health services throughout Australia both in research and service delivery.

Michelle has a strong background and understanding of Continuous Quality Improvement in Indigenous Primary Healthcare both in research and service delivery. Exploring how to embed processes for sustainability is paramount in the way Michelle works. She continues to be involved with research and contributes to peer reviewed publications.

Michelle has also developed educational resources for use in indigenous communities. In recent years she facilitated the development of multimedia resources for sharing health messages on mobile phones. A career highlight has been supporting the Yolgnu at Galiwinku to successfully run the Galiwinku Healthy Lifestyle Festival for over many years.

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