



First Nations General Practice Training Committee

27 October 2025 Communique

The First Nations General Practice Training Committee (the Committee) met on 27 October 2025. Dr Danni Dries chaired the meeting in place of Dr Dawn Casey PSM, who was an apology for this meeting.

The Committee welcomed the extension of Dr Casey's appointment as Chair along with the extension of members' terms for a further 2 years. Members also acknowledged the support of the Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health, the Hon Rebecca White MP, for the Committee's ongoing work.

The Committee heard an overview of recent Government investments in GP training including:

- Expansion of the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program, with additional funded places from 2026 and a five-year funding agreement.
- Demand-driven Commonwealth Supported Places for First Nations students.

The Committee will monitor delivery of the AGPT grant agreements. This includes oversight of performance and outcomes to ensure the program supports First Nations doctors.

Members endorsed proposed changes to its Terms of Reference. These include clarifying scope, increasing strategic influence, and strengthening its advisory role to government.

The Committee received a presentation on two projects identified as priorities by the committee. These include an evaluation of the Salary Support Program (SSP), due mid-2027, which will assess the program's effectiveness in supporting GP training in Aboriginal health settings, and a concurrent research project, concluding mid-2026, exploring culturally safe and sustainable First Nations general practice training and supervision models in Aboriginal health settings. Members welcomed the embedded cultural governance approach and endorsed the principles of co-design, relational accountability, and independent First Nations peer review.

A collaborative project mapping supports for Indigenous-GP registrars and supervisors was also presented by a representative of General Practice Supervisors Australia. The project seeks to identify and document available supports across regions and training settings.

The Committee also heard about an initiative co-led by the Indigenous General Practice Trainee Network to inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (aged 9 to 11) to consider careers in general practice and rural generalism.

The Committee will oversee progress on these projects and provide strategic feedback to ensure alignment with cultural safety principles, stakeholder expectations and broader GP training priorities.

For more information see: [First Nations General Practice Training Committee](#).