

The eGFR3 Study Newsletter

January 2024

Community Engagement – Kimberley

In recent months, eGFR3 Study team met with Kimberley community leaders and members in Djarindjin, Ardyaloon and Kalumburu. The team continued to build relationships with clinician and community stakeholders. We shared information about the eGFR3 kidney health research, and learned from community about health priorities and connections



Photo: Jaqui Hughes, Francine Eades and Sian Graham, Perth November 2023

Clinician Engagement - Perth

In Perth, the eGFR3 Study team introduced the Study to Francine Eades (Area Director, Aboriginal Health). Francine was pleased to provide a letter of support for the Study in WA.

At Royal Perth Hospital we updated long-time supporters of the Study, with progress in the Goldfields. Mark Thomas, Reva Manickavasagar and Khalil Patankar, (Head of Department, Nephrology and Acute Medicine) are Perth based nephrologists who provide outreach services to remote WA communities.



Photo: Jaqui Hughes, Khalil Patankar, Diana Mosca, Vanya Webster, Reva Manickavasagar, Mark Thomas, Sian Graham, Perth November 2023

Community Engagement - Goldfields

In Kalgoorlie, the eGFR3 Study team learned about water quality and other health issues in the Goldfields. Jody Hansen (WACHS Regional Aboriginal Health Consultant) showcased the Renal Hostel, where people on dialysis can live while attending dialysis at Kalgoorlie Hospital. We saw the improvements at the Hospital aiming to make it more welcoming. Aboriginal art is used in flooring to help with directions to clinics and departments.

WA Country Health Service executive officers and clinicians, Bega Garnbirringu Health Service staff, Rural Clinical School and community leaders at Nguyntju Tjitji Pirni (NTP) welcomed the opportunity to talk about kidney health and the eGFR3 Study.



Photo: eGFR3 team members with NTP leaders, Kalgoorlie November 2023

Thank you

Thank you for the guidance provided to the eGFR3 Study about the best ways to work in each region and community. We appreciate the opportunity to build strong relationships to work in healthy partnerships with all stakeholders.



Photo: Christine Jeffries- Stokes, Sian Graham, Jaqui Hughes Kalgoorlie November 2023

eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance

Communities share aspirations for self-determination, workforce development and the development of future leaders. The eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group are developing processes to ensure that communities maintain sovereignty of research activities including level of participation and data collection, access and use.

After the success of the 2023 workshop on country in Waibene, the 2024 annual eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group 3 day workshop will be hosted in Mparntwe. The focus in 2024 is on Indigenous Data Sovereignty in research.

Members continue to engage with government and non-government organisations and communities about kidney health and the eGFR3 Study.

Community Governance Presentation

eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group members presented their work at the Lowitja International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2023.



Photo: Natalie Hunter and Phillip Mills share the podium during Lowitja Conference, June 2023

Meeting with Minister Uibo

NT Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Selena Uibo welcomed an update on eGFR3 Study progress from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group co-chairs.



Photo: Jaqui Hughes, Helen Fejo Frith, Selena Uibo and Sian Graham discuss kidney health, October 2023.

Next Steps

The eGFR3 Study invites community members to work with us to learn more about Kidney Health in the community. Community Based Researchers play an important role to ensure research has purpose and relevance in each community.

In 2024 we will continue partnering with communities and clinicians and work with Community Based Researchers to learn more about kidney health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Recognition of great work in eGFR3 community

Australia Medal awarded to Ms Helen Fejo Frith (co-chair eGFR3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Governance Group)

Cranlana Leadership Award won by Professor Jaqui Hughes (eGFR3 Principal Chief Investigator)

Pat Anderson Award won by Associate Professor Odette Pearson (eGFR3 Chief Investigator)

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