Women
HPV
Indigenous
Non-Indigenous
Urban Rural Study

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Effects of community consultation on recruitment of Indigenous women to a human papillomavirus prevalence study

Outline

- WHINURS Background
- HPV Background
- Dubbo recruitment site and activities
Professor Suzanne Garland is the principal investigator of a national study that incorporates co-investigators from:

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International Agency for Research on Cancer conducted research to identify most prevalent ICC in 22 countries

Vaccine for type 16 & 18 in trial phase

Australia was not included in initial research

- 11th most common cancer in Australia
- ICC in top 3 cancers affecting Indigenous Australians
- ICC is 4 times more common in Indigenous women

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make up only 2.4%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment Sites

Data based on Indigenous Areas
ATSIC Region boundaries shown
1 Dot = 50 People

Distance: 1000 Kilometres
What Happened in Dubbo?

- **Ethics**
  - Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council NSW

- **Involvement of AHW (Health Promotion)**
  - Respected Wiradjuri woman
  - Skills acquisition

- **Community Consultation**
  - Dubbo Aboriginal Women’s Advisory Group
  - Dubbo Elders
  - AHW’s from various Area Health Services

- **Involvement of Thubbo**
Non-Indigenous women were recruited in a few months.

Indigenous women only one in 12 months

Guaranteed to be a Success?
So then what?

- FP NSW listened!
  - Christine Ohrin knew her community
  - Christine knew that big events had happened in the community
  - Community consultation had happened a long time ago

- They brainstormed
- They became active
Accomplishments

- Recruitment of 42 Indigenous women
  - Aged 18-40
  - Btw Jan-April 07

- Increase in Indigenous women getting paps
  - from 29 in 2006 to 81 in 2007

- Skills support for Christine Ohrin
  - published in the MJA
  - physical/emotional support
Conclusion

- Don’t give up!!
- Take the time to assess
- Know your resources
- Be courageous and think outside the box