

Nurse Led Initiatives to Improve Access to Colposcopy for Indigenous Women in Australia

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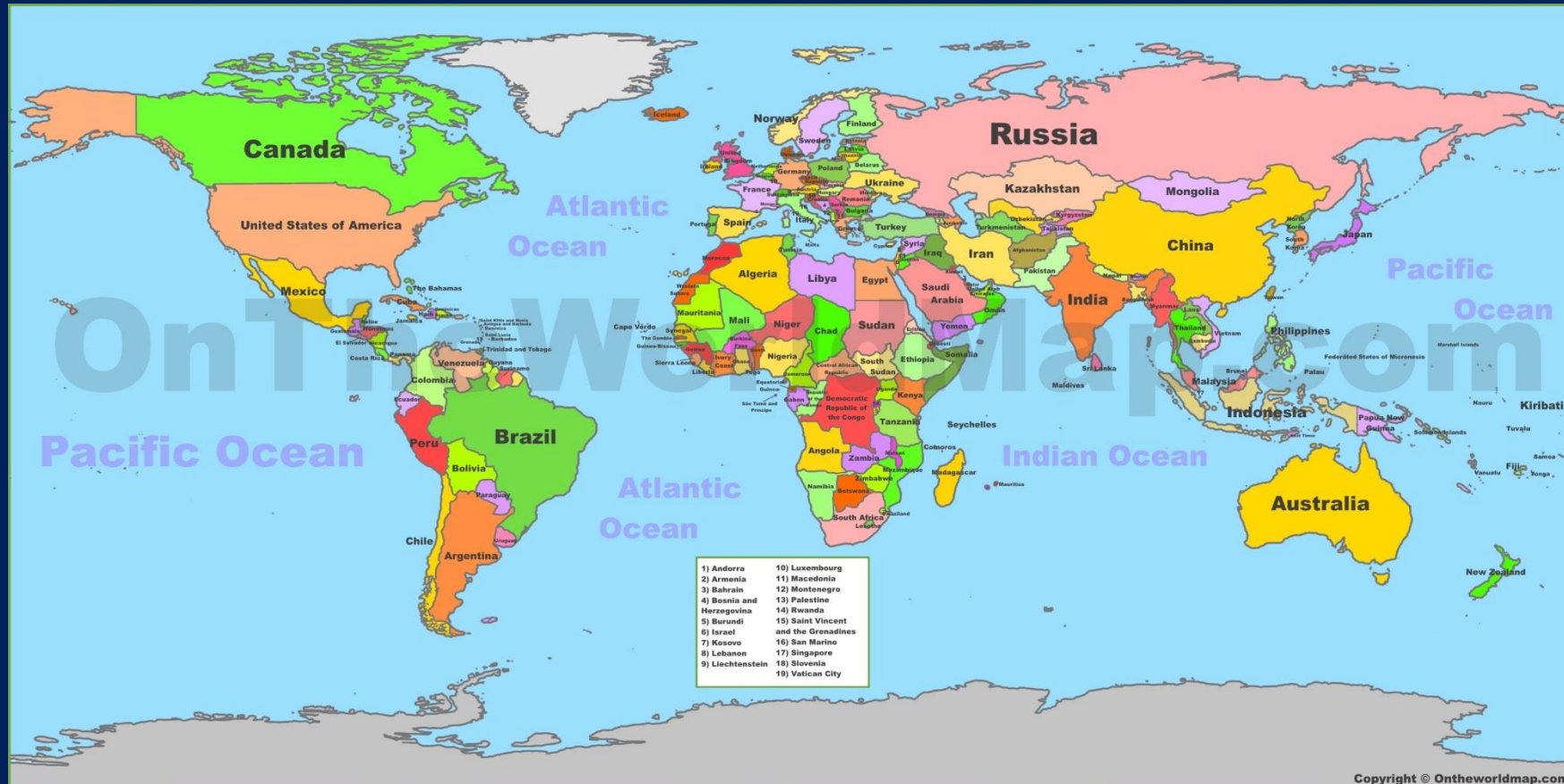


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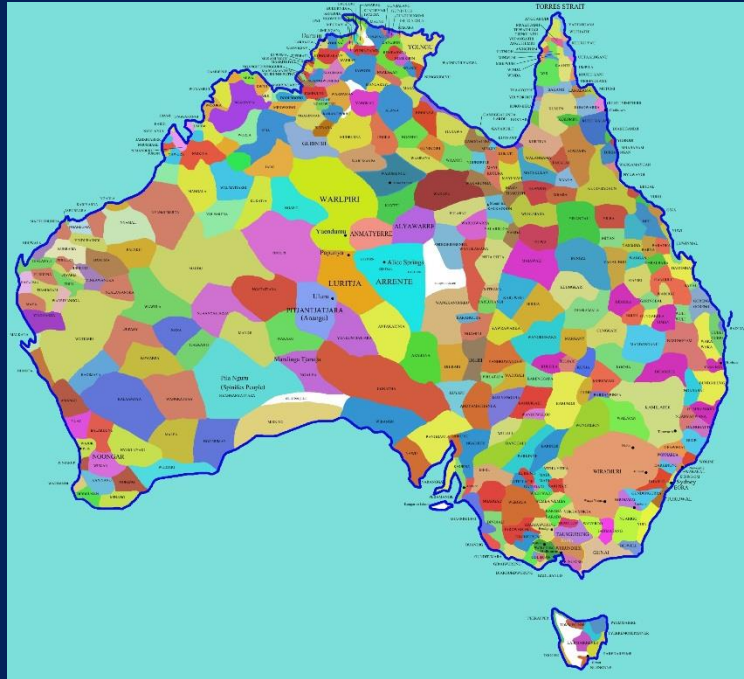
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Where in the World?



Indigenous and State boundary maps of Australia



Early Education

- Rural and remote NSW
- RN
- Midwife
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Immunisation accredited
- CNS Women's Health
- Master of Nursing NP



Cervical Screening in Australia

- Cervical cancer halved since the National Cervical Screening program commenced in 1991
- Women 18-69 have 2nd yearly pap smears
- HPV Vaccination commenced in 2007 for female and 2013 for male students.
- The Cervical Screening program changes from December 1st 2017



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“Of concern, is that the incidence of cervical cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was more than twice that of non-Indigenous women and mortality of Indigenous women was 5 times the non-Indigenous rate.”

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- In Australia, Colposcopy has long been the domain of the Gynaecologist.



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- 2011 a large gap in service was recognised.
- There was no Public colposcopy in Central West NSW.
- A culturally appropriate service was required.
- Approached to establish a Nurse led Colposcopy service*

*Rural Doctor's Network of NSW (RDN) and the Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD)



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- A meeting was scheduled.
- A partnership was formed in March 2012



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- Observership and supervised procedural instruction.
- ASCCP Comprehensive Colposcopy Course, San Francisco, August 2013
- Australian SCCP Colposcopy Professional Update, Brisbane August 2013
- Colposcopy Quality Improvement Program (CQUIP)*
- Western NSW Local Health District Colposcopy Standards endorsed.

*Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) January 2015



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- The first Nurse Led Colposcopy clinic was held at OAMS* on the 5th of July 2012.
- 3 patients attended.
- We now see 15 or more women each clinic.
- Referrals are made by GPs from various locations throughout rural NSW and the OAMS itself.
- There are no out of pocket fees for colposcopy.

*Orange Aboriginal Medical Service



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- Client satisfaction
- Early data
- Timely diagnosis and treatment
- Keeping our women healthy and preventing hospital admissions



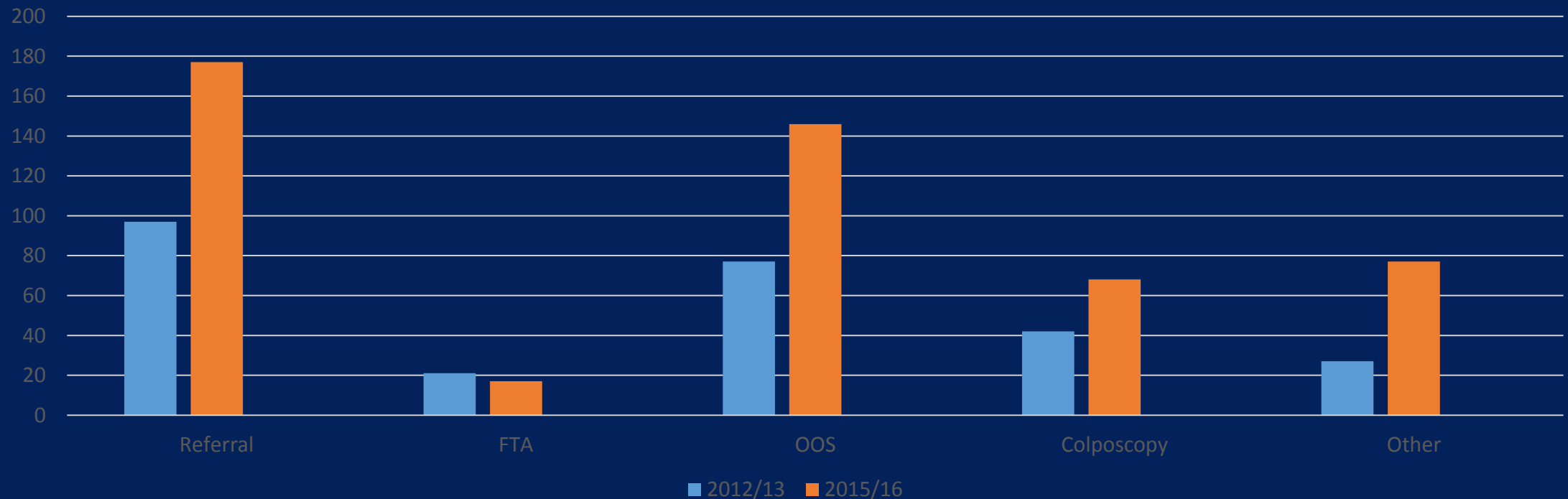
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- Reducing the number of non-attendance figures to the clinics.
- Increasing number of patients directly accessing the service
- Increasing number of referrals from local health care providers.



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Orange Aboriginal Medical Service Clinic



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- Expansion into more rural and remote sites
- The use of telehealth technologies
- Expansion of integrated NP led models of care
- Growing more Nurse Colposcopists



Planning for a Sustainable Service

- Interest in Nurse led services across Australia
- Growing demand for Nurse led services
- A safe and economical alternative



New Zealand

- 3 trained Nurse Colposcopists
- LLETZ training commenced
- Big waiting lists for colposcopy in the North Island
- Online Colpo course available to NZ Colposcopists
- Slowly expanding , greater acceptance.

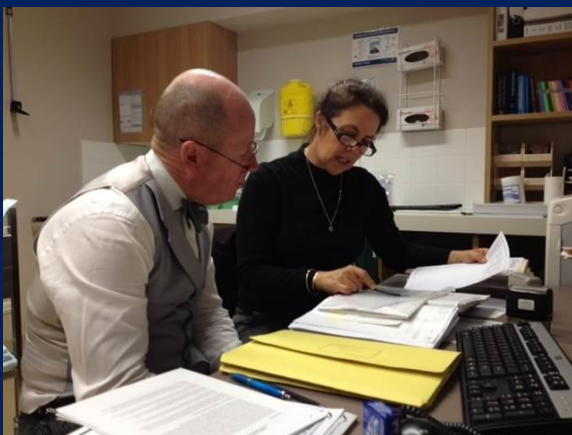


Asia Pacific Region Data

Country	Cervical Cancer Rate per 100,000	Cervical Screening	HPV Vaccination Program	Nurse Led Colposcopy Services
New Zealand	6.4	76.3%	56% (2014)	2+
Australia	7	70.3%	73.1% (2014)	1+
China	9.4	20.7%	Nil	Nil
Vietnam	11.3	6.5%	Pilot Program	Nil
Japan	14.5	31.1%	0.6% (2014)	Nil
Papua New Guinea	26.7	Nil	Pilot Program	Nil
Fiji	37.5	15.8%	National Program	Nil



Thank You



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