



## Indigenous Medication Review Service (IMeRSe) Feasibility Study

### Welcome to the Indigenous Medication Review Service (IMeRSe) newsletter

We are excited to bring you the latest news and progress on the IMeRSe Study and look forward to receiving your feedback. Since the inception of IMeRSe, there has been a considerable amount of progress taken place and we will keep you informed via this newsletter, and the new [IMeRSe website](#).

The IMeRSe Study is funded by the Australian Department of Health as part of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA) Pharmacy Trial Program (PTP).

The 6CPA PTP was established to trial new and expanded Community Pharmacy Programs that seek to improve clinical outcomes for consumers and by progressing the role of community pharmacies in the delivery of primary healthcare services.

On behalf of all of the IMeRSe Partners, we thank you for your involvement and interest in the progress of IMeRSe. We really value the significant contribution of all of our stakeholders in bringing IMeRSe to fruition and improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Professor Amanda Wheeler**  
**IMeRSe Academic Project Lead**

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## IMeRSe at a glance



### Participating Sites and Community Pharmacies

We welcome our participating health services and community pharmacies involved in IMeRSe.

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### Study Dashboard

Keep up-to-date with study progress and participant recruitment.

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### Meet the Mentors

Introducing our two study mentors, supporting pharmacists throughout the study.

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### IMeRSe Expert Panel

The IMeRSe Expert Panel provides guidance and support to ensure the objectives of the IMeRSe Study are achieved.

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### Meet the Research Team

Meet the members of the IMeRSe Research Team.

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### News and Information

Click here for all recent media and conference presentations regarding IMeRSe.

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## Participating Sites and Community Pharmacies

As at the end of August 2018, 6 out of 7 sites have been engaged, in addition to our 2 start-up\* sites. We are very pleased to have the following Aboriginal Health Services, Queensland Health Sites and participating community pharmacies onboard:



### Northern Territory

\*[Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation - Tennant Creek](#)

[United Chemist - Tennant Creek](#)

## **New South Wales**

### **HealthWISE New England North West - Gunnedah**

[Karen Carter Chemist](#)

[Gunnedah Discount Pharmacy](#)

[Northwest Family Medical](#)

[Barber Street Practice](#)

### **South Coast Aboriginal Medical Service - Nowra**

[Culburra Pharmacy](#)

[Blooms the Chemist - Nowra](#)

[Blooms Nowra Junction](#)

[Basin View Pharmacy - Wreck Bay](#)

### **Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service**

[St Mary Pharmacy](#)

## **Queensland**

### **\*Inala Indigenous Health Service/Southern QLD Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care**

[Inala ChemPro](#)

[Inala Plaza 7 Day Chempro Chemist](#)

[Cincotta Discount Chemist - Inala](#)

[Richlands Pharmsave Pharmacy](#)

[Forest Lake Malouf Pharmacy](#)

### **Bidgerdii Community Health Service - Rockhampton**

[Star Discount Pharmacy](#)

[Terry White Chemmart Rockhampton Day and Night](#)

[Livelif Pharmacy - Gracemere](#)

[Malouf Pharmacy - Northside Plaza](#)

[Terry White City Chemist Central](#)

### **Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service**

[Alive Discount Pharmacy](#)

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## **Study Dashboard**

<b>Sites Recruited</b>	<b>Community Pharmacies Trained</b>	<b>Participants Enrolled</b>	<b>Medicines Talks Completed</b>	<b>Medicine Reports Completed</b>	<b>Medicines Plans Completed</b>	<b>Follow-ups Conducted</b>
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\* Two community pharmacies, additional to those listed above have been trained, however their participation is pending.

## IMeRSe Expert Panel

The IMeRSe Expert Panel was formed to assist the project with advice and guidance during the study, specifically on aspects of the implementation and evaluation of this complex intervention.

The Expert Panel held its first meeting in March, 2018, chaired by [Associate Professor Ray Lovett](#) from the Australian National University. Expert Panel members are drawn from all across Australia with broad expertise, to ensure that the objectives of the IMeRSe study are achieved.

Full details of the IMeRSe Expert Panel members and the Terms of Reference are located on the IMeRSe Website via the 'Discover More' link below.

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## Meet the Mentors

As part of the IMeRSe team, we are pleased to have two highly trained and skilled professionals to support the participating pharmacists and pharmacy staff with the implementation of IMeRSe.



**Michelle Bowden**

Michelle is an accredited pharmacist who has worked across the pharmacy sector in hospital, community, aged care and teaching pharmacy students. Michelle has been accredited for more than 20 years and has mentored pharmacists through to accreditation and medication reviews in their practice. Michelle brings a wealth of diverse pharmacy and clinical experience, including significant expertise and success in identifying medication-related problems (MRP) and communicating recommendations to doctors.



**Somer Wrigley**

Somer is an Aboriginal and South Seas woman who has worked in Aboriginal Health for a number of years and currently runs a course dedicated to this subject for more than 400 health students. Somer has worked across Australia as a nurse in AHS and team leader for Closing the Gap initiatives. Somer brings extensive and diverse expertise, information and resources to the IMeRSe Study.

## Meet the Research Team

Discover more about the IMeRSe Research Team.

## Latest News and Information

See the latest news and information relating to IMeRSe. We also encourage you to submit stories for the IMeRSe newsletter, and details of your team and their experience with implementing IMeRSe in your health service or community pharmacy. Email submissions to: [imerse@griffith.edu.au](mailto:imerse@griffith.edu.au)

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