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## Funding fillip for fever tool

DARWIN'S Menzies School of Health Research will work with the Telethon Kids Institute to develop a cutting edge diagnostic tool to detect acute rheumatic fever.

The Commonwealth Government yesterday announced it would provide \$2.1 million for the project.

Acute rheumatic fever is the precursor to the potentially deadly rheumatic heart disease, which affects about 3000 Territorians. Aboriginal Territorians are 122 times more likely to have RHD than non-indigenous people.