

CKD clinical quality register and support unit

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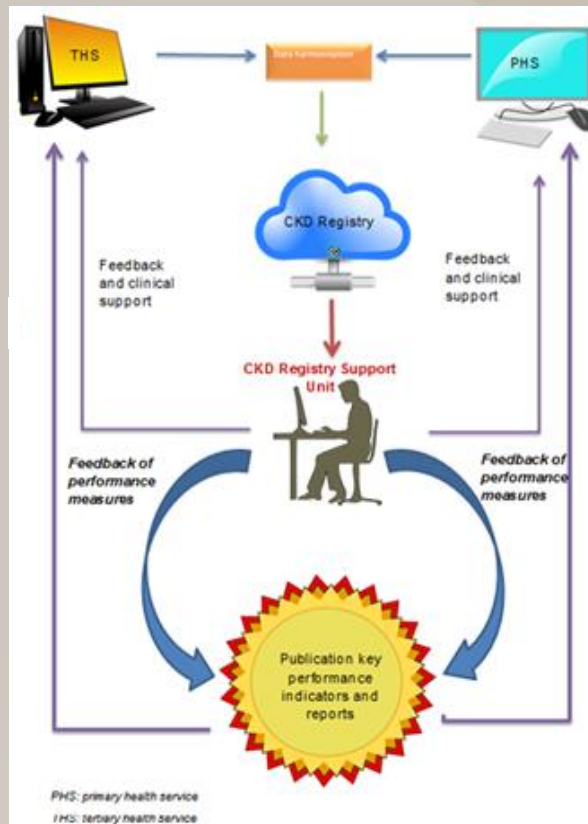
The project team in Darwin is pleased to announce that funding has been secured for phase one of a chronic kidney disease (CKD) clinical quality register and support unit.

Over the last 20 years, demand for Northern Territory (NT) renal services has repeatedly exceeded capacity. Growth in the prevalence of kidney disease and the number of people requiring dialysis has continued unabated, increasing by more than 70% in the last 10 years. The year on year increases in recurrent and capital expenditure for dialysis services is unsustainable.

We know that monitoring of risk factors for kidney disease and its early diagnosis can lead to interventions that slow the progression of the disease, allow earlier and better management of complications and prevent unplanned utilisation of health services. This is fundamental to addressing the growing economic and public health burden.

The Project

The project will work with partner organisations to review the feasibility and requirements for a CKD clinical quality register and support unit. The aim is to support clinicians to improve the identification and management of people who are at risk of end stage kidney disease (ESKD).



Registry information flow and integration

This will be achieved by establishing an integrated and automated clinical data collection system that supports CKD surveillance, monitoring and management to primary health services across the NT.

The project and team

Phase One

Phase one involves early engagement with Executives of Government and non-government organisations. Presentations are currently underway. Larger workshops with key stakeholders are planned for July to discuss the design and function of the registry and support unit and establish the governance structure.

Project Team

Menzies has been working closely with the Department of Health for some time to progress this strategy. A small project team has been established to drive phase one until an appropriate Governance Structure and Steering Committee is established.

The project team consists of Dr Asanga Abeyaratne, Gillian Gorham, and Karen Thomas. The team is advised by a taskforce of senior clinicians from Menzies and the Department of Health. As the project progresses, data analysts and clinicians will join this team.

If you would like any further information please contact the Project Manager.

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