

# MJA

Indigenous Health

JOURNAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION • ESTABLISHED IN 1914

19 MAY 2008 • VOLUME 188 • NUMBER 10



AMA

PRINT POST APPROVED PP255003/00505

## CONTENTS

### EDITORIAL

- 554 Partnerships in action: addressing the health challenge for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples  
Tamara Mackean, Mick Adams, Sally Goold, Christopher Bourke, Tom Calma

### THE APOLOGY

- 556 Beyond *Sorry* — the first steps in laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians  
Lisa R Jackson Pulver, Sally A Fitzpatrick

### THE GREAT DIVIDE

- 560 Cancer care for Indigenous Australians  
John D Boffa
- 562 Survival of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders after a diagnosis of lung cancer: a matched cohort study  
Michael D Coory, Adele C Green, Janelle Stirling, Patricia C Valery
- 568 Racial disparities in infection-related mortality at Alice Springs Hospital, Central Australia, 2000–2005  
Lloyd J Einsiedel, Liselle A Fernandes, Richard J Woodman
- 572 Hospitalisations due to interpersonal violence: a population-based study in Western Australia  
Lynn B Meuleners, Delia Hendrie, Andy H Lee
- 576 Hospitalisation for head injury due to assault among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, July 1999 – June 2005  
Lisa M Jamieson, James E Harrison, Jesia G Berry

### DR ROSS INGRAM MEMORIAL ESSAY COMPETITION

- 580 The heart of the matter is, that it's a matter of the heart  
Barry N Fewquandie
- 582 *Life b'long Ali Drummond* (the life of Ali Drummond)  
Samantha Faulkner

### RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

- 584 Navigating the process of developing a research project in Aboriginal health  
Anne PF Wand, Sandra J Eades
- 588 Indigenous child health: urgent need for improved data to underpin better health outcomes  
Emily Fremantle, Yvonne A Zurynski, Deepika Mahajan, Heather D'Antoine, Elizabeth J Elliott

### ADDRESSING DISEASES OF DISADVANTAGE

- 592 Oral health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians  
Kaye F Roberts-Thomson, A John Spencer, Lisa M Jamieson

- 594 Effect of swimming pools on antibiotic use and clinic attendance for infections in two Aboriginal communities in Western Australia  
Desiree T Silva, Deborah Lehmann, Mary T Tennant, Peter Jacoby, Helen Wright, Fiona J Stanley
- 599 The effect of passive smoking on the risk of otitis media in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children in the Kalgoorlie–Boulder region of Western Australia  
Peter A Jacoby, Harvey L Coates, Ashwini Arumugaswamy, Dimity Elsbury, Annette Stokes, Ruth Monck, Janine M Finucane, Sharon A Weeks, Deborah Lehmann
- 605 Heavy cannabis use and depressive symptoms in three Aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory  
K S Kylie Lee, Alan R Clough, Muriel J Jaragba, Katherine M Conigrave, George C Patton
- 610 Prevalence of and risk factors for hepatitis C in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal adolescent offenders  
David van der Poorten, Dianna T Kenny, Jacob George
- 615 Delivery of child health services in Indigenous communities: implications for the federal government's emergency intervention in the Northern Territory  
Ross S Bailie, Damin Si, Michelle C Dowden, Christine M Connors, Lynette O'Donoghue, Helen E Liddle, Catherine M Kennedy, Rhonda J Cox, Hugh P Burke, Sandra C Thompson, Alex DH Brown

### MATTERS ARISING

- "Let's not talk about sex": reconsidering the public health approach to sexually transmissible infections in remote Indigenous populations in Australia  
Sandra C Thompson, Darryl M Kickett, Timothy G Leahy
- 620 Michael S Gracey, Randolph M Spargo
- 621 David J Scrimgeour
- 621 Bryan G Walpole
- 621 Francis J Bowden, Katherine Fethers

### LETTERS

- Where do Queensland's Indigenous people live?  
614 Alan E Dugdale
- The Northern Territory Emergency Response: a chance to heal Australia's worst sore  
623 Hamish R Graham
- 623 William J H Glasson

### BOOK REVIEW

- 604 Aboriginal healthworkers. Primary health care at the margins.  
*Reviewed by* Fiona Stanley

---

**Cover image:** Courtesy of GetUp! <http://www.getup.org.au>  
For more information about the Close The Gap campaign, see <http://www.getup.org.au/campaign/CloseTheGap>.