



# Congress Research Strategy 2019–2023

*OUR VISION: All Central Australian Aboriginal people are empowered through their cultural, economic, social and family life to enjoy the best of health and wellbeing*

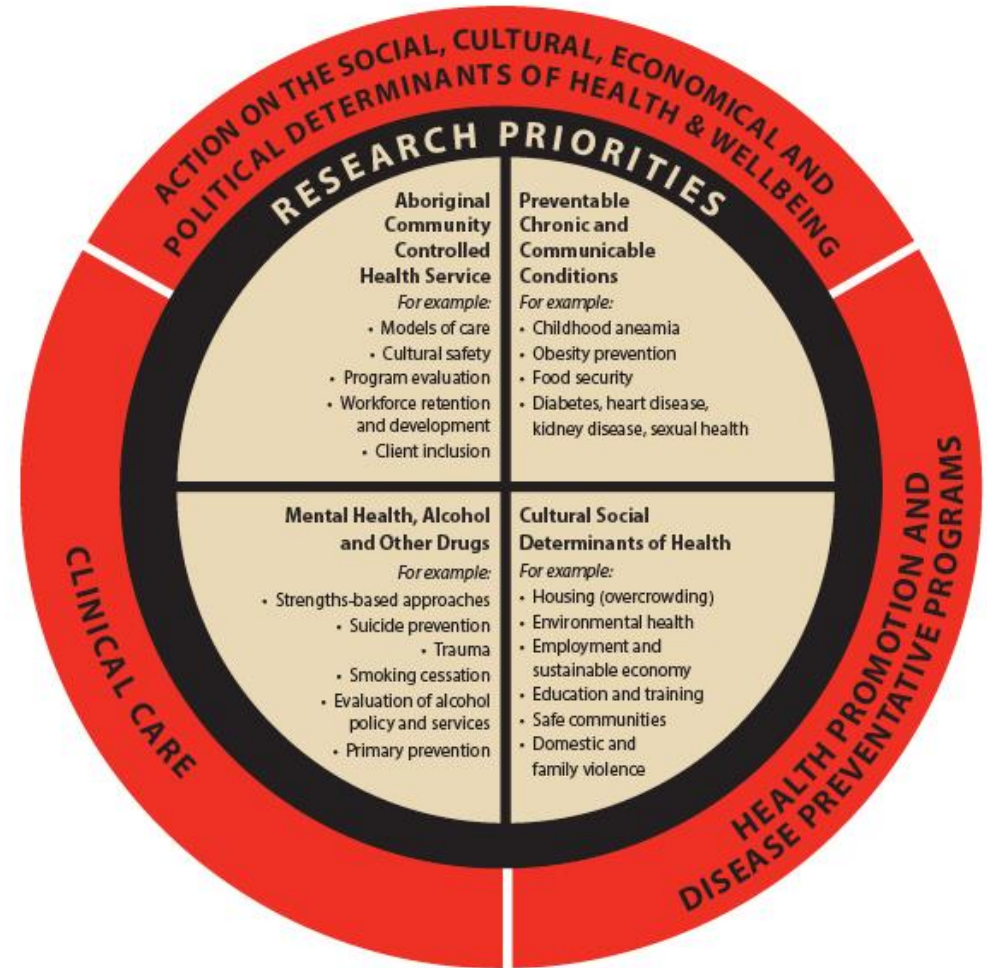
**(CONGRESS STRATEGIC PLAN 2019–2023)**

All research conducted with Congress will be *accountable, inclusive and transparent* and align with our Research Priorities and reflect the Congress definition of Knowledge Translation:

*“Knowledge translation is shared learning between partners working together to make research processes more equitable, culturally safe and relevant; and research outcomes more accessible, useful and actionable.”*

We commit to:

- build research capacity as an organisation, and as individual staff members, to be actively involved in research.
- the employment and training of Aboriginal researchers.
- increase internally generated research projects to 70% by mid-2022.



**Congress** will develop research projects in partnership with the community and research institutions that align with our Core Values.

Commitment to **Doing It Right** means following these six values:

## RESEARCH SECTION CORE VALUES

### Uphold Culture

Research upholds and supports culture. Cultural distinctiveness and the lived history in community is recognised. All research operates within a cultural safety framework.

### Justice and Fairness

Research commits to the principles of justice and fairness for equitable access to services and opportunities. The recognition of the Aboriginal voice is central to this.

### Commitment

Research is respectful of culture. We engage with the community and stakeholders so that research priorities respond to community needs and improve the economic, cultural and social determinants of health. In the spirit of 'Doing It Right'

### Responsibility

High quality, ethical, coordinated research is planned, approved, implemented and completed. Engagement through agreed ways of communicating leads to better policy, practice and service. A focus on sustainability means long-lasting, meaningful outcomes, shared by all.

### Respect and Relationships

Respect of cultural protocols and community and governance processes. Respectful behaviour includes awareness of different views, experience, values and priorities. Relationships are built and strengthened on this respect, trust and understanding.

### Sharing

Collaborative research so that learnings benefit the community, knowledge is shared, and research outcomes are translated into policy and practice.