

CARESEARCH PAGE PROFILE: INDIGENOUS RESOURCES (CNIN FEB 2009)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are a diverse group of peoples, made up of many different nations and language groups; and past policies have had very negative impacts on these peoples.

In 2006 the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was estimated to be 455,028 representing 2.3% of the total Australian population (ABS, 2008).

Indigenous health is an important policy issue. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are less like to live to an old age than other Australians, with higher disease rates for diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer. The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet has a page providing a [summary of Australian Indigenous health](#).



Nature's New Beginning by artist Jessica Schobel 2007.

Indigenous Summary Page

There is information on the CareSearch website that may be of relevance and interest to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to those who are looking after them. A quick link from the CareSearch home page will take you to the [Indigenous Summary](#) page. This outlines all the relevant Indigenous resources within the CareSearch site enabling rapid access to these resources. Links will take you to

- Information can be found on the [Indigenous palliative care project](#) which saw the development of the *Providing culturally appropriate palliative care: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Resource Kit*.
- A section compiling [Indigenous resources available on the web](#) and providing links to [Indigenous organisations](#).
- Information for health professionals on providing care within [Specific Populations](#), and
- A page for [Aboriginal Health Workers](#) within the Professional Groups section.

There is also an [Indigenous Health PubMed Search Topic](#) and an [Indigenous topic](#) within the CareSearch Review Collection.

CareSearch is an online resource funded by the Department of Health and Ageing to help clinicians find relevant evidence about palliative care. Available now at www.caresearch.com.au