

Dr Mark Wenitong

Dr Mark Wenitong is of Kabi Kabi Aboriginal descent. He is the senior medical officer at Wuchopperen Health Service, Cairns, and the medical advisor for Apunipima Cape York Health Council.



He is also the immediate past president and founding member of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association.

He sits on the NHMRC National Health Committee, the NHMRC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee, and Chairs the Andrology Australia Indigenous Male health Reference group.

He has also worked in refugee health, is involved in several PHC research projects, and has an adjunct appointment with JCU, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences.

As President of AIDA, Dr Wenitong worked alongside other Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to place Indigenous doctors and students, Indigenous medical education, health, workforce, cultural, and human rights issues on the national agenda.

He is a member of a number of national Indigenous health committees including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group (ATSIHWWG)
- Australian Medical Association (AMA) Taskforce on Indigenous Health
- Committee of Deans of Medical Schools Indigenous Health Curriculum Projects Steering Committee
- Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education Network Reference Group
- Pacific Regions Indigenous Doctors Congress Steering Committee
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACP) Joint Consultative Committee

Dr Wenitong regularly speaks at national events and conferences around Australia and internationally on Indigenous health, education, workforce, leadership and cultural issues. He has a particular interest in Indigenous men's health and is author of *Indigenous Male Health: a report for Indigenous males and their families and communities, and those committed to improving male health* (2002).