

Organisational Strategy 2017 – 2022

Purpose (Why): We believe no Australian should die of a preventable disease

Mission (BHAG): To eliminate Crusted Scabies from Australia by 2022

Values: Equity - Achievement - Independence

Personality: Hopeful – Honest - Can do

Promise: Indigenous health in Indigenous hands

Why us?

The success of disease elimination with a singular focus has been proven - internationally with Smallpox, and here in Australia with Donovanosis and soon to be Trachoma.

One Disease is the only organisation in the world that has devoted five years to understanding and developing a new approach to the identification and consistent management of Crusted Scabies.

We are led by experts who have eliminated disease before. As published in the Medical Journal of Australia* we have a proven track record in the management of Crusted Scabies in remote Indigenous health, and in raising funds for disease elimination.

Why now?

We now know that 1/349** Indigenous people suffer from this disease in the Top End of the Northern Territory. Crusted Scabies is highly infectious. The large number of undiagnosed scabies mites and/or poorly managed cases can lead to recurrent scabies infestations amongst close contacts. Repeat scabies infections have proven links with Rheumatic Heart Disease and kidney conditions.

The elimination of Crusted Scabies is the critical first step in addressing scabies, which is the only Category A*** neglected tropical disease that doesn't have a roadmap for control by the World Health Organisation.

Improved health outcomes are the starting point for better education and employment outcomes, which in turn will help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Goals

- To improve detection and diagnosis of Crusted Scabies and minimise recurrent episodes of Crusted Scabies that require hospitalisation.
- To develop a transformational model of health care that can be replicated for other diseases and health initiatives.
- To execute a public-private fundraising campaign to finance the elimination of Crusted Scabies in Australia.

Key Performance Indicators

- Less than 1% of confirmed clients have a recurrence of Crusted Scabies.
- Evidence based evaluation that measures elimination and captures a transformational model of health care.
- Successful campaign to raise \$18M to fund the elimination of Crusted Scabies.

Impact

- Elimination of a globally neglected, preventable disease in Australia.
- Improved health for Indigenous Australians through prevention of conditions such as Rheumatic Fever and kidney disease.
- Proven transformational model for Indigenous health care that can be replicated and adapted to create lasting change.
- Cost savings for the tax payer and Australian state and federal governments.