

**Issue: Standardised Emergency Equipment and Drug Lists**

Raised by: Remote Business Plan, Coronial inquiries

Background: Many individuals have advocated the need for standardised emergency equipment and drugs throughout Remote Health sites over some time. This led to inclusion in the current Remote Health Business Plan. Coronial inquiries have also dictated the need for this to occur.

Discussion: This suite of lists represents a significant amount of work by the Best Practice Groups and others. The details relating to the compilation of the standardised emergency lists are too extensive to document here.

Collation of many opinions has occurred, which fed into several months' discussions amongst both Top End and Central Australian Best Practice groups.

The resulting lists and the processes surrounding them are described in the Atlas format and constitute a section of the Atlas in their own right.

Establishment of the standard lists may require some degree of rearrangement to existing emergency equipment set-ups at most sites. Progression towards conforming to the standardised lists should occur over the next month. Where shortfalls in current stock prevent ready adaptation, this will need to be discussed with the Nursing Director and/or PPNs.

Quality assurance processes are linked to the ongoing maintenance of the standardised lists.

It is recognised that suggestions to improve the lists will occur. Any such recommendations should be referred to the Best Practice Groups to investigate.

Consultation: Many and varied. Separate records will show consultation that occurred against particular items.

References: As above.

Outcome: The bulk of Section 13 ("Emergencies") of the Atlas.