

Indigenous Health and the Treaty Debate

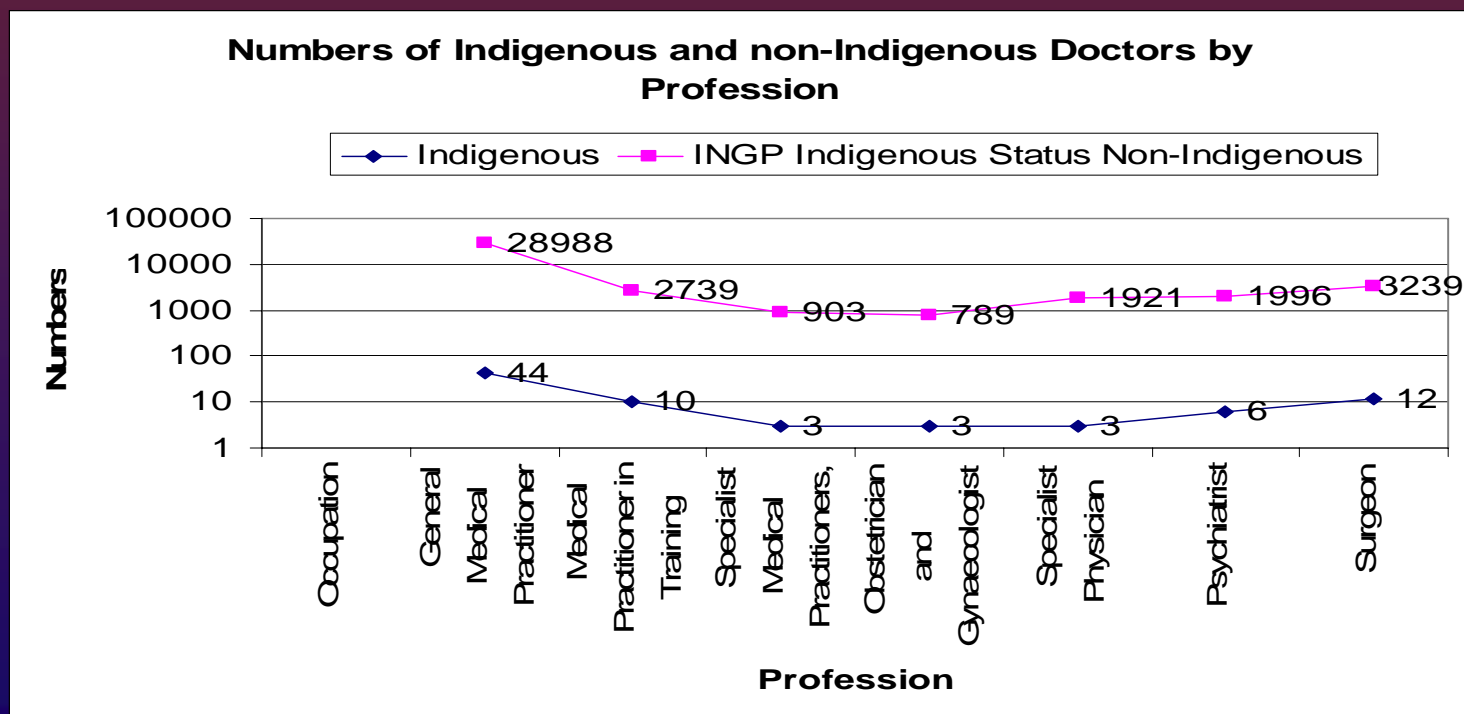
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Indigenous Sovereignty and the Biomedical Paradigm

- ❖ History of dichotomy ~ denial sovereignty and self determination
- ❖ More recently towards a synergism ~ acknowledgement of sovereignty and self determination
- ❖ Still lacking a true understanding and advocacy for sovereignty

ABS Statistics indicate that there are 81 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctors



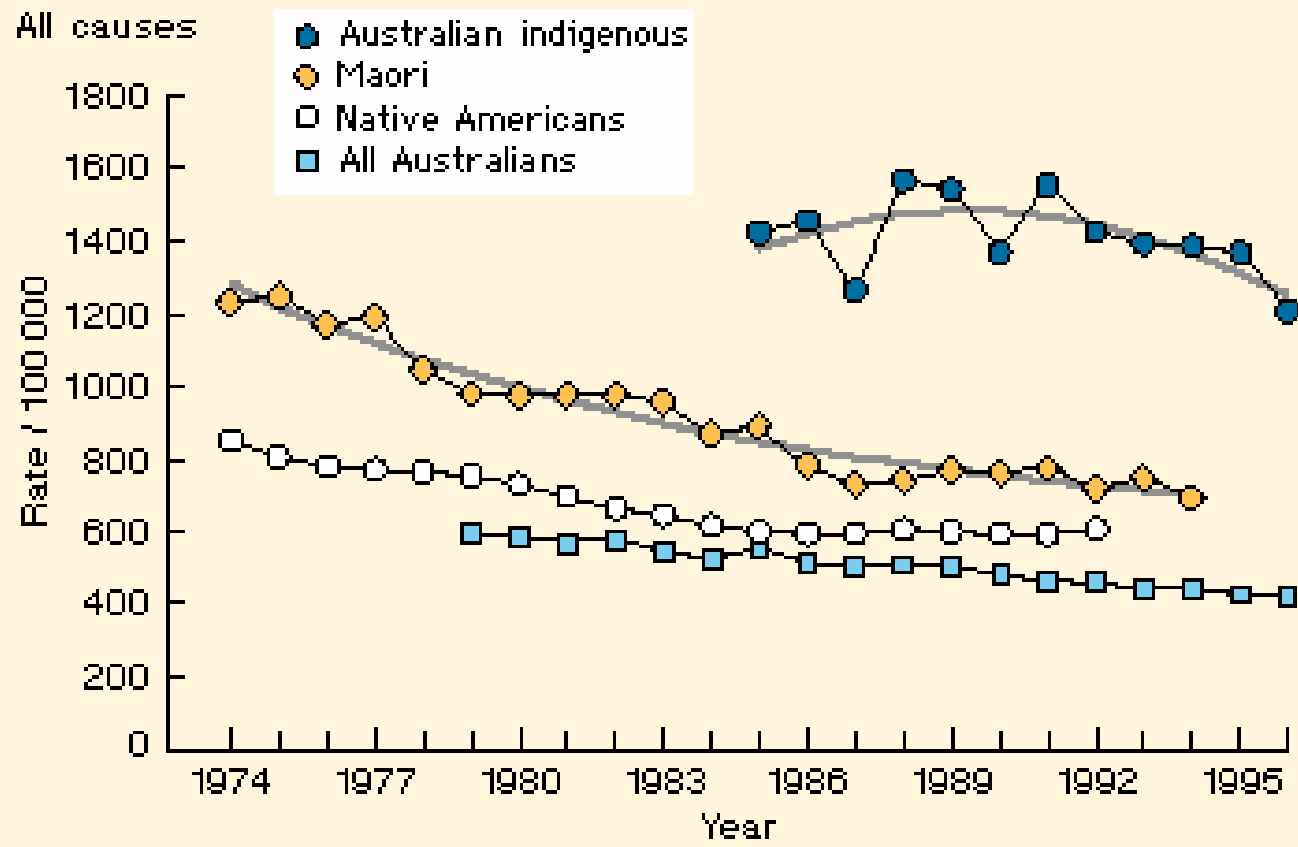


Figure 1: Trends in annual directly standardised* all-cause mortality rates for indigenous people in Australia, the United States and New Zealand, and for all Australians. * Standardised to the World Standard Population, 1960.



Cultural reclamation and community empowerment

- ❖ Health programs with these principles as their foundation are more effective and more sustainable
- ❖ Changing status of AHW
- ❖ This concept can be applied at the individual level as well as the institutional level