

# Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

## *Thank you for assisting with this important question*

We need to ask everyone this question to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

The under-identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health services and national health data sets is a fundamental barrier to achieving health equality for all Australians.

### Why am I being asked?

It's important that your healthcare provider is aware if you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, so they can provide you with a high standard of care.

CheckUP providers aim to provide quality healthcare to all people. We need to know:

- How, where and why people are using our services
- Country of birth

We want to improve your health outcomes by providing services in the right way.

If you are not asked, it is important to tell the staff if you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

### How will I be asked?

You may be asked to fill out a form or you may be asked by a staff member. The question may be asked every time you come to the health service.

### The question is:

#### Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

On forms, the options for answering are:

- No
- Yes, Aboriginal
- Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Family of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- I prefer not to say

### Your privacy?

All information collected by the health service is subject to privacy laws to ensure that your information is protected and used appropriately.

### What if I answer yes?

If we know that you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin:

- We may be able to offer you Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, such as a health worker who could help with your care.
- It means that all staff can consider any cultural needs that you might have.

