

# INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES



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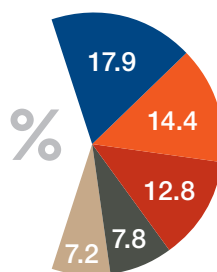
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**INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS  
UNDERWENT AN RFDS  
AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL**



Between 1 July 2013 and 31 December 2015.

### COMMON REASONS FOR INDIGENOUS AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL BY THE RFDS



Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes

Diseases of the circulatory system

Diseases of the respiratory system

Diseases of the digestive system

Pregnancy/childbirth

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**OF INDIGENOUS  
AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVALS  
FOR INJURIES ARE FOR  
ADULTS AGED 20–29 YEARS**



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**INDIGENOUS PATIENTS ARE  
TRANSPORTED BY THE RFDS EVERY DAY**



Transportation is to a tertiary hospital for definitive care for an illness or injury.

**INDIGENOUS  
CHILDREN  
AGED 0–4 YEARS**

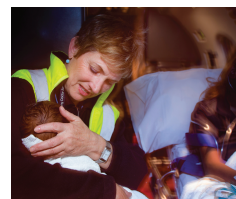
make up 40% of Indigenous aeromedical retrievals for respiratory diseases such as pneumonia, bronchitis and asthma.



**Indigenous health in remote and rural Australia can be improved.**

Specific, evidence-based illness and injury prevention strategies, delivered with cultural competency, are vital.

Data from multiple sources



PROVIDING AEROMEDICAL  
CARE TO REMOTE  
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