

# HETI SENIOR EXECUTIVE FORUM REPORT

MAY 2025



*The Connections Forum Workshop Artwork was created by Holly Sanders, a proud Bundjalung woman from the North Coast of New South Wales. To learn more about the meaning of the artwork, please click [here](#).*

## VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS FORUM - STRONG SISTA CIRCLE: SUPPORTING WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING

HELD: TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025, 9.00AM – 3:30PM

The Training Support Unit (TSU) provide a culturally responsive learning environment for health professionals delivering Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Services (AMIHS), the Building Strong Foundations for Aboriginal Children, Families and Communities (BSF) programs and staff working in collaboration with these programs.

The theme for the 2025 Connections Forum “Strong Sista Circle - Supporting women’s health and wellbeing” was dedicated to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal women, families, and communities. This forum provided valuable insights that included integrating Aboriginal Grandmother’s Law with the biomedical model of health. The forum showcased strong voices of Aboriginal women incorporating their cultural beliefs into their everyday lives.

Optimising the Aboriginal meaning of health of the woman and her family is a lifelong journey. This Connections Forum covered three themes: preconception, pregnancy, and the first 2000 days and afterwards. Preconception care is acknowledged as a pivotal preventative health measure with each person having up to fifteen modifiable risk factors. Community

programs highlighted how services can provide preventative health messages and address elements of empowerment in communities.

The TSU co-created the design of the education with a diverse group of leaders in the field, utilising evidence that will translate into practice. The forum included an Aboriginal Leadership panel that provided inspiration and encouragement for all who work alongside Aboriginal families and communities.

The virtual forum was recorded and will be available on the TSU webpage soon.

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## ABORIGINAL ALLIED HEALTH NETWORK – ONLINE YARNING CIRCLE

The Online Yarning Circle is an initiative to support the members of the NSW Health Aboriginal Allied Health Network (AAHN). The aim of the Online Yarning Circle is to increase cultural connection in between scheduled face-to-face forums, promote cultural safety and receive support from senior members of the network and cultural leaders. Discussion topics are determined by AAHN members, which are derived from their evaluations and feedback.

The Online Yarning Circle is organised by the HETI Allied Health team and facilitated by Justin Noel, Origin Communications Australia. Aboriginal wellbeing counsellors are available to provide social and emotional wellbeing support following each session.

The theme of the Online Yarning Circle held on the 26 March 2025 was 'Cultural Care in the Workplace' and discussions focused on what it means to create a culturally safe and connected work environment.

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## END OF LIFE AND PALLIATIVE CARE FORUM 2025: YOUR PATH TO ELEVATING CARE



HETI, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Agency for Clinical Innovation, is hosting End of Life and Palliative Care Forum 2025: Your Path to Elevating Care, a clinically focused forum designed to enhance the delivery of end-of-life care across healthcare settings. This event is designed for healthcare professionals from key priority areas including allied health and medical staff, with a specific focus on those outside the palliative care specialty, particularly those based in regional and rural areas. It will address symptom management, communication strategies, advance care planning, and end-of-life care practices to improve patient outcomes.

The forum will feature expert speakers and case studies from diverse healthcare teams, highlighting practical approaches to embedding palliative care principles in all health care settings. This forum aims to enhance attendees' knowledge, confidence, and clinical capabilities in providing person-centred care at the end of life.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, 19 June 2025, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** Sofitel Darling Harbour

For more information and to register, visit the [event page](#)

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## NEW eLEARNING MODULE – GENOMIC TESTING: WHO TO OFFER TESTING AND/OR REFERRAL TO SPECIALIST GENETICS SERVICES



Timely and appropriate access to genomic healthcare can accelerate decisions about clinical management and provide patients with valuable information about their condition. Clinicians across mainstream clinical specialities are now required to recognise patient presentations that are suggestive of an underlying genomic condition and identify pathways to genomic testing and diagnosis for appropriate patients.

This module will equip clinicians with essential knowledge to:

- identify patients who may benefit from genomic testing
- recognise when to offer and initiate genomic testing and/or refer to specialist genetics services
- identify available referral criteria and essential information to include when referring to specialist genetics services.

The primary audience for this learning is:

- non-genetics trained medical officers
- non-genetics trained healthcare professionals, including nursing and midwifery staff who deliver genomic healthcare to NSW Health patients, their families and carers.

**MHL course code:** 590916296

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## COACHING MASTERCLASS SERIES

HETI is committed to developing coaching capabilities among leaders across NSW Health. To achieve this, a Coaching Masterclass series will be delivered from May to September in collaboration with Harbour Future Leaders.

The series will include a Leader as Coach masterclass, open to all NSW Health staff. This session will explore the distinction between coaching and mentoring, creating a coaching culture through best practice, identifying coachable moments and how to apply impactful coaching questions. In addition, an extended 90-minute masterclass will be available, designed specifically for managers of managers. This session will address the complexities of coaching in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, with a focus on practical application.

The Coaching for High Team Performance masterclass will focus on enabling managers to lead effective performance and feedback conversations. The session will support managers to have timely, honest, and motivating conversations. Participants will develop skills in assessing team member performance, identify appropriate coaching questions, and apply their learning through practical scenarios.

HETI's Coaching Masterclasses are aligned with key strategic frameworks, including the NSW Health Future Health Strategy (2022-2032), the NSW Health Staff Experience and Culture Framework (2024), and the NSW Health Leadership and Management Framework, in an aim to ensure that the masterclasses support the development of engaged, capable, and future-focused leaders across the health system.

Further information can be found [here](#) or through the e-mail below.

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# MY HEALTH LEARNING



## NEW AND REVISED RESOURCES:

TITLE	COURSE CODE
Genomic testing: Who to offer testing and/or referral to specialist genetics services	590916296
Module 1: Principles of Emotional Intelligence	596358504
Module 2: Emotional Intelligence in Action	596358505
Module 3: Leading with emotional intelligence	596358508
Promoting Acceptable Behaviour in the Workplace (Refresh)	39964553
How to call NETS	596359548
Enterprise-wide Risk Management	596256106
Clinical Documentation – Essentials (Refresh)	220299919
Inclusive healthcare	596582224
Impact of Trauma on Patient Engagement (Refresh)	419147097

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