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# Infection Prevention and Control in Remote Australia

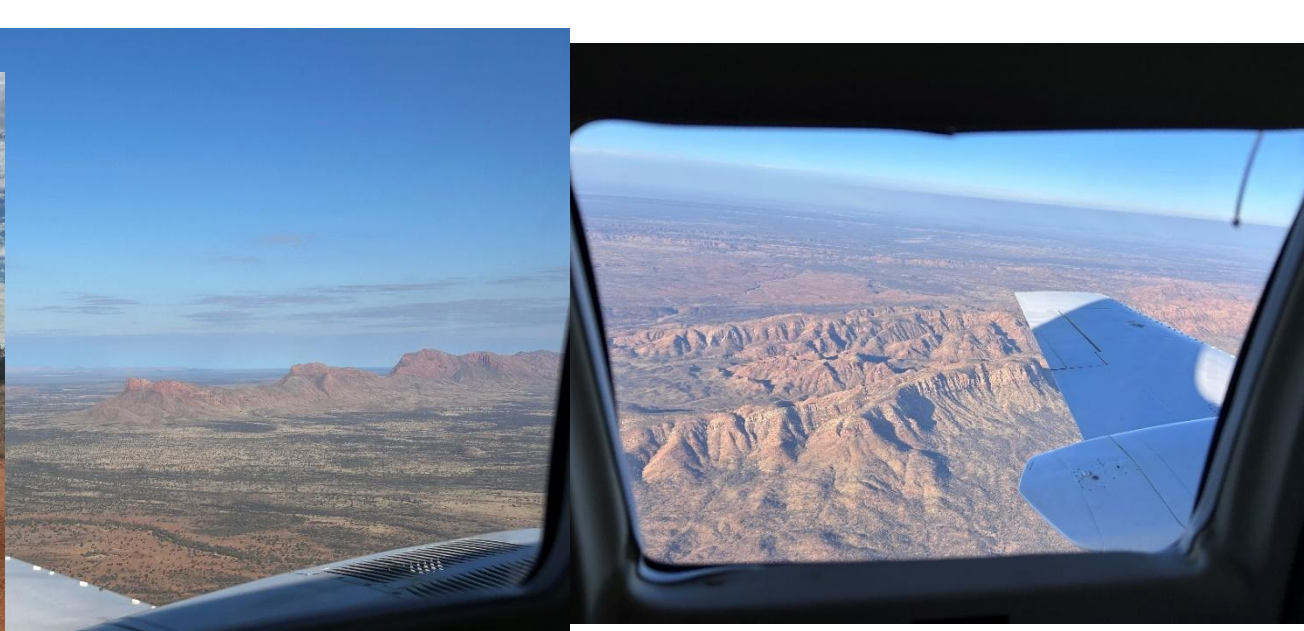
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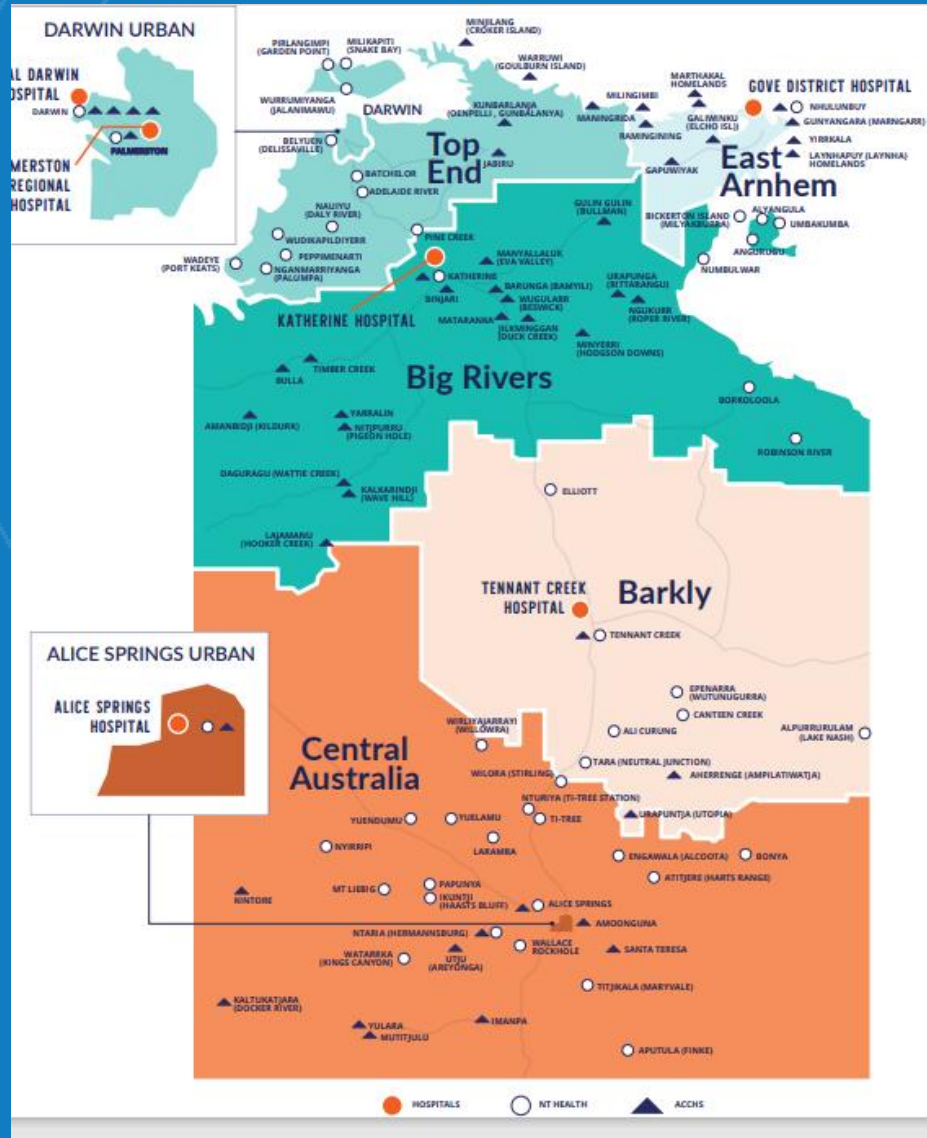


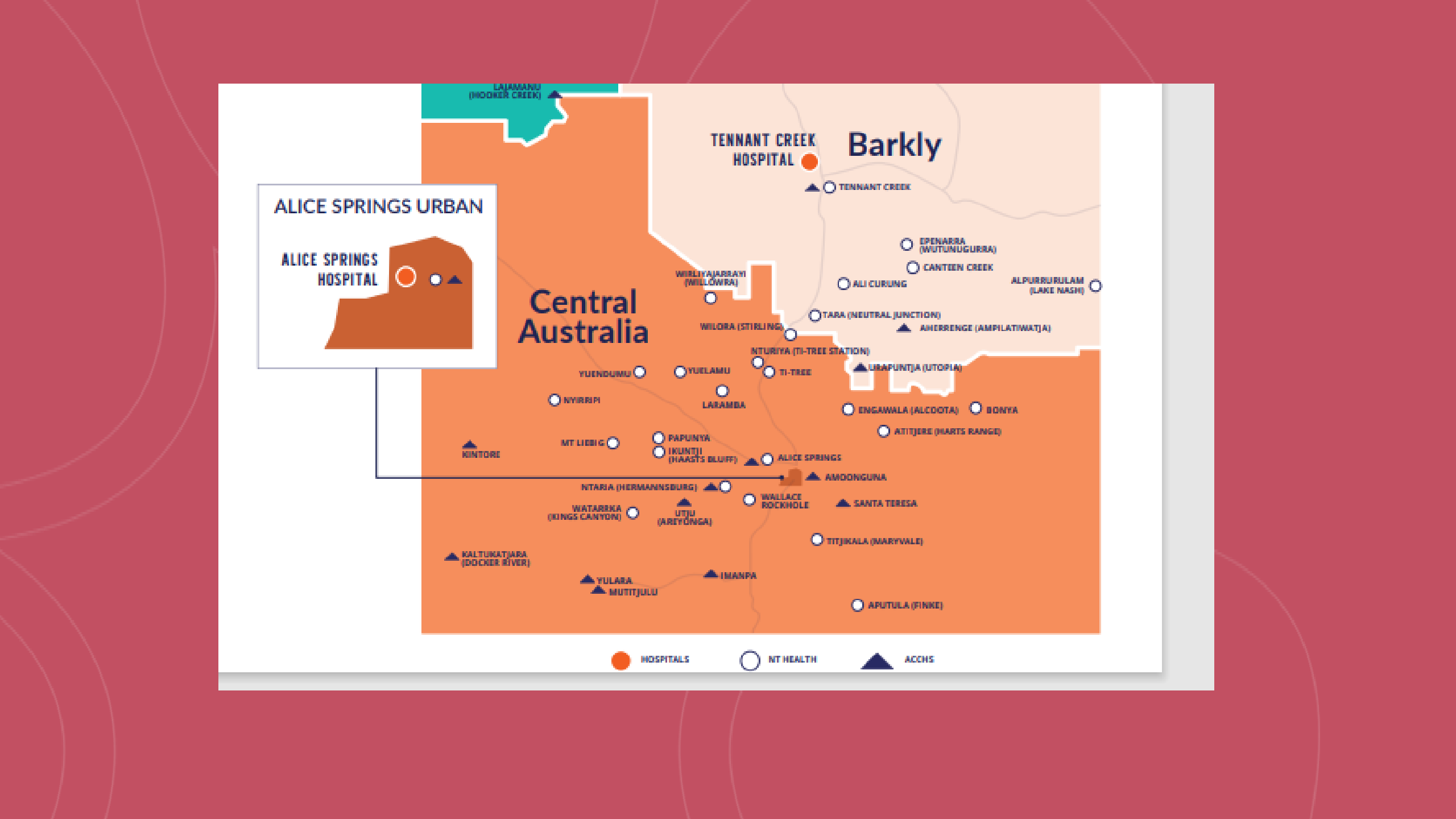
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# IPC in Remote Australia









# Large communities on Aboriginal land



Yuendumu - 869 – Warlpiri



Papunya – 514 - Luritja/Pintupi

# Hermannsburg – 647 - Western Arrernte – Aboriginal name: Ntaria



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# Small communities on Aboriginal land



Engawala– pop 193 – Eastern Arrente, Alyawarr

- previous pastoral property –

Also known as Alcoota (after the station)

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Willowra – 261 – Warlpiri



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Wallace Rockhole – 102 - Western Arrernte

# Community within a pastoral station



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# Community within a pastoral station



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Wilora – pop 69  
– Alyawarr –  
community  
within Stirling  
pastoral  
property



Wilora Clinic

# Small town



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# The auditing and improvement process

## 3 checklists:

The pre-visit checklist  
(trip planning and off-site auditing)

The day of the visit  
checklist (on site auditing); and

The post visit checklist  
(action plan/recommendations)

# The “mega-audit” - 130 checks:





# Challenges



Staff that are not used to being audited



Hawthorne effect of planned visits



High turnover of agency staff



Lack of training and resources for cleaning tasks

# Top 3 priorities

## Standard Precautions

### Always follow these standard precautions



Perform hand hygiene before and after every patient contact



Clean and reprocess shared patient equipment



Use personal protective equipment when risk of body fluid exposure



Follow respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette



Use and dispose of sharps safely



Use aseptic technique



Perform routine environmental cleaning



Handle and dispose of waste and used linen safely



“Research is what’s possible;  
audit is what’s actual;  
quality improvement is what makes the  
possible actual”

National Office of Clinical Audit, Dublin, Ireland, 2015



**CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE:  
EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE  
AND PRACTICE-BASED  
EVIDENCE**