

2.6-W1**Indigenous data and health: critical research approaches and indigenous data governance****Workshop leaders/presenters***Papaarangi Reid¹, Tahu Kukuta², Donna Cormack¹*¹Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, University of Auckland, New Zealand²NIDEA, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand**Background and objectives:**

'Race' and ethnicity data have become increasingly institutionalised within health research about indigenous peoples. While these data are critical to monitoring the differential distribution of risks and benefits in racialised societies, their uncritical and under-theorised use can perpetuate harmful biologically-deterministic and essentialist approaches to indigenous health. Additionally, indigenous rights and interests in data about us are often overlooked, with issues of indigenous data governance unresolved. The workshop objectives are to:

- Develop skills to critique uncritical use of 'race'/ethnicity in indigenous health research
- Provide examples from Aotearoa/New Zealand of frameworks or principles of indigenous data sovereignty

Workshop plan:

The workshop will use a seminar format, involving three presentations. The first presentation will provide a broad, critical overview of the background and objectives of the workshop by the first presenter (10 minutes). This will be followed by a presentation on the critical use of 'race'/ethnicity in indigenous health research (15 minutes), and 10 minutes of facilitated discussion. Finally, there will be a presentation on indigenous data sovereignty from the experience of Aotearoa/New Zealand (15 minutes), with a further 10 minutes of facilitated discussion. During the facilitated discussion, participants will be encouraged to discuss in small groups how the presentation issues relate to their own context, and identify ways in which they can apply learnings to their own practice.

Main messages:

This workshop will support participants to critique methodological approaches to indigenous health research to better facilitate critical, transformative research. It will also provide participants with examples of principles from critical indigenous health research and indigenous data sovereignty that can potentially be applied in their own contexts.

The workshop will be 60 minutes in length.