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CREATE focuses on translating research to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with particular focus on the prevention, treatment and management of chronic diseases. The Centre is a collaborative enterprise between The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), The Joanna Briggs Institute, University of Adelaide, and The School of Public Health, University of Adelaide.

Objectives

- Use existing and, where necessary, develop new evidence to inform guidelines, policies and tools focused on improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with, or at risk of developing, a chronic disease.
- Strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health service providers and researchers to conduct research and use 'evidence' to improve health outcomes.

Leadership Group

To align the work of CREATE with priorities affecting the Aboriginal Health sector, a Leadership Group has been established. The Leadership Group comprises of representatives from the Aboriginal health sector including NACCHO, its affiliates and member services as well as other Aboriginal health services. At each stage of the program, the Leadership Group's guidance will ensure that the outputs are of the greatest relevance for improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

CREATE Framework

The CREATE Framework (see Figure 1) illustrates the methodology and principles for CREATE's program of work. The outer layer indicates the translational health cycle, which involves the collation and synthesis of evidence, the development of evidence-based guidance, and the implementation and evaluation of the guidelines and tools produced. At the heart of the framework, and embedded in every stage of the program, lies CREATE's core principles: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, culture, values and ethics. Extending from these core principles are the key domains identified by the CREATE Leadership Group as requiring a strong evidence base to build holistic, comprehensive community controlled health services. Although not shown in this diagram, "Health Promotion" was added as an eighth research Domain by the CREATE Leadership Group in 2014.

Additional Program Priorities

Two additional program priorities complement the research Domains:

1. The Capacity Strengthening initiative is focused on strengthening the capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care sector to collect and use data to improve their own healthcare services.
2. The CREATE Methods Group is responsible for generating evidence synthesis guidance, tools and reporting standards that align with principles for conducting ethical research, and embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges in systematic review findings and recommendations.

CREATE Domains

The CREATE Leadership Group has defined the following eight priority Domains

1. Best Practice Care
2. Sustainable Funding
3. Health Promotion
4. Workforce
5. Defining Our Outcomes
6. Quality Improvement
7. Accreditation
8. Governance

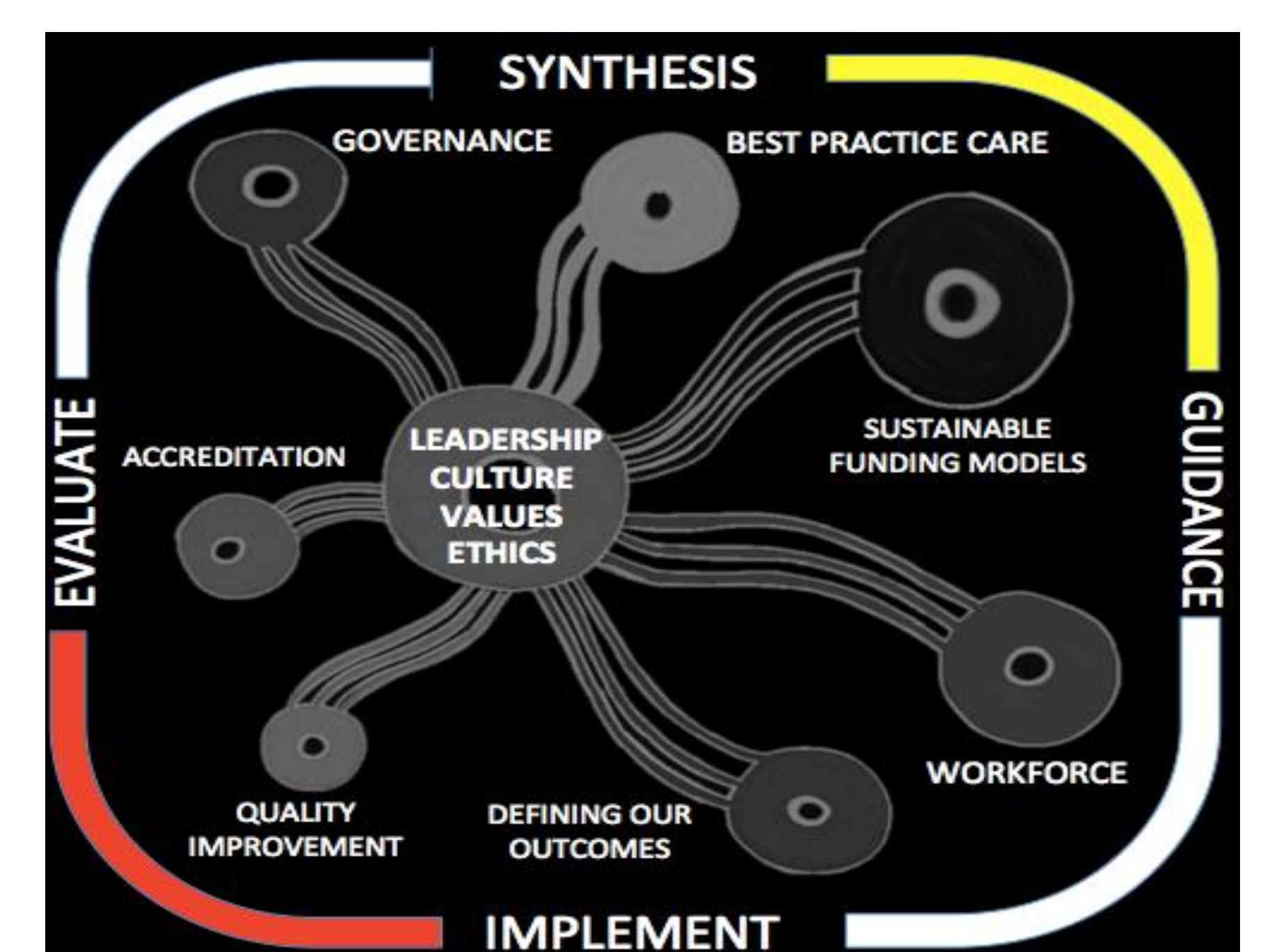


Figure 1: CREATE Framework

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