

Top End Division of General Practice



SNAPSHOT OF THE BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS FOR THE TOP END DIVISION OF GENERAL PRACTICE

- TEDGP is based in Darwin, Northern Territory, and covers "the vast geographical area north of Elliot in the Northern Territory (NT)" (Todd, R.1995bc:6).
- This area includes the main centres of Darwin, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.
- The region is divided into the districts of Darwin Urban, Darwin Rural, Katherine and East Arnhem.
- The total area covered by the Division is approximately 509,900 square kilometres (Darwin region is 132,700 sq kms, Katherine region is 332,900 sq kms and East Arnhem region is 44,400 sq kms).
- The Australian Bureau of Statistics for August 2001 show that the Northern Territory has a population of 210,664 with 158,968 people living in the Top End region.
- The NT Department of Health and Community Services has estimated there were 37,590 indigenous people residing in the Top End in 2001.
- The median age of the Northern Territorian is 30 years.
- 25% of the NT population are identified as being of Indigenous origin. This represents an increase of 10% since 1996.

Our current membership includes (as of July 2004):

- From an eligible 200 GPs in the Top End Division catchment area (over 509,000 square kilometres) 137 are current members.
- Of the 137 members there are urban members and rural/remote members.
- TEDGP has 77 general practices registered; 40 from an urban setting and 37 from rural/remote locations.
- The division provides services to other health professionals and has 86 associate members in this category.