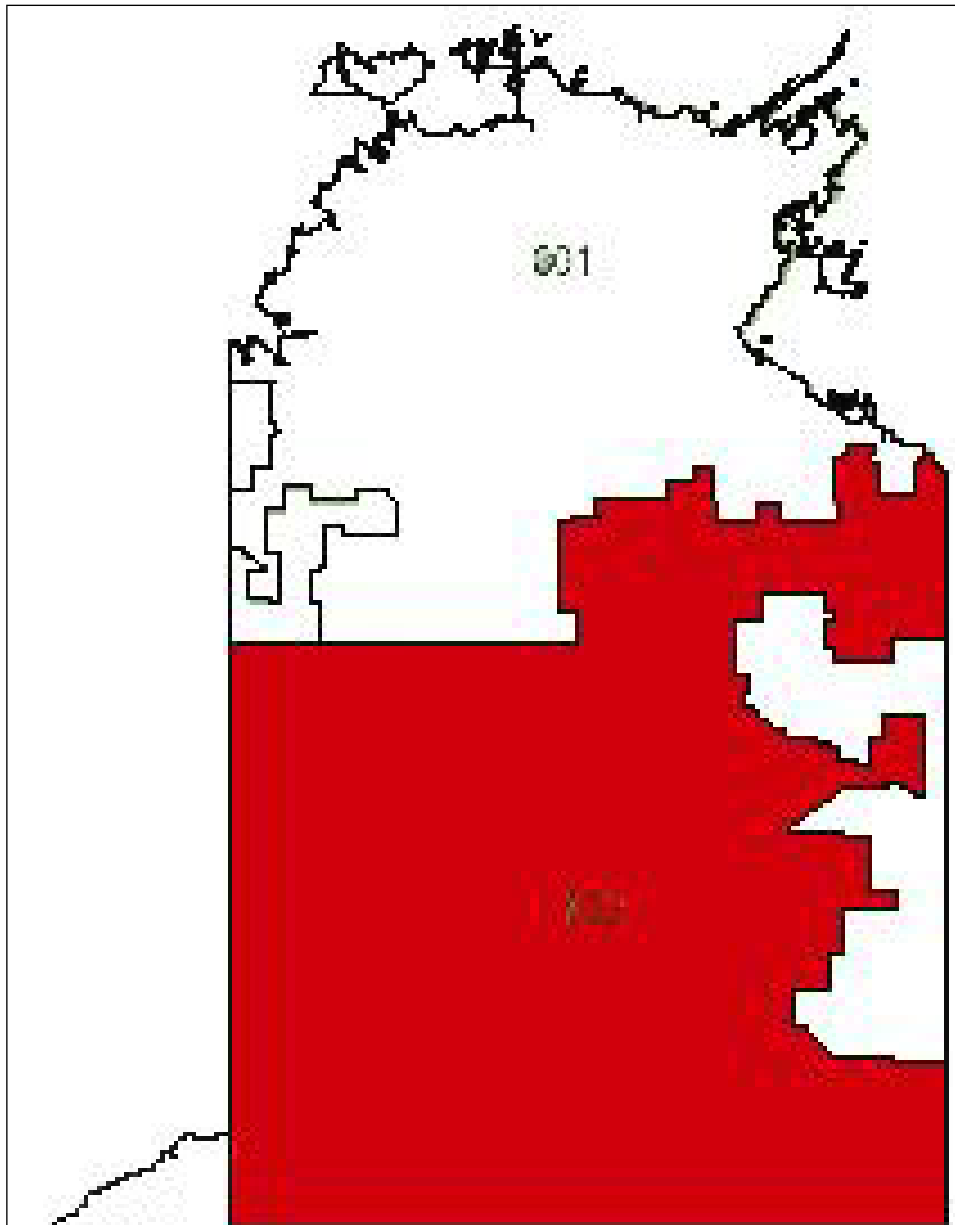
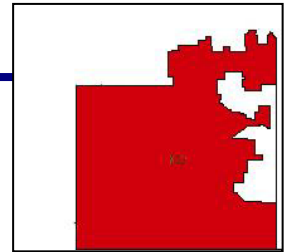

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Division ID: 802

Population of the Division: 47,933 (2001 Census)

Number of GP Members: 66 (30/6/03)

Number of practices: 24 (group 12; solo 12)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 66

Number of female GPs: 24

Number of overseas trained GPs: 13

Number of FTE GPs: 14 (CADPHC data 18/9/03)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:726

Number of public hospitals: 2 (Alice Springs and Tennant Creek)

Number of private hospitals: 0

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? Yes

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? Yes

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Yes

Is supporting after hours service delivery or development part of your 2003-2004 business plan? Yes

Useful demographic information

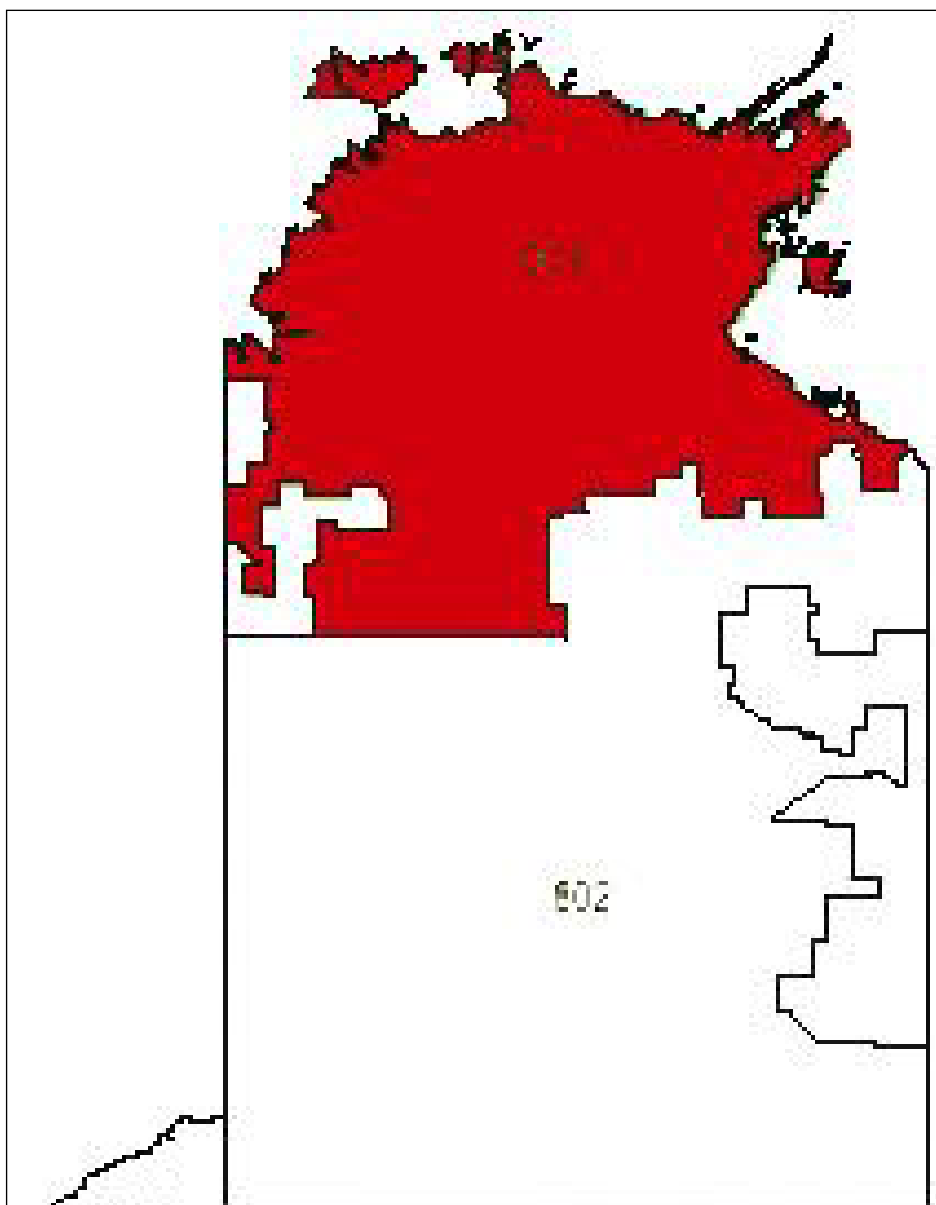
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Services	Details of services	Information and background
<p>ASAP Clinic- Alice Springs After Hours General Practitioners. Address: Alice Springs Hospital Phone: 08 8951 7577</p>	<p>Mon-Fri 7pm-11pm Sat 1pm-5pm Sundays and public holidays 10am-12noon & 5pm-7pm The Located within the grounds of Alice Springs Hospital. One GP and one medical receptionist are on duty each session.</p>	<p>The service has been established through a AHPMC Program Grant. GPs from the three private town based GP clinics participate in the roster.. Patient profile 63.4% residents of Alice Springs 36.6% visitors. A separate legal entity has been established to provide clinical and corporate governance. The aim of the project is to provide a sustainable after hours gp service to the residents and visitors to Alice Springs</p>
<p>CAAC Congress</p>	<p>Open until 8pm week nights on call number until 10.30 Weekends and public holidays 900am – noon Patient transport provided.</p>	<p>Congress is an Aboriginal controlled health service that was established in 1973. It delivers a range of primary health care services, including a clinic that services in excess of 8,000 clients p.a. Funding has been approved to establish a 1800 # and provide a transport service on Sunday, in order to make the service more accessible.</p>
<p>Any solo GPs with extended hours clinics?</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>Emergency Department- Alice Springs hospital</p>	<p>The Emergency Department offers 24 hours emergency service provided by registrars and resident staff. Specialist staff cover is provided between 7.30am to 21.00 most days. All patients are triaged on arrival. Emergency staff inform category 4 and 5 patients that an after hours GP service is available.</p>	<p>Emergency Department- Alice Springs hospital</p>

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Division ID: 801

Population of the Division: 153,764 (2001 Census)

Number of GP members: 157

Number of practices: 72 (group 51, solo 21)

Estimated number of practicing GPs: 197

Number of female GPs: 74

Number of overseas trained doctors: not known

Number of FTE GPs: 88 (as defined by DoHA. FTE is calculated by dividing each doctor's Medicare billing by the average billing of full-time doctors for the reference period)

Ratio of population to GPs: 1:1747

Number of public hospitals: 3

Number of private hospitals: 1

Is the Division involved in the provision of AHPMC? No

Did the Division receive any funding from AHPMC grant rounds? No

Was supporting after hours service or service development part of your 2002-2003 business plan? Not directly, however indirectly development of new programs is a service to GP members which is a strong business plan activity

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Parap Village Medical Centre Parap Village Square	Mon, Wed, Fri 8.30am to 5.00pm Tue & Thu 8.30am to 7.30pm	
Fred's Pass Medical Centre Humpty Doo	Mon – Fri 8.00am to 10.00pm Sat 9.00am to 12.00pm Sun & Public Holidays 9.00am to 12.00pm	
Night and Day Medical and Dental Service Casuarina Square	Mon – Fri 8.00am to 9.00pm Sat 9.00am to 9.00pm Sun 9.00am to 9.00pm Public Holidays 9.00am to 9.00pm	9pm is the latest closing time for the Practice. The service usually operates until 'late evening' and closes between 6:30pm and 8pm, depending on patient demand.
Malak Square Medical Centre	Mon – Fri 8.00am to 6.00pm Sat 8.30am to 12.30pm Sun & Public Holidays 8.30am to 12.30pm	
After Hours Emergency Medical Service Darwin Private Hospital	Mon - Fri 6.00pm to 12am Sat – Sun 10.00am to 10.00pm Public Holidays 10.00am to 10.00pm	On weekdays the service usually closes about 10pm, depending on patient demand.
Stuart Park Surgery and Darwin After Hours Medical Service	Mon – Fri 8.00am to 5.00pm 6.00pm to 10.00pm Sat – Sun 9.00am to 10.00pm Public Holidays 9.00am to 10.00pm	
Farrah Medical Centre Palmerston	Mon – Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm 6.00pm to 10.00pm Sat – Sun 8:30am to 4.30pm 6.00pm to 10.00pm Public Holidays 8.30am to 4.30pm 6.00pm to 10.00pm	This is a bulk-billing clinic in the after hours 6pm-10pm period.
Trower Road Medical Centre Casurina	Mon – Thurs 8.00pm to 12pm 2.00pm to 5.00pm 6.00pm to 8.00pm Saturdays 9.00 am to 12.00pm Sundays 9.00am to 12.00pm	The Service also opens on some public holidays depending on doctor availability.

Rural and Remote:

Some community health centres and health care clinics operate an after hours service with GPs, Remote Area Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers on a roster and a nurse triage system. However, some remote clinics are dependent on nursing staff and a fly in visit by the doctor which may range from weekly to six weekly periods. Medivac guidelines are in place for emergency air evacuations coordinated through the DMO at Royal Darwin Hospital.

