

**STATE-WIDE
REGISTER & CONTROL PROGRAM FOR
ACUTE RHEUMATIC FEVER (ARF) AND
RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE (RHD)**

Queensland

UPDATED MARCH

LINKS TO ARF/RHD CLINICAL INFORMATION AND WEBSITES

National Heart Foundation (NHFA) of Australia

The NHFA and the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ), have jointly developed:

Diagnosis and management of acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in Australia—an evidence based review (2006).

This publication addresses factors contributing to inadequate diagnosis and management of ARF and RHD.

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/PP-590%20Diagnosis-Management%20ARF-RHD%20Evidence-Based%20Review.pdf>

Quick reference guides for health professionals:

Diagnosis of ARF

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ARF%20RHD%20PP-592%20Diag%20Quick%20Ref%20Guide.pdf>

Management of ARF

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ARF%20RHD%20PP-593%20Mgmt%20Quick%20Ref%20Guide.pdf>

Secondary prevention of ARF

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ARF%20RHD%20PP-594%20Prevention%20Quick%20Ref%20Guide.pdf>

Management of RHD

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/PP-596%20Rheumatic%20Heart%20Dis%20Management%20Quick%20Ref%20Guide.pdf>

RHD Control Programs: a reference guide for health organisations

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ARF%20RHD%20PP-595%20RHD%20Control%20Quick%20Ref%20Guide.pdf>

The **Rural Health Education Foundation** produce high-quality, evidence-based educational programs. Videos can be viewed for free after simple registration.

Rheumatic Heart Disease: All But Forgotten is a 60 minute in-depth clinician education video

http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=37

Rheumatic Fever, a 6 minute patient education resource

http://www.rhef.com.au/programs/program-1/?program_id=58

The Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW)

is Australia's national agency for health and welfare statistics and information.

Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease statistics in Australia

http://www.aihw.gov.au/cvd/rheumatic_heart_disease.cfm

One of the publications showing detailed statistics on rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease; ***Rheumatic Heart Disease: all but forgotten in Australia except among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples***

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/aus/bulletin16/bulletin16.pdf>

The Office of Rural and Remote Health

participate on a range of boards and committees and advocates on behalf of Rural and Remote Queensland for the most appropriate resources and service delivery models for Rural Queensland. Their website will provide you with information on the range of services, actions and initiatives.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/orrh/>

The ***Chronic Disease Guidelines 2007***, have been developed to guide the health practitioner in providing best practice prevention, early detection and management of chronic disease.

http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/nahs/clinical/programs/docs/cd_guidelines_2nd_07.pdf

The ***Primary Clinical Care Manual (PCCM) 6th edition 2009***, is the result of a successful partnership between Queensland Health Staff and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld Section). The PCCM is a major clinical reference for Indigenous Health Workers, Registered Nurses and Medical Officers working in rural and remote Queensland.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/pccm/pdfs/PCCM2009.pdf>