



Reducing Barriers to Hepatitis Care for Aboriginal Australians: A model of collaborative care.

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The Collaboration:

- Clinic established in 2010
- Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) Cooperative Limited & Sydney Local Health District.

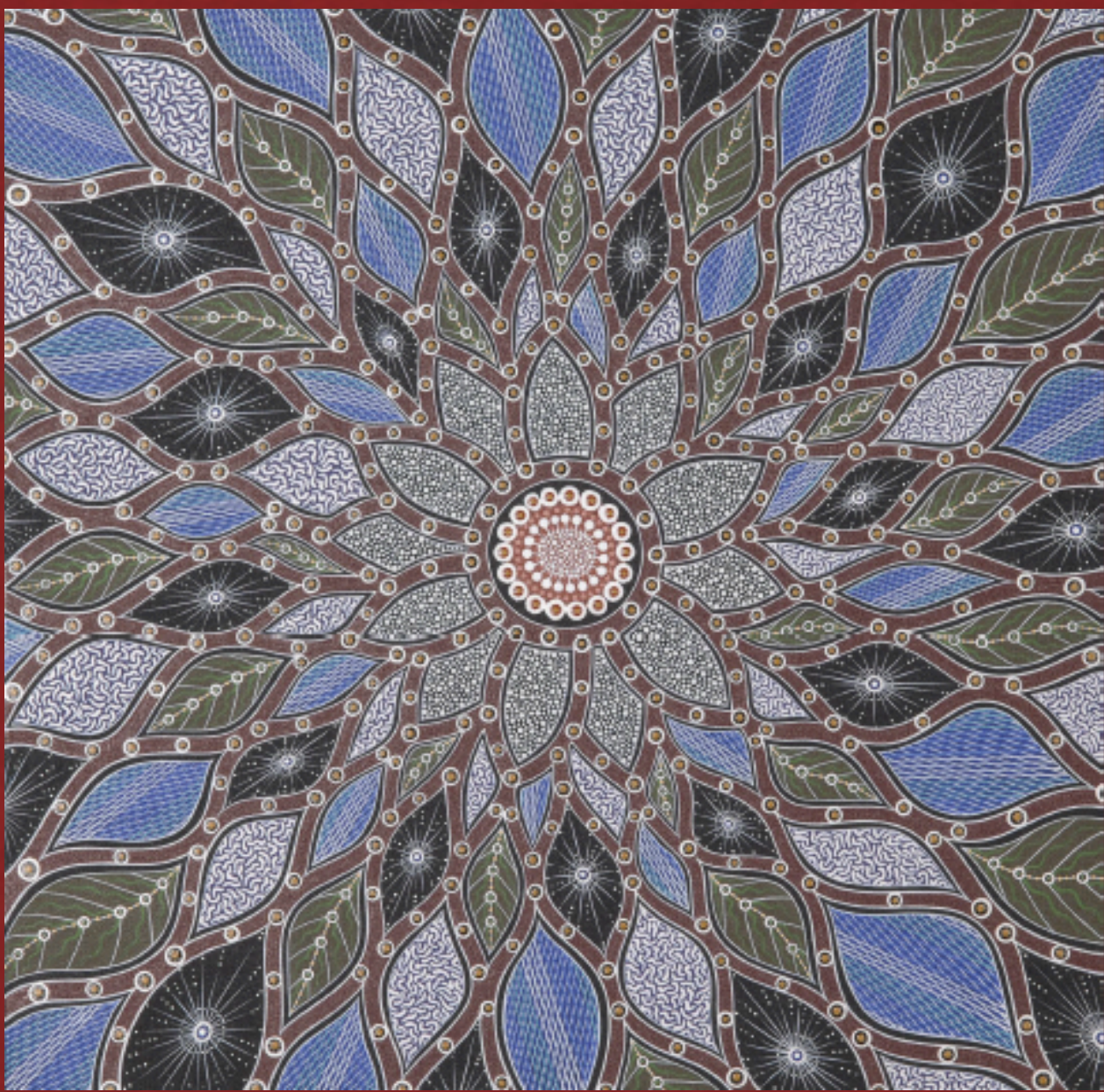


Aims:

- To improve hepatitis awareness
- To improve access to assessment and treatment services

The Staff:

- Aboriginal Peer Support Worker
- Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) in Viral Hepatitis
- Medical Officer and Consultant Hepatologist



The Location:

- Co-located with AMS GPs in Chronic Health Care Unit with access to blood taking services

The Clinic:

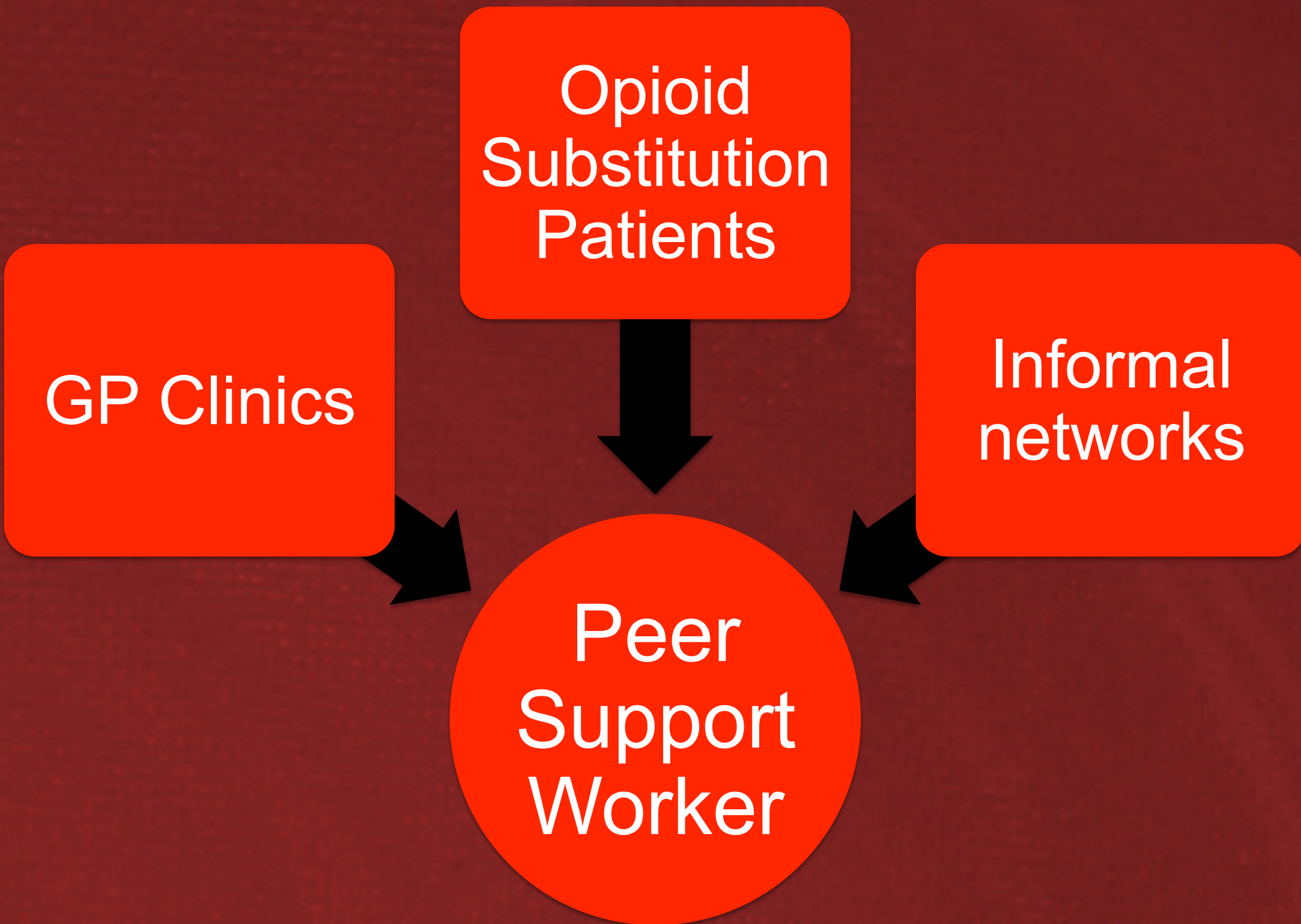
- Weekly Peer Support Worker
- Fortnightly CNC (with portable fibroscanner)
- Monthy Medical Officer



The Community:

- Monthly meetings with AMS management to discuss service improvementc

Referral pathways:



2013 snapshot:

Patients assessed	41
Patients fibroscanned	13
Percentage abnormal (>7KPa)	38%
Average viral load (virus/ml blood)	3,283,332U
Genotype (where recorded):	
1	15
2	1
3	14
Currently using drugs or alcohol (outside guidelines)	27
On opioid substitution therapy	10
Number treatment initiated	6
Treatment outcome:	
SVR	2
In Progress	4
Reasons for not treating (where recorded)	
Psychiatric	1
Socal	1
No Fibrosis	1
Advanced cirrhosis	4
Patient decision	2

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