



## Values Statement

We believe that all people with disability have the right to a *healthy and full life*.

We recognise that people with intellectual and developmental disability have historically experienced systematic *neglect* of their health and well-being needs. This neglect and lack of access to appropriate, high quality medical services continue to impact on the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disability.

Access to *high quality medical services* is a basic right, and we promote the provision of high quality medical services to people with intellectual and developmental disability, along with appropriate social services and community support in order to maximise health and social well-being.

We believe that *collaboration and negotiation* with the person with disability and their carers provides better health outcomes.

We support person with intellectual and developmental disability and their carer/s to become *involved in their health care* and health care planning.

We believe in providing health information in a collaborative way whilst *guarding privacy*.

We acknowledge that people with intellectual and developmental disability have been historically *underrepresented in research* and we seek their involvement in research development around health issues.

We actively promote improvement of health and well-being for people with intellectual and developmental disability through our education programmes for students, services and practitioners.

QCIDD clinical practice is guided by each relevant professional code of ethics:

Medical Practitioners –

<http://www.ama.com.au/web.nsf/topic/policy-medical-ethics?opendocument&cat=Position%20Statement>

Psychologists – [http://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/Code\\_Ethics\\_2007.pdf](http://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/Code_Ethics_2007.pdf)

Social Workers - [http://www.aasw.asn.au/adobe/about/AASW\\_Code\\_of\\_Ethics-2004.pdf](http://www.aasw.asn.au/adobe/about/AASW_Code_of_Ethics-2004.pdf)

Psychiatrists - <http://www.ranzcp.org/pdffiles/publications/Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf>