**Video Transcript**

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My name is Angela Dos Santos.

I’m a Gumbaynggirr and Kwiamble woman from the mid-coast of NSW, and I’m doing a PhD to the University of Melbourne.

[Text: Why did you become a medical researcher?]

I started my research journey mainly to become a better doctor, but then also given my Aboriginal heritage I focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, and in particular then my secondary interest which is stroke in neurology.

[Text: What was your research project?]

I’m looking at stroke in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The previous research which has been conducted has all been retrospective analyses mainly of hospital data and there’s some flaws in retrospective analyses of any particular research project.

Hence my projects are focused on prospective analyses looking at, in particular, the incidents of stroke for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

[Text: How could this project make a difference in people’s lives?]

I think the biggest difference will be seen with identifying management of those cardiovascular risk factors at a much younger age.

There has been already some work in the cardiovascular research space that’s doing screening from the age of 18 checking for those risk factors that are the risk factors of stroke, will then reduce the incidents rate.

Also ensuring that we have culturally safe hospitals and that that unconscious bias that some people do experience, the institutional racism, is really stamped out so that people feel very comfortable in calling an ambulance, coming into hospital, staying in hospital, and receiving the treatment that the doctors advise, because they’re doing it in a supported environment.

I think they’re the best ways to get the best outcomes.

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