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James Charles is a podiatrist, lecturer and researcher.

Graduated with Bachelor of Podiatry 2004, master of Podiatry in 2008 from the University of South Australia.

James is originally from Adelaide, South Australia, but currently lives and works in Newcastle, New South Wales, where he is currently studying his PhD.

James is passonated about Aboriginal health and education, especially the need to educated more Aboriginal health professionals.

He is also a lecturer in Indigenous Medical Education at the University of Newcastle. James research is on Aboriginal education and Aboriginal foot health.

He has been previously chair of the national Indigenous Allied health Network (IAHN) and president of the national Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA).

He is currently doing his PhD, investigating a wide range of variables that have an impact on Aboriginal foot health and high prevalence in Aboriginal communities e.g. obesity, smoking, diabetes but focusing on foot structure and function.

James has been invited to speak at many international conferences, and had many abstracts accepted to present on a wide range of topics of health and education.