

NT Prevocational Doctor of the Year 2026

Dr Madison Grace Ludwig



Dr Madison Ludwig is a proud Gurindji and Kungarakana doctor working in Alice Springs, Northern Territory. As a prevocational doctor she has distinguished herself through her commitment to supporting her peers and improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Her dedication has established herself as an emerging leader within the NT health workforce.

Dr Ludwig graduated with a Doctor of Medicine from Flinders University in December 2024 through the Flinders University Northern Territory Medical Program. Prior to studying medicine she worked as a renal nurse developing a strong clinical foundation and a deep understanding for the challenges faced by patients through complex health systems, particularly in rural and remote settings.

Throughout her training and early prevocational years, Dr Ludwig gained extensive experience across rural, regional and remote Northern Territory settings. Her placements included a five-month rotation in Nhulunbuy on Yolngu Country, where she worked across emergency, maternity, and inpatient services at Gove Hospital and participated in outreach visits to surrounding communities. In her final year, she completed clinical rotations at Alice Springs Hospital on Arrernte Country, further developing her skills while building meaningful professional relationships with patients, the community and health care team members.

Dr Ludwig consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to supporting both patients and colleagues, often exceeding expectations of a prevocational doctor. Dr Ludwig is regarded for her willingness to assist peers, provide guidance to medical students and other prevocational doctors, and actively contributes to a positive and inclusive workplace culture. As an Aboriginal doctor, Dr Ludwig brings invaluable cultural knowledge and lived experience to her work, strengthening communication between the health services, patients and the community to create a culturally safe environment. She is a strong advocate for equitable healthcare and consistently demonstrates respect, integrity, and cultural humility.

Dr Ludwig has demonstrated a strong commitment to medical education and supporting the next generation of doctors. She participated as a presenter in a national intern information session for fourth-year medical students, sharing her experiences transitioning from medical student to intern in Alice Springs. Through this presentation, she provided practical insights into prevocational training in a regional and remote setting, promoted the unique learning opportunities available in Central Australia and encouraged future graduates to consider rural and remote training pathways. Her willingness to openly share her experiences and mentor emerging doctors has contributed to increased awareness of Northern Territory training opportunities and supported medical students in preparing for their transition to practice.

A passionate advocate for rural and remote healthcare, Dr Ludwig has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to improving access to prevocational medical education and training opportunities across regional and remote communities. Her dedication to Indigenous health, clinical excellence, medical education, and community-centred care continues to make a positive impact on patients, colleagues, and communities throughout the Northern Territory.

With her passion for service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence, Dr Ludwig is an outstanding clinician whose dedication to improving health outcomes and commitment to her patients position her to make a significant and lasting contribution to medicine and the communities she serves.