

A Tool for Developing and Assessing Research KT Plans

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Background

- Study commissioned and funded by 4 health research funding agencies from 3 countries
- To develop and test a tool to support knowledge translation components of the research grant application and review process
- Conducted with colleagues from the HSRCU, CAMH

Presentation Overview

- Study rationale
- KT assumptions developing the tool
- BRIEF introduction to the tool
- Current agency work to adapt the tool
- Increasing KT capacity: Further research and development needs

Study Rationale

- Funder influence: from check writers to policy makers to increase impact
- KT requirements have preceded shared guidelines/criteria
- Opportunities for cross-agency learning

KT Assumptions

- KT defined by *purpose* not *process*
- Requires context specific reflection and strategic focus
- Activities and resources proportionate to study
- Research KT activities only small part of system-wide KT needs

Components of Research KT Tool

- **Conceptual Framework**
 - To guide thinking about KT needs and opportunities within the research process
 - KT factors
 - Considerations for each factor
 - Assessor questions
 - Examples

KT Factors

- **KT Goals**
 - *Generate* awareness, interest, action
 - *Gain* system knowledge, research support
- **Research Stage**
 - Initiation, implementation, outcomes
- **KT Participants**
 - Sector role (e.g. policy maker, provider, patient advocate)
 - KT role (e.g. knowledge broker, audience)

KT Factors (cont'd)

- **Methods**
 - Interactive engagement
 - Dissemination and communication
- **Resources**
 - Research team, KT partners, organizational supports, system supports
 - Tradeoff between reach and feasibility

Adapting the Tool

- CIHR Guides to Knowledge Translation for Peer Reviewers
 - Two guides currently in development
 - 'End of Grant KT' Guide
 - 'Integrated KT' Guide
 - To be part of common review process

Further KT Development

- *Research* KT is focus for funders, but also a need for other system contributions
- Developing maps of system KT capacity, strengths and gaps
- Linking research KT activities to system infrastructure
 - Promote broader application perspective
 - Avoid duplication and even conflicts

For Further Information

Want More Information?

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