

Assessing the Impact of a Research Program



Research Team Level

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Why: RIA Purpose



Research Purpose: To improve Aboriginal health, strength & resilience.

1. **Accountability** – Communities & funders
2. Advocacy – Communities & funders
3. **Analysis** – What is having an impact
4. Allocation – Time is a limited resource

How: Track 5 Impacts



1. Advancing knowledge
2. Building capacity
3. Informing decision-making
4. Health impacts
5. *Broad socio-economic impacts*

1. Advancing Knowledge in AH

Activity	Quality	Outreach	Uptake
Pub count	Pubs in high quality outlets	Community co-authors	Benefit to communities
Conference talks	Highly cited publications	International co-authors	Benefit to researchers
	Conference invitations	National & international invitations	Benefit to gov/orgs
Bibliometrics counts	Bibliometrics counts	Bibliometrics counts	Qualitative, peer review

2. Building Capacity

Personnel	Funding	Infrastructure	Aspirations
Graduated students	Levels of additional funding	Programs developed	Receptor capacity to use research
Community trainees, staff	Community-acquired funding		
Counts, qualitative	Counts	Counts, qualitative	Qualitative, case studies

3. Informing Decision Making

Health	Research	Products	Public
Use of research in guidelines	Policy maker consults		Public lectures
Citations in health education materials	Community consults		Research cited in community publications
Counts, qualitative	Counts, qualitative, case study		Counts

4. Health Impacts

Health Status	Health Determinants	Health Care
Incidence, prevalence	Changes in risk & protective factors	Patient / client satisfaction
YLL, QALYs, PROMs		Appointment statistics, adherence
Counts, case studies, qual	Counts, case studies, qual	Counts, qualitative

Most Valuable Aspects



1. Moving beyond citation metrics – impacts **on the ground**
2. Capacity building – **thinking outside** the academia box
3. Growing community of CAHS