

Practice Makes Perfect: The CAHS Impact Framework Forum

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Advancing Knowledge

Research Capacity Building and Informing Decision Making Performance Indicators

Catalyzing

to **accelerate** the ability of healthcare teams to embrace and make good use of advances in patient care and **optimize** the use of operational and research dollars

Supporting

clinical operations and provincial programs to identify and solve relevant problems in collaboration with teams across AHS and with an extensive network of external partners

Sharing and applying

existing evidence and generating new evidence to support decision making (e.g. *invest in innovation or direct resources elsewhere*)

Challenges

- Length of Implementation of foundational steps
 - Requires long-term financial commitment
- Incomplete
 - Does not cover the full spectrum of AHS Research due to delays in Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) start-up

Challenges

- Lacking indicators to measure the translation of knowledge into operational change
- Difficult to measure benefits of innovation and research to patients and system
- Culture of Silos across Alberta ecosystem
 - Prevents sharing of information required to realize benefits to Albertans

Communication Plan

The results will be shared and discussed with:

- AHS- CEO and Executive Leadership Team, Zone Medical Leads and VPs Health Operations and their teams
- Universities- Vice Presidents of Research x3, Deans of Medicine, Associate Deans of Medicine, Deans of SD Faculties
- Strategic Network Leaders including SPO, ACMO and SCN Leaders
- Partnership organizations
- Albertans – results will be posted on external AHS website

Areas of Impact

The metrics help to inform decisions on:

- Planning and allocation of operating resources
- Long term planning for the organizations
- Strategic partnerships with external organizations
- Gaps that need to be addressed in the research agenda

Key Messages

What we found:

- Decision makers do not have access to and/or readily use good information (data) to make decisions that affect Albertans, so this is the **beginning**.
- Measuring change within a circumscribed group (the SCNs) is not representative of AHS as a whole. We must expand our initiative into the larger AHS community ensuring the backbone of measurement can be maintained and expand quality clinical gains across all domains.
- AHS and our partners have the **capability** and **motivation** to adopt and incorporate the ever-evolving developments in healthcare.