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1. Title:

Implementing knowledge translation strategies in funded research in Canada and Australia: a case study

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4. Abstract text:

a. Background and aims

There is an increasing emphasis on the need to integrate knowledge translation strategies into funded research processes to ensure research is relevant to identified needs and prompts action. The Movember Foundation is an independent global men's health charity which funds and establishes major programs of work to drive improvements for its prioritised men's health issues: prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health. Knowledge translation strategies were embedded in the Men's Mental Health Grant Rounds in 2013-14 which were implemented in Australia and Canada.

b. Methods

This case study explores the implementation of knowledge translation in the Men's Mental Health grant rounds and includes articulating knowledge translation requirements, ensuring a common understanding of KT, assessing knowledge translation plans, methods of engaging end-users and disseminating knowledge, and building capacity with successful applicants.

c. Results

The implementation plan was rolled out in Australia just prior to Canada so that lessons learned were immediately available to refine the second roll out. Implementation included the use of external knowledge translation expertise, the development Knowledge translation plans, and the need for infrastructure to support monitoring and reporting. Differences in the Australian and Canadian contexts may point to differential exposure to the concepts and practices of knowledge translation.

d. Conclusion

The Movember Foundation is currently evaluating the knowledge translation process in its Men's Mental Health grant rounds. Important lessons learned point to the importance of a long lead up time, the use of knowledge translation expertise and the need for efficiencies in supporting applicants.