Incorporating KT into your program of research

Knowledge translation encompasses all the activities that aim to increase the impact of research evidence on policy, practice and further research. Evidence suggests that research is more likely to be applied when it is done in consultation or collaboration with those who will use the findings. Research users may include, for example, policy makers, practitioners, patients, the public or other researchers.

The aim of the C2 program is to support meaningful collaborations and knowledge sharing between researchers and research users at the beginning of a research project.

Below are some resources that may help to guide the development of research partnerships. You can find other resources by speaking with colleagues who have engaged in collaborative research practice or go to the resource section on KT Pathways.

This article *Equity-focused knowledge translation* provides a model for critical reflective practice that researchers can apply to collaborations with research users.

This interactive tool, developed by the George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation, guides decision making about appropriate participatory approaches in public and patient engagement.

This article, *Helping Basic Scientists Engage With Community Partners to Enrich and Accelerate Translational Research*, describes a program aimed at fostering collaborations between basic and community.

This blog post, *Commitment issues: How to foster long-term collaborations with community organizations – a researcher’s perspective*, offers some instruction on how to build strong relationships with research user organizations.

This series of short video clips, *Research partnerships: Tips & Trips*, features considerations for researchers and research users alike on how they can work more effectively with each other.