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#### Abstract Information

**Title:** Characteristics of Canadian federally-funded health research projects that included knowledge users: Descriptive analysis of publicly-available data

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#### Abstract

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**Purpose:** To identify health research projects that formally included knowledge users (individuals able to use research knowledge to make informed decisions) funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) between 2011 and 2019.

**Methods:** Secondary data analysis. Inclusion criteria were: projects funded in programs that required a non-academic partner, or self-identified as integrated knowledge translation or as including knowledge users on the research team. Projects were identified through search of the CIHR funding decisions database for eligible programs and by keyword terms for individual projects. Projects that self-identified as integrated knowledge translation through a variable introduced in 2015 were provided by CIHR. Data were summarized using descriptive statistics.

**Results:** A total of 855 projects were identified, with an average funded value of CAD \$627,827. Most (n=183, 21.4%) were awarded in 2011 followed by 123 (14.4%) in 2016, and 99 (11.6%) in 2017. Duration ranged from 1 year to 7 years, with 468 (44.7%) awarded for a one-year term. A total of 2,274 researchers and/or knowledge users were identified as principal investigators, with a maximum number of 20 investigators named on one project.

**Conclusions:** Identification of health research projects that formally included knowledge users establishes an important foundation for continued study. This dataset builds on previous analyses, and restriction to funded projects ensures a minimum quality standard. Issues to be discussed include how to develop a coding framework to describe characteristics of included projects and how the dataset can be used to advance understanding of integrated knowledge translation.

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