



Knowledge translation and exchange

A cross-cutting theme that's helping to inform pharmacy policy and practice through a dynamic and iterative knowledge translation and exchange strategy

Known as OPEN, the Ontario Pharmacy Research Collaboration is a \$5.77 million multi-institutional and interdisciplinary research program comprised of a number of projects that are examining the quality, outcomes and value of new and emerging medication management services that pharmacists and other healthcare professionals provide.

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OPEN's Knowledge translation and exchange team is focused on synthesizing, disseminating, exchanging and applying program-wide research findings to improve pharmacy practice, medication management services and the health of Ontarians.

The team inquires into the facilitators and barriers to knowledge translation and exchange using OPEN as a natural laboratory, examines impact of the KTE components of OPEN's Advisory Committee and the applied health research question process, and works with other cross-cutting theme groups to optimize impact.

Opportunities for students

Undergraduate and graduate students on OPEN's projects are provided with individual and collaborative experiential and applied-learning opportunities to develop and enhance their training and research skills. Student training focuses on knowledge translation, pharmacy practice and health service research skills. Importantly, students learn from and network with other researchers, their peers and knowledge users, strengthening research rigour as findings are put into practice.

Research based, knowledge-user driven

OPEN has strong ties to its knowledge users — individuals from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, provincial and national pharmacy associations and colleges, as well as other stakeholders — who collaborate with the team to improve pharmacy practice, the cost-effectiveness of services pharmacists provide, and the quality of healthcare in Ontario.

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