

Health Equity Matters

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is Canada's major federal funding agency for health research made up of 13 institutes including the Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH). The institute's strategic plan focuses on enhancing capacity for population and public health research and knowledge translation in Canada. Built on achievements and partnerships the Institute has developed over the past few years, it was developed in consultation with the Institute Advisory Board and researchers and decision-makers from across Canada.



The **vision** of the IPPH is to be recognized as a world-class institute that demonstrates excellence, innovation, and leadership in the generation and application of population and public health evidence to improve health and promote equity in Canada and globally.

The **mission** of the IPPH is to improve the health of populations and promote health equity in Canada and globally through research and its application to policies, programs, and practice in public health and other sectors.

IPPH's four strategic research priorities address emerging issues of concern to both Canadians and international partners in the field of population and public health.

1. Pathways to health equity

Goal: To further our understanding of pathways to health equity

Objectives:

- To support research that examines how the interplay of biological, social, cultural, and environmental determinants affects health and how this interplay changes across the life course at multiple levels of social aggregation and through significant societal transitions
- To foster studies to investigate how intersections of micro- and macro-environments enhance equities or reduce inequities in the health of populations

2. Population health interventions

Goal: To examine the impact of complex population health interventions on health and health equity

Objectives:

- To foster research that examines the impact of population health interventions on health and health equity
- To support the application of novel measures, research designs, and frameworks in studies of population health interventions

3. Implementation systems for population health interventions in public health and other sectors

Goal: To examine how implementation systems for population health interventions may strengthen or weaken the impact of population health interventions on health and health equity

Objectives:

- To support research that contributes to our understanding of scaling-up processes for population health interventions that enhance health and health equity
- To foster research that examines intersectoral implementation options for population health interventions and features of these implementation systems

4. Theoretical and methodological innovations

Goal: To stimulate theoretical and methodological innovations in knowledge generation, knowledge synthesis, and knowledge integration for population and public health

Objectives:

- To foster development and refinement of theories and methods for the examination of population health interventions and implementation systems to promote equity and reduce inequities in health
- To foster the development and refinement of ethical frameworks for population health interventions in Canada and globally



knowledge translation, mobilizing strategic and innovative partnerships, and strengthening capacity for research excellence.

Goals:

- To support and accelerate the translation of research on population health interventions and implementation systems into practice, programs, and policies within the health and other sectors
- To build on existing and establish new strategic partnerships that support knowledge generation and translation efforts by researchers and decision-makers working in the field of population and public health in Canada and globally
- To respond to emerging needs for knowledge generation and knowledge translation (including synthesis, dissemination, exchange, and ethically-sound application of knowledge) that are related to the protection or promotion of the health of the population
- To increase the capacity of the Canadian health research community to lead and collaborate on cutting-edge population and public health research and knowledge translation, both nationally and internationally



Knowledge translation, partnerships, and capacity building

The Institute will address each of these strategic research priorities by fostering excellence in

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