Abstract Template

Project title Promoting effective knowledge transfer and exchange of findings from clinical trials in health services research

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Knowledge transfer and exchange (KTE) describes the process by which research findings are disseminated in a dynamic and effective manner, with the ultimate goal of maximising the potential for research to impact practice. In clinical trials, added challenges in KTE can arise as a result of their methodological complexity. In collaboration with Ulster University we have developed a model for KTE based on a systematic review of health related research (Guerin, Prihodova & Kernohen, 2016), which highlights aspects of the message to be transferred, the stakeholders, the process of transfer and the impact of the context. The proposed project will conduct a rapid review of online resources relating to KTE activities (drawing on established organisations e.g., the Canadian Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Community of Practice) to identify the key strategies discussed to promote effective KTE. These strategies will then be mapped onto the model developed by Guerin et al. to provide a set of resources for each component of the model. Finally, the resources presented to focus groups including established and early career researchers in health services research in order to harness their feedback on adapting these strategies to clinical trials in health services research. As a result, we will generate a KTE implementation guide for researchers conducting trials in this area, which will serve as a valuable resource for researchers in this area, with the ultimate goal of improving the effective transfer of knowledge between research and practice settings.

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