

LETTER OF INFORMATION REGARDING:

A compendium of integrated care initiatives

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INTRODUCTION

Across North America, people, communities, and organizations are leading extraordinary efforts to advance integrated care and population health, yet too often these efforts happen in silos. The North American Compendium of Integrated Care is the first-of-its-kind resource that provides a clear sightline into who is doing what in integrated care and population health – at local, regional, and national levels. Designed as a living resource for all of us, the Compendium offers a centralized, searchable directory to connect our efforts, accelerate shared knowledge, and amplify collective impact.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Initiatives that involve coordination of patient-centred care from two or more health or social service sectors (e.g. primary care, community services, acute care) for individuals over a period of time. A manager or team member with in-depth knowledge of the initiative should complete the submission. You may consult other team members as needed.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

We are asking you to complete a template with 46 multiple-choice questions and 4 open-text questions about your integrated care initiative. It takes approximately **30 minutes** for someone very familiar with the initiative. Completion time will be shorter if the respondent has prepared responses to three 100-word open-ended questions including: 1) an overall description of the initiative; 2) a commentary on what makes this initiative different; and 3) information that others implementing the initiative would want to know. (Only the first of these is required to complete the template.) If you wish to participate, please complete the survey by clicking the on the link provided in the invitation.

WILL I BENEFIT FROM THIS STUDY?

There is no compensation for your participation. Designed as a living resource for all of us, the Compendium offers a centralized, searchable directory to connect our efforts, accelerate shared knowledge, and amplify collective impact. The compendium will be available through the NACIC website: <https://nacic.dlsph.utoronto.ca/integrated-care-compendium/>,

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Your participation is voluntary. If you choose to participate there are no reasonably foreseeable risks to you.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH MY DATA?

Your responses about the initiative will be posted on NACIC's public-access website. Personal contact information will be stored separately on a secure network at the University of Toronto. Individual personal contact information for the initiative will only be shared in the compendium with explicit permission.

CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I'VE CONSENTED TO PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is voluntary; you have the right to choose to not participate, or to stop participating without having to provide a reason and without any consequence. If you wish to withdraw after having completed the template, please contact the Principal Investigator of this study, Dr. Walter Wodchis, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), University of Toronto at 416-946-7387 or walter.wodchis@utoronto.ca.

WHOM CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the NACIC team at nacic@utoronto.ca.

You waive no legal rights by participating in this research and confidentiality can only be guaranteed to the extent permitted by law. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, contact the Office of Research Ethics at the University of Toronto at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

HOW DO I PROVIDE CONSENT?

By completing the survey template, you are providing consent to participate.

Yours sincerely,



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