

Programme Overview

5th GACD Implementation Science Workshop 2 – 3 November 2017, Chandigarh, India

Though there is a growing recognition of the importance of dissemination and implementation research, significant evidence gaps, issues and challenges still remain. These gaps include a lack of case studies of effective implementation and evidence-base from low and middle-income countries, major methodological and measurement challenges and a lack of research about how to translate evidence into policy and practice effectively.

With this in mind, the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) and the US National Cancer Institute are co-hosting an implementation science workshop to be held from 2-3 November as a pre-congress event to the [World NCD Congress](#) in Chandigarh, India. The workshop venue will be “Hall 2”, the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh and will meet from 9 to 5:30pm on both days. There will be a reception following the conclusion of the workshop.

The workshop aims to:

- Introduce researchers to the field of dissemination and implementation science.
- Inform, through practitioners, policymakers and researchers, how to study and implement research findings into policy and practice.
- Expand on this field of science with regards to the use of theoretical models, research designs and measurement.
- Illustrate ways of collaborating and networking more globally.
- Showcase examples of implementation research and the uptake of research findings into policy and practice.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Dissemination and implementation – what is the challenge?
- What are some of the approaches being used? What is the state of the evidence base?
- What methods and strategies have been used for dissemination and implementation?
- What research methods and measures have been used?
- How to maximise the impact on policy and practice?

This preconference workshop can accommodate upto 50 participants on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please complete and submit the application form by 7 October 2017, 5 pm US Eastern time. The application form may be accessed through this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/1ThcCWNrWd6PAOSh1>. Selected applicants will receive an email to confirm their participation. If you any questions, please contact Dr. James Alaro at ISWorkshopNov@nih.gov.

Recommended reading ahead of the workshop:

1. WHO monograph: [A guide to implementation research in the prevention and control of noncommunicable](#)
2. Peters et al.: [Implementation research: what it is and how to do it](#)
3. Proctor et al.: [Writing implementation research grant proposals: ten key ingredients](#)

Thursday 2 November (Day 1)	
Time/Venue	Topic
8.00am - 9.00am	Registration
9.00am - 9.30am	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Brian Oldenburg, University of Melbourne, Australia (on behalf of GACD faculty)</i>
9.30am - 10.00am	<i>Introductions at participants' tables</i> <i>Write down two objectives to achieve by the end of the workshop</i>
10.00am - 11.00am	An overview of implementation science – What is it? Key concepts and issues (Topic 1)
11.00am - 11.30am	Coffee break
11.30am - 12.30pm	Selecting appropriate study design and measurement for your project
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Case examples of implementation research from workshop participants' projects (Small Group Session I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Each workshop participant will briefly present and discuss their projects in their small group (see abstract template)</i> • <i>Brief reporting back from small groups of three key learnings</i> • <i>Faculty members will facilitate the group discussion</i>
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Coffee break

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Roundtable: Getting from science to policy and practice or How to make sure that your research findings do not get lost in translation?

Panel

Senior policy- and decision makers from policy, practice and research organisations will participate

- *Each discussant will briefly overview their approach of their agency to implementation research and knowledge translation*
- *The remainder of the time will be Q&A with workshop participants and faculty*

5.00pm onwards

Drinks

Friday 3 November (Day 2)	
Time/Venue	Topic
9.00am - 9.30am	<p>Review of day 1</p> <p><i>Learnings and what the participants want to learn more about by the end of Day 2</i></p>
9.30am - 10.30am	<p>Conceptual models and theoretical frameworks – What is useful? (Topic 3)</p>
10.30am - 11.00am	<p>Coffee break</p>
11.00am-12.30pm	<p>Case examples of implementation research from faculty (Topic 4)</p> <p><i>Each case example will highlight how the issue of context has been conceptualised and addressed, how it was evaluated and what have been the major learnings for individual projects</i></p>
12.30pm - 1.30pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1.30pm -2.30pm	<p>Case examples of implementation research from workshop participants' projects from around the world (Small Group Session II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Each workshop participant will discuss how to strengthen study design and measurement (see abstract template)</i> • <i>Brief reporting back from small groups of three key learnings</i> • <i>Faculty members will facilitate each of the groups</i>
2.30pm - 3.30pm	<p>Implementation Science and Scale up Challenges in LMICs (Topic 5)</p> <p><i>ISW Faculty</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Each faculty member will highlight 3 learnings</i>
3.30pm - 4.00pm	<p>Coffee break</p>
4.00pm - 5.00pm	<p>Global networking and funding for Implementation Science (Topic 6)</p> <p><i>Forum and discussion about the importance of working in teams, cross-disciplinarity, mentoring and global networking</i></p>

5.00pm - 5.30pm

Concluding remarks

Feedback and evaluation

5.30pm onwards

Workshop & GACD reception
