



PRIIME Network Quarterly Report

April 2025

This report provides a description and progress update for each of the PRIME Network's primary goals. It will be updated and circulated on a quarterly basis.

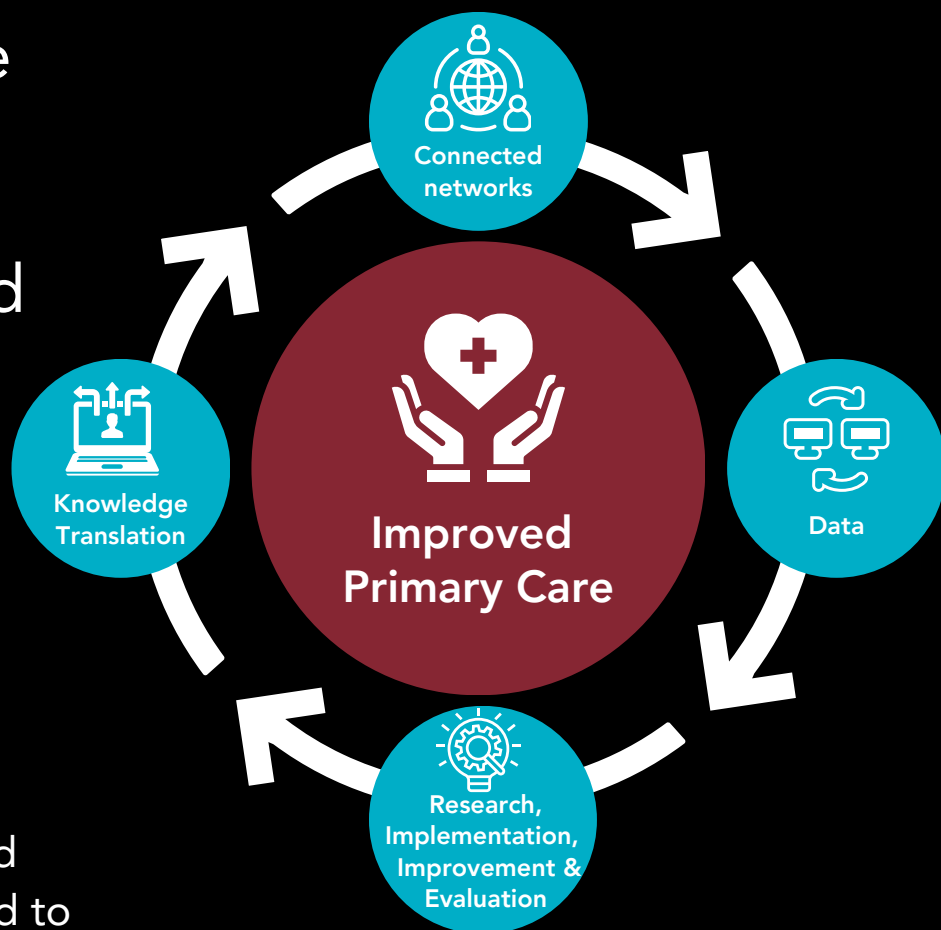


HIGHLIGHTS

- We continue to work with Digital Health Services to determine procedures by which we might send data collected from all physicians using the provincially-sponsored EMR to CPCSSN. They are currently reviewing documents we provided highlighting the latest CPCSSN protocols related to data governance, data extraction and storage process, privacy protocols, and how the data is accessed and used by third parties.
 - Recruitment and data collection for the CPIN project (collecting PREMs and PROMs in primary care) is underway.
 - We created a website for our network to be launched publicly after we receive feedback from the leadership team.
 - We have created a diagram outlining our network structure and highlighting key groups and individuals we hope to recruit to the network.
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- In the last year, we supported one project related to Family Care Teams with project set-up and will provide additional support for interest-holder engagement. We have also developed a project inventory which includes links to project descriptions and/or KT products as they become available.
 - We supported the DFM to develop a protocol and support materials for a QI project on no-shows.
 - We have 3 research snapshots in development. The first of the year to be released concerns Innu perspectives on end-of-life care. We have nearly completed the Rural Diabetes Care Scoping Review which should be published in the summer of 2025.

PRIIME NETWORK

NL's Primary Care
Research,
Implementation,
Improvement, and
Evaluation
Network



The PRIIME Network is a practice-based research and learning network committed to improving primary care in NL.

We are focused on working towards sustainability and achieving goals in the following four areas:

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Data, people, priorities

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Research

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Quality improvement

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Knowledge translation

Sustainability

Organization, Funding And Governance

The PRIME Network is the NL node of the Canadian Primary Care Research Network (CPCRN), an established interdisciplinary and intersectoral network of people who collaborate on generating solution-focused innovations in primary health care delivery. The CPCRN's vision is to create a sustainable pan-Canadian learning health system, supported by patient-oriented, practice-based research that improves primary care. Their mission is to facilitate research to spread and scale innovations by supporting the development of practice-based research and learning networks (PBRLNs) in every Canadian province and territory, and developing a primary care information system.



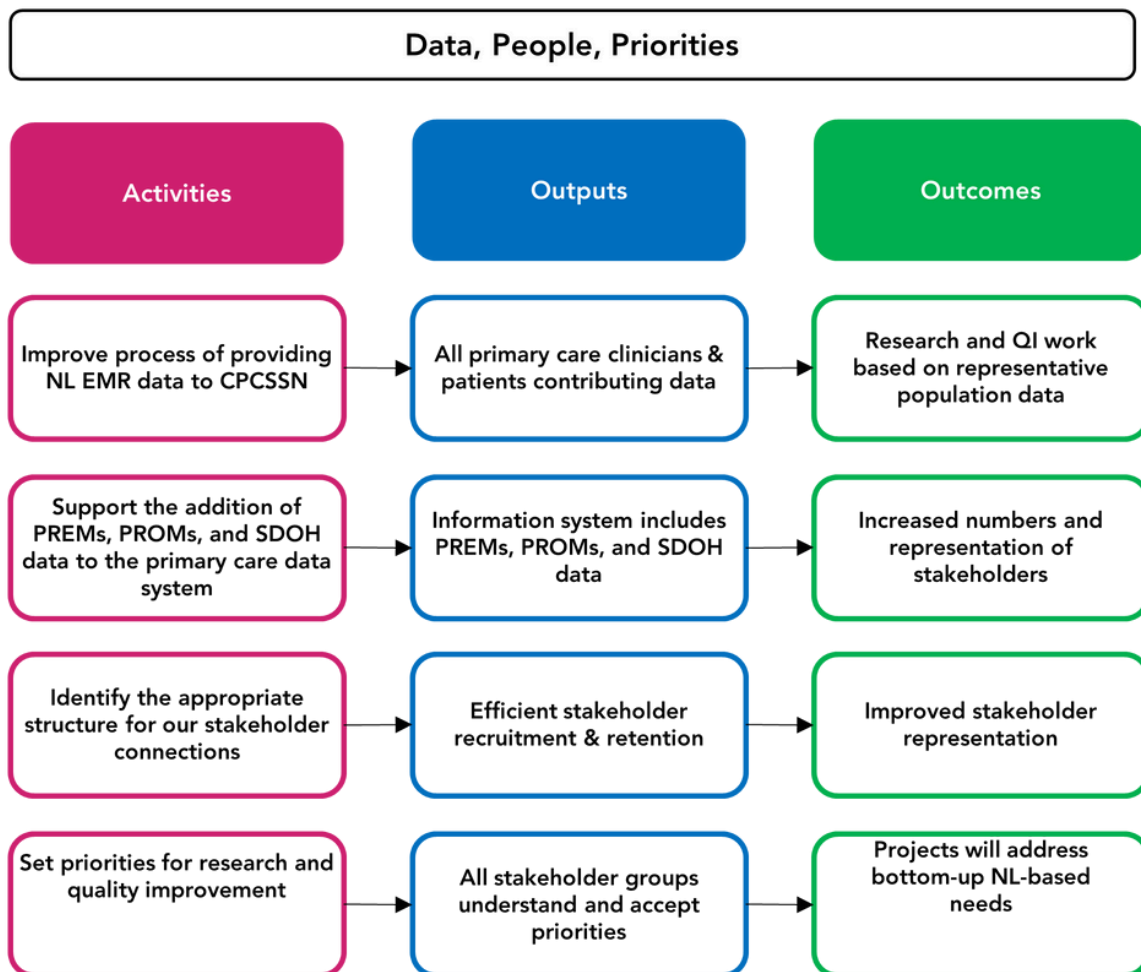
The PRIME Network is led by a quadripartite leadership team consisting of representatives from four interest-holder groups – researchers, patients, clinicians, and policy-makers. Currently this includes:

Dr. Amanda Hall Science	Dr. Nicole Stockley Clinician
Ms. Dorothy Senior Patient	Ms. Gillian Sweeney Policy

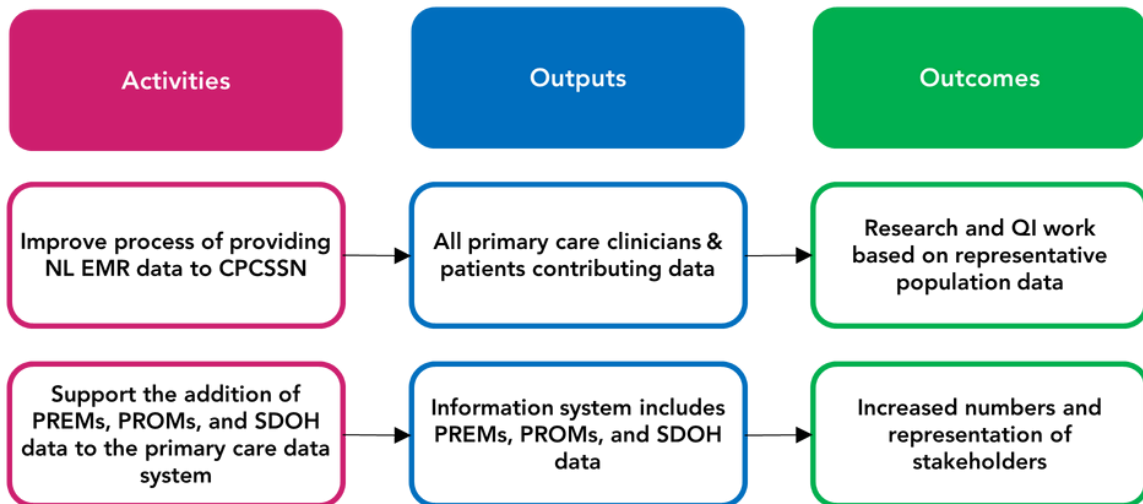
Our network receives a total of \$100,000/year for 5 years - \$50,000 from CIHR and \$50,000 from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Health and Community Services. This money is largely to support the operations of the network.

GOAL 1: DATA, PEOPLE, PRIORITIES

The PRIIME Network supports the development of an expanded and representative primary care data system, inclusion of a representative and diverse group of interest holders, and the establishment of responsive and representative primary care research priorities.



Data

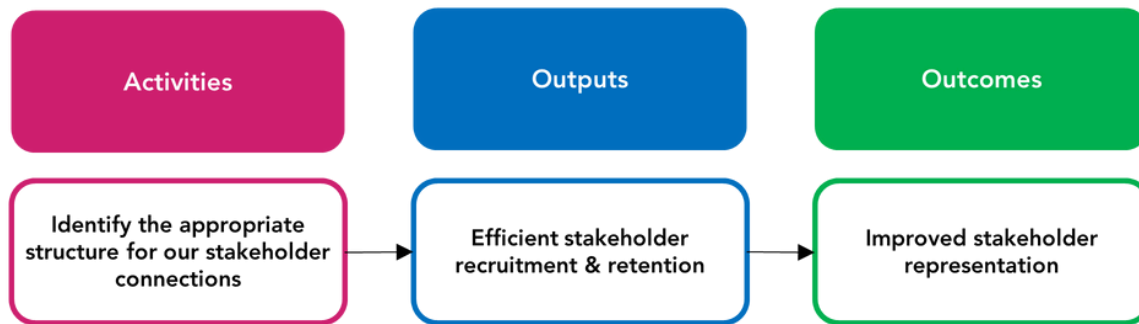


Activity 1- Digital Health Services is currently reviewing documents we provided highlighting the latest CPCSSN protocols related to their structure, data governance, data extraction and storage process, privacy protocols, and how the data is accessed and used by third parties.

Activity 2: Recruitment for the CPIN study investigating how to collect PREMs and PROMs and link it to CPCSSN data is ongoing and the team has started data collection. Work toward collection of SDOH data is ongoing in other provinces in the SPARK study. During the first round of PRIIME funding NL was a data collection site for the development and validation of a tool for the collection of SDOH data in primary care. For more information on the current SPARK study, please visit the CPCRN or SPARK websites.

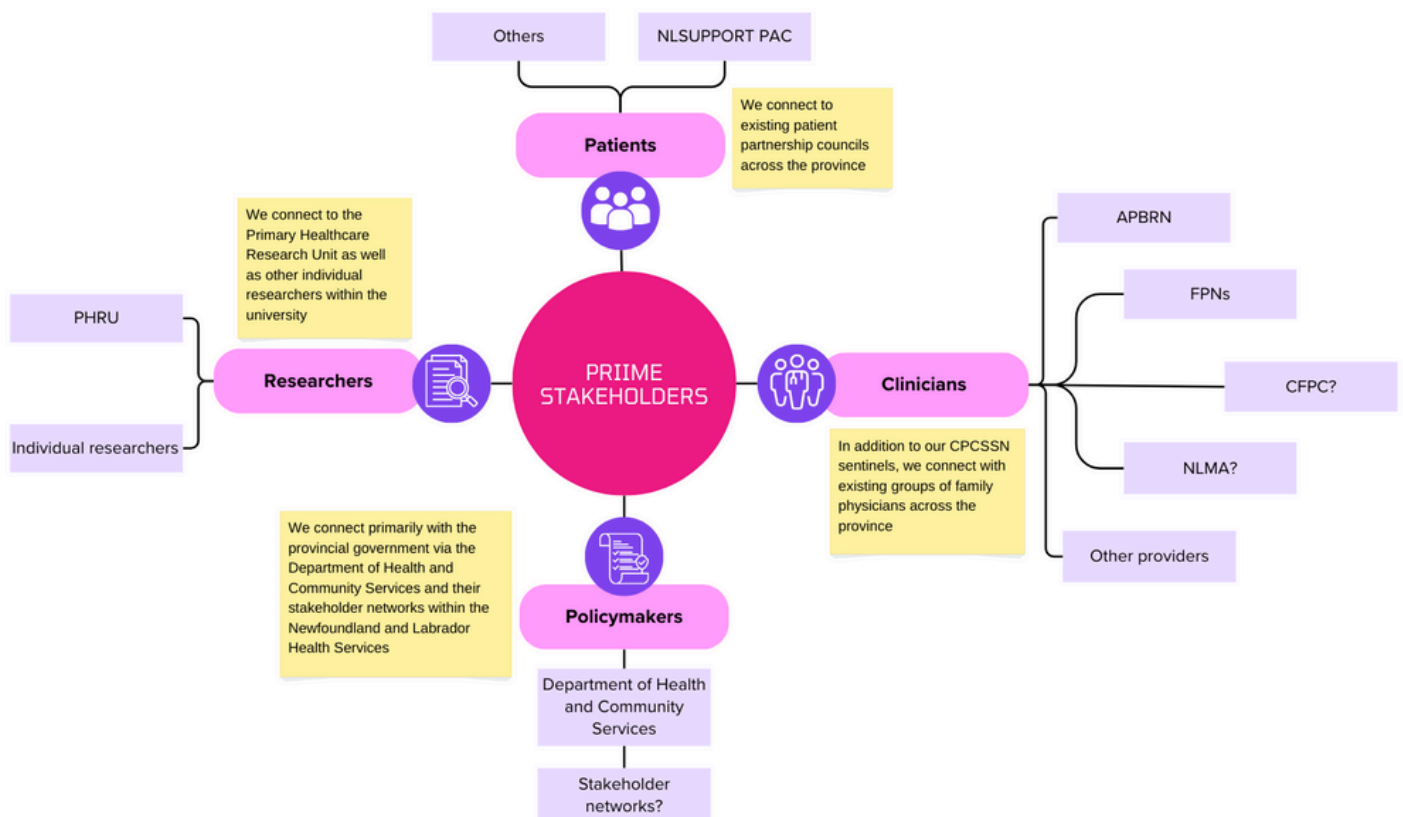
To do: Monitor progress and facilitate further discussions to move the CPCSSN data transfer forward. Monitor and report progress of CPIN study.

People



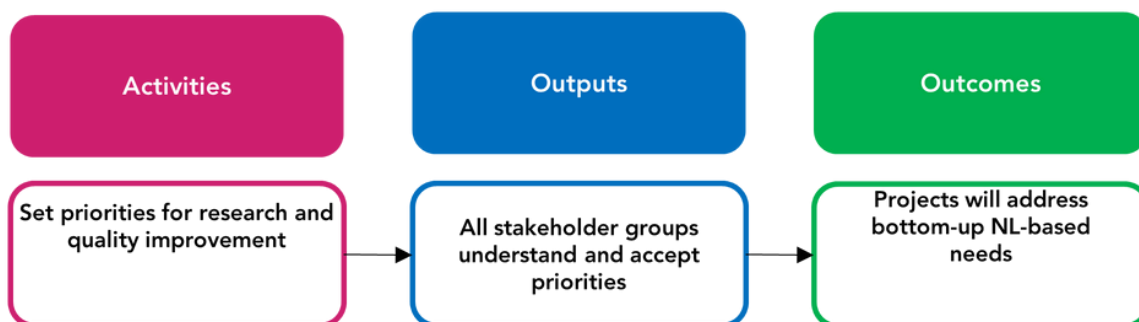
Network structure identified

- During the 2024 leadership meetings, the following structure was proposed:



To do: Identify all potential groups and individuals, invite them to join the network, and determine communication methods.

Priorities



Priorities set:

PRIIME has two main priority topic areas for research. The first is a pan-Canadian-generated topic that all networks prioritize (Indigenous health). The second is a province-generated topic of high importance (team-based care/family care teams). Priorities will be reconsidered in future funding cycles.

PRIIME (in partnership with the DFM EBM curriculum committee) has one main priority topic for quality improvement. For 2024-2026, the priority is reducing no shows in the clinic.

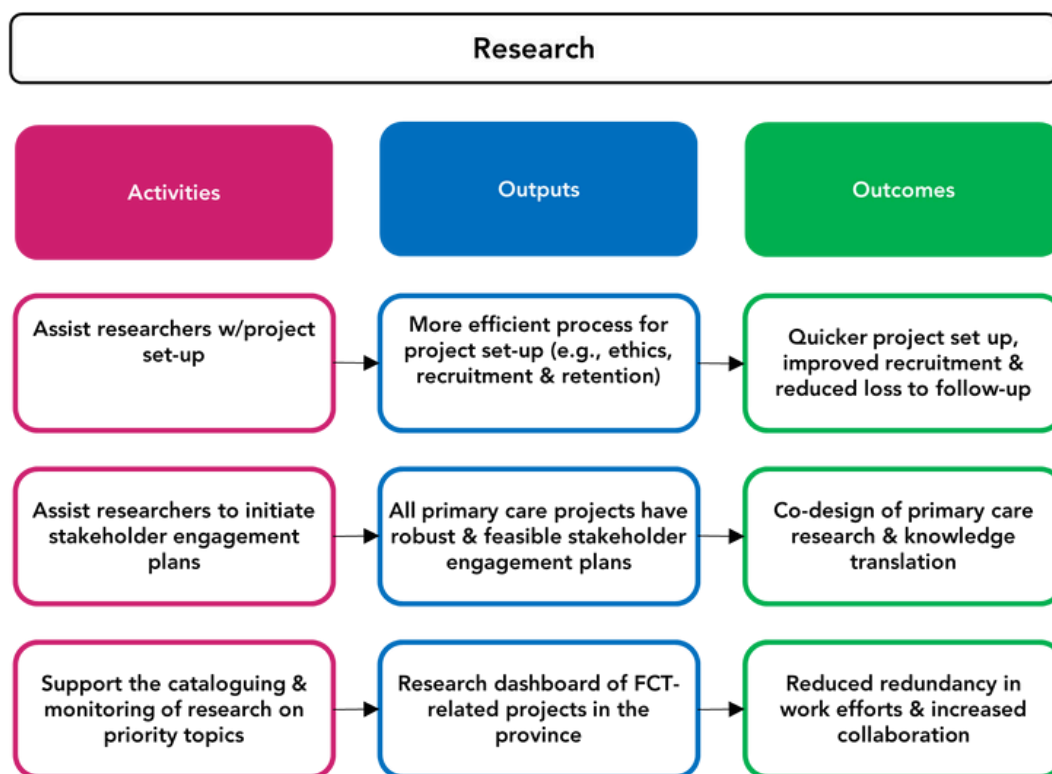
What do priority topics mean?

For the network, priority topics are specific areas of research for which the network will provide support in the form of project set-up, interest-holder engagement, and knowledge translation.



GOAL 2: RESEARCH

The PRIIME Network supplies local and cross-jurisdictional patient-oriented primary care research. We assist researchers working on CPRN-sponsored projects and projects related to our priority topics with project set-up tasks, stakeholder engagement, and/or knowledge translation. We are also developing an inventory of CPRN and priority topic research projects in the province.



Activity 1: In the last year, we supported one project related to Family Care Teams with project set-up.

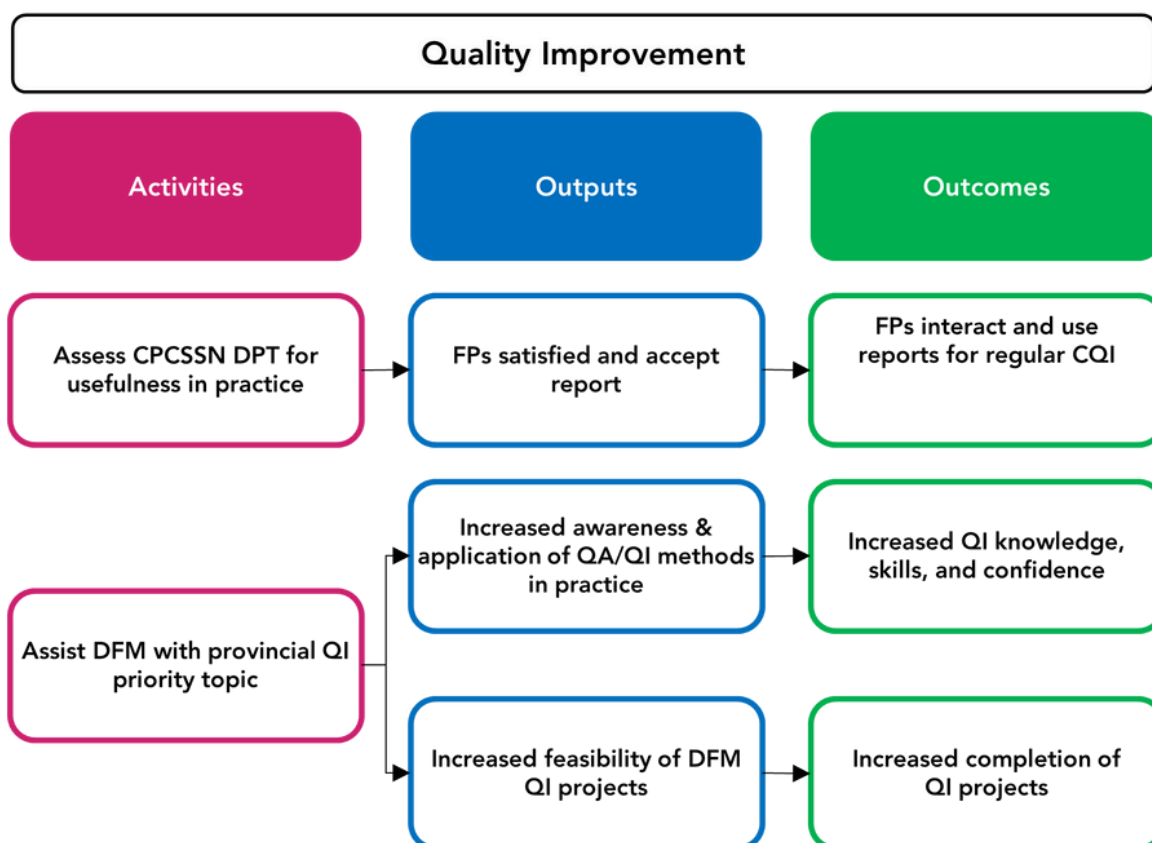
Activity 2: We will provide support for interest-holder engagement in the identified Family Care Team project

Activity 3: Developed a project inventory which includes links to project descriptions and/or KT products as they become available.

To do: Identify other priority topic research projects to support and add to our inventory.

GOAL 3: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The PRIIME Network supports quality improvement by assessing the potential utility of CPCSSN's quality improvement tool for NL's primary care providers and by assisting the annual, province-wide QI project carried out by residents in Memorial's Family Medicine Residency Program.



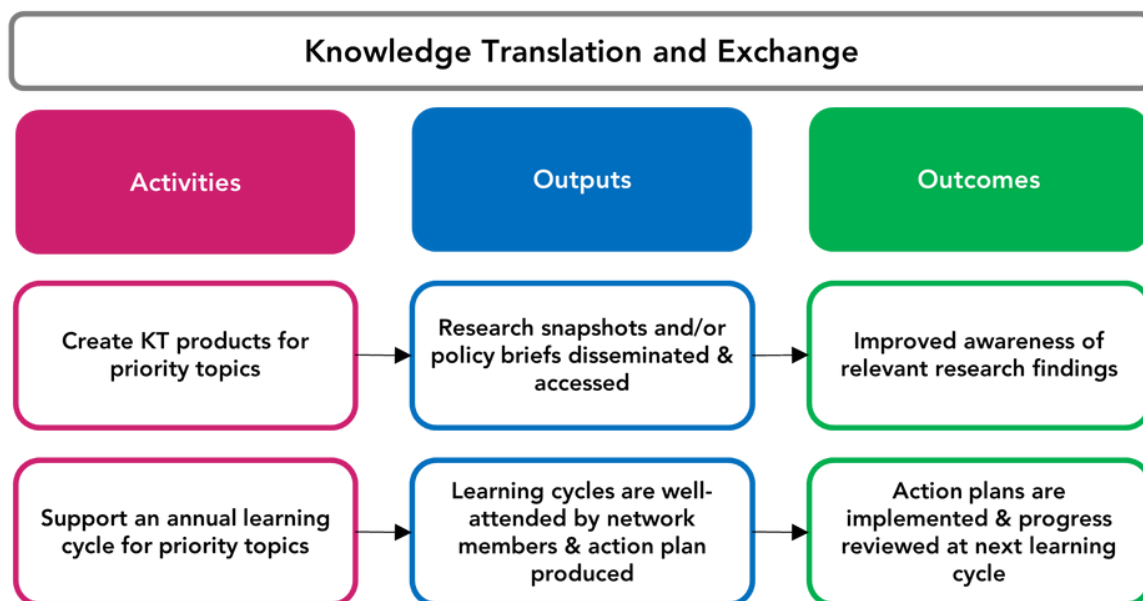
Activity 1: This is a goal for 2026

Activity 2: We supported the DFM to develop a protocol and support materials for a QI project on no-shows.

To do: Explore possibility of engaging a Master's student to assess QI tool for primary care clinicians.

GOAL 4: KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION (KT)

The PRIIME Network supports knowledge synthesis, translation, and exchange in priority topics areas by creating and disseminating knowledge translation products and supporting an annual learning cycle.



Activity 1: We have 3 research snapshots in development. The first of the year to be released concerns Innu perspectives on end-of-life care. We have nearly completed the Rural Diabetes Care Scoping Review which should be published in the summer of 2025. We will be sharing a short presentation of the results at the next Leadership Committee meeting.

Activity 2: The network manager + policy and clinical leads are members of a planning committee for a primary care conference focused on family care teams.

To do: Publish the rural diabetes scoping review, keep doing snapshots, apply for dissemination grant.



SUSTAINABILITY

Leaders of the CPCRN are actively planning for sustainability by searching for funding streams from a multitude of sources. The local quadripartite leadership is tasked with creating a plan to sustain the network without CIHR funding. We must explore its local value, where the network should “live” within the provincial primary healthcare landscape, and what options are available to fund the work moving forward.

- The CPCRN is working on sustainability plan that brings together three networks - CPCRN, CPCSSN, and the Canadian Primary Care Trials Network. They are pursuing grant funding from CIHR and other agencies to support this work.
- PRIIME is tasked with looking for local matched funding opportunities.
- Leaders are hopeful that an additional round of funding will be available to support the networks.



ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CPCRN have asked us to report on what we are most proud of achieving between April 1-2024-March 31-2025. Below are some examples we have thought of sharing. We would love to discuss this at the April 30th meeting and see if the wider leadership group have suggestions or additions for our report.