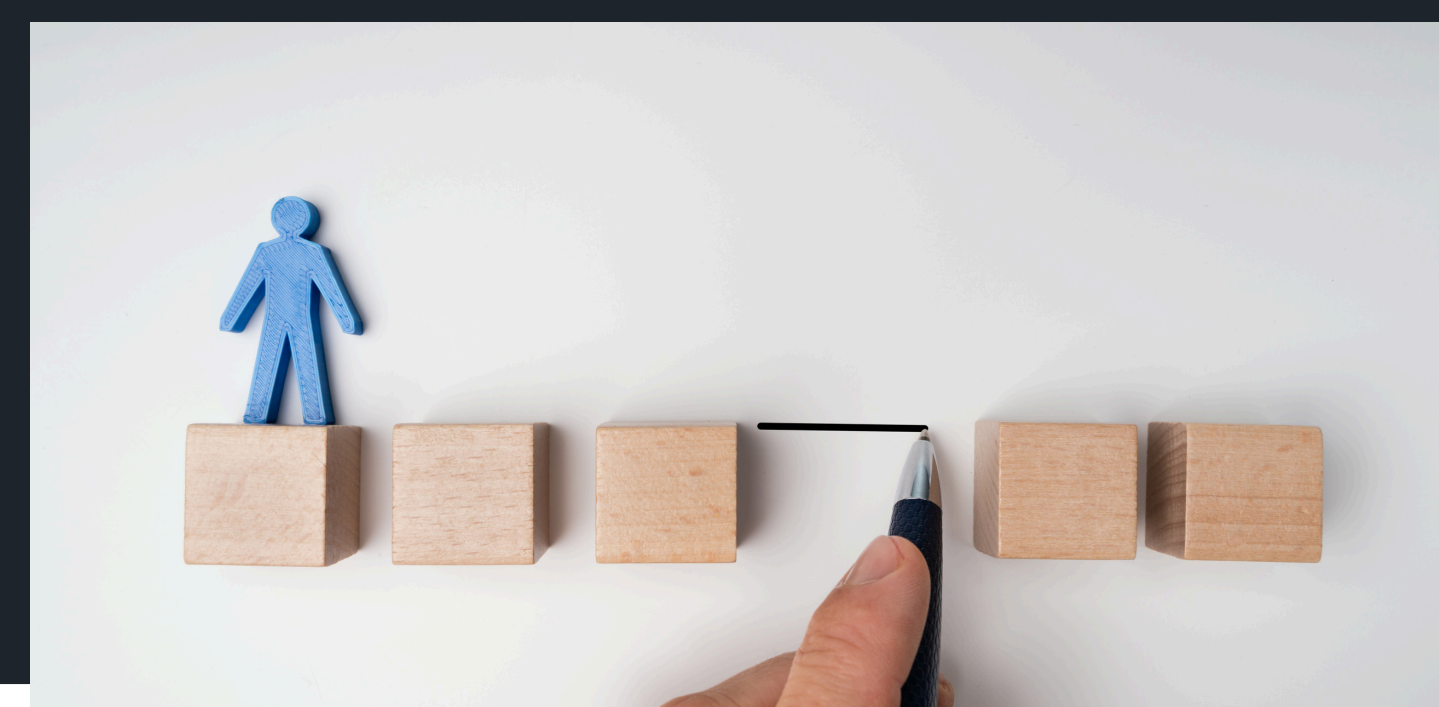


Bridging a gap: An inventory of primary care research



It is important to our network's interest holders to narrow the research-to-practice gap. A key focus of our network, therefore, is to support connections between our key interest-holder groups to foster collaboration and engagement in primary care research and increase awareness of primary care researchers and their work. Interest-holders represented on our Leadership Committee specifically asked for a public, easily accessible record of the primary care research ongoing in NL.

In response, the PRIIME Network created the first provincial registry of primary care research in NL. Our research inventory includes a list of the projects currently underway in the province (including cross-jurisdictional projects), the projects lead investigator, collaborators, current progress, and links to any knowledge translation materials that have been produced for the projects.

The introduction of the research inventory has received enthusiastic support. Researchers we contacted about the inventory welcomed the opportunity to promote awareness of their work and to learn more about the work of other researchers in this space. They are also excited about potential collaboration opportunities within and outside the province. Interest-holders on our Leadership Committee representing decision-makers, clinicians, patients, and researchers feel the inventory will strengthen the provincial primary care research ecosystem. By mapping topics, projects, researchers, collaborators, and other details about the research being conducted, the inventory has the potential to reduce duplication, highlight gaps aligned with provincial health priorities, and encourage collaboration. They also see its potential to support more efficient use of funding (via reduced duplication and strategic partnerships) and accelerate knowledge translation by linking evidence to practice and policy needs to reduce the research-to-practice gap.