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# DialoguePH – What kind of network is that?

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# Presentation outline

- Context – where does DialoguePH fit?
- Online survey
  - What did we learn?
- Network comes to life



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# National Collaborating Centres for Public Health (NCCPH)

- Six National Collaborating Centres across Canada
- established by the Public Health Agency of Canada to renew and strengthen public health
- overall mission is to translate existing and new evidence into knowledge that is meaningful, accessible and relevant to public health decision-makers
- we draw on regional, national and international expertise
- we collaborate with the provinces and territories, researchers and non-government organizations



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# National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT)

Our goal is to improve access to and use of methods and tools for people involved in policy-making, program decision-making, practice and research in Canada.



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# DialoguePH - Purpose

- To help you and your colleagues across Canada, share methods and tools related to finding, interpreting and using evidence in public health.



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# DialoguePH online survey

- Goal
- Target group
- Method
- Response rate

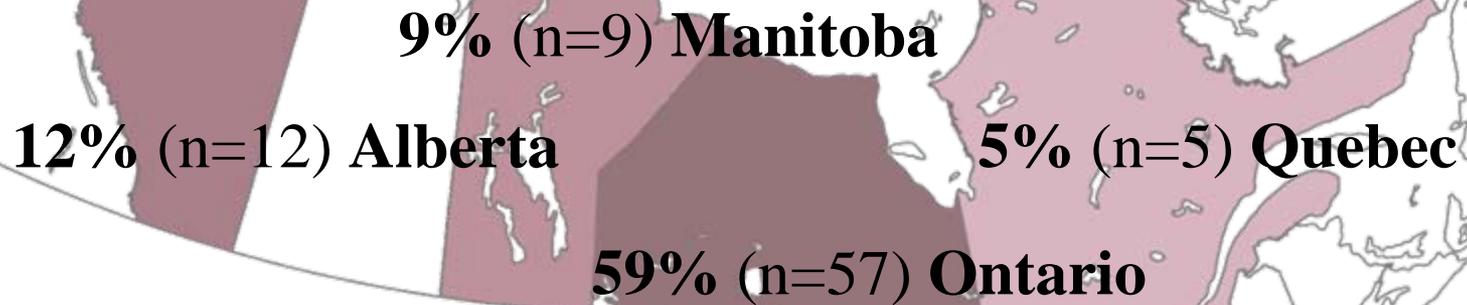


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# Results: Demographics



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# Results: Networks in general

- Likes
- Dislikes
- Motivators to join
- Reasons for staying
- Reasons for leaving



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# Results:

## Ways in which DialoguePH can add value

- Create opportunities to link with other public health professionals working in a similar content area 91% (n=87)
- Provide access to individuals with expertise in evidence informed decision making (EIDM) 87% (n=84)



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# Results:

## Ways in which DialoguePH can add value

- Support information sharing 83% (n=80)
- Create opportunities for skill development specifically related to the steps of evidence-informed decision-making 68% (n=65)
- Create opportunities to connect with those involved in program development 66% (n=64)



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# Making DialoguePH a useful tool

- Audience
- Content
- Format
- Structure
- Linkages
- Technology



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# Results: Topics for discussion forums

- Where to find evidence related to a public health issue in “5 minutes” (78%, n= 76)
- How to integrate evidence into policy or program decisions (78%, n=76%)



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# Results: Topics for discussion forums cont'd

- Methods and tools to support making evidence-informed decisions (77%, n=75)
- How to disseminate information to relevant audiences (68%, n=66)
- Evaluation (57%, n=55)



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# Value, participation and consent

- 93% (n=89) indicated DialoguePH could support them in using evidence in their work
- 92% (n=86) believe that DialoguePH will provide them with something to which they do not currently have access



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# Value, participation and consent cont'd

- 98% (n=92) will participate once interactive
- 91% (n=88) gave consent to be in shared DialoguePH database



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# DialoguePH

## The network comes to life ...

- Linking public health professionals nationally
- Providing access to experts and expertise
- Sharing information using network database
- Promoting skill development opportunities
- Promoting the network



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# Questions?



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# Thank You!

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# Results:

## Current or emerging issues in public health

- Public health management issues
- Public health content specific areas\*
- Best practice information – How to...\*
- Evidence – is there any? What is it?\*
- Outreach, health communications



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# What does this mean to the development of DialoguePH?

- Create a space for collaboration and sharing among public health peers and experts
- Ensure clear structure and format for network
- Provide opportunities for professional development
- Provide actionable content



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# How can DialoguePH support you in your goals to use evidence?

- Facilitate access to...
- Increase efficiency by...
- Create a forum for sharing...
- Provide support to...



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# Language: Let's be clear...

## Methods and Tools

- standardized procedures or products that facilitate access to, and/or use of, information for decision-making
- **for example, methods and tools could be**
- regular and systematic approaches (e.g., processes for critically appraising the literature, processes for conducting systematic reviews)
- sets of organized steps or rules (e.g., steps to forming partnerships or collaborations)
- instruments or guidelines (e.g., surveys/questionnaires)



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## Knowledge Translation

Knowledge translation is a dynamic and iterative process **that includes synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically sound application of knowledge** to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system. (CIHR)



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