

# Advancing Integrated Care: Harnessing Research, Knowledge Mobilization and Collective Impact as Levers of Transformation

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**TABLE 1.**  
Integrated care priorities and research funding programs

Priority/ Strategy Document	About	Integrated Care Priority	Aligned CIHR Funding Programs	Key Details
Listening for Direction (2001) (Gagnon and Menard 2001)	A national priority-setting initiative designed to identify the most pressing health services and policy research needs in Canada.	2001: Continuum of care and delivery models	No targeted research funding for integrated care. IHSPR adopted all themes to guide its strategic investments by including the Listening for Direction themes in Operating Grant priority announcements and strategic programs	N/A
Listening for Direction II (2004) (Dault et al. 2004)		2004: Linking care across place, time and settings and linking public health to health services		
Listening for Direction III (2007) (Law et al. 2008)		2007: Patient flow and system integration		

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<p>IHSPR Strategic Plan, 2009–2014 (CIHR n.d.a)</p>	<p>Strategic plan, informed by pan-Canadian engagement and consultation, to guide IHSPR’s investments and activities in prioritized areas. Intentionally aligned to Listening for Direction III priorities.</p>	<p>Access to appropriate care across the continuum (with particular focus on CBPHC)</p>	<p>CBPHC signature initiative (CIHR n.d.d)  SPOR network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (PIHCI) (CIHR n.d.e) and network grants</p>	<p>CBPHC Innovation Teams (CIHR 2022b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 teams</li> <li>• 5 years</li> <li>• \$32 million</li> </ul> <p>CBPHC Common Indicator Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 12 CBPHC teams collaborated to develop and measure a set of primary healthcare common indicators</li> </ul> <p>CBPHC New Investigator Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 awards</li> <li>• 5 years</li> <li>• \$2.7 million</li> </ul> <p>PIHCI Networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 national coordinating office</li> <li>• 11 provincial/territorial networks</li> <li>• 5 years</li> <li>• \$6 million</li> </ul> <p>PIHCI Network Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmatic grants (\$4 million)</li> <li>• Knowledge synthesis grants (\$275,000)</li> <li>• Comparative program and policy analysis grants (\$1.125 million)</li> <li>• Quick Strike grants (\$1.1 million)</li> </ul>
<p>IHSPR Strategic Plan, 2015–2019 (CIHR n.d.b)</p>	<p>Strategic plan for HSPR, informed by pan-Canadian engagement and consultation, to guide IHSPR’s investments and activities. Intentionally aligned to the pan-Canadian vision and strategy, prioritized research areas.</p>	<p>Intentionally aligned to the Pan-Canadian Vision and Strategy for HSPR report’s prioritized research areas, including:</p> <p>Integrated models of primary and community-based care</p> <p>Linking upstream prevention with care delivery models</p>	<p>CBPHC signature initiative (CIHR n.d.d), continued</p> <p>Transitions in Care (TiC) (CIHR n.d.f)</p>	<p>People: CBPHC Embedded Clinician Researcher Award (ECRA) (CIHR 2022c):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 awardees</li> <li>• 4 years</li> <li>• \$38 million</li> </ul> <p>Teams: TiC</p> <p>Team Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 teams</li> <li>• 4 years</li> <li>• \$22.1 million</li> </ul> <p>TiC Evaluation Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 grants</li> <li>• 2 years</li> <li>• \$2.9 million</li> </ul> <p>TiC Best and Wise Practices Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 grants</li> <li>• 1 year</li> <li>• \$1.6 million</li> </ul>

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IHSPR Strategic Plan, 2021–2026 (CIHR n.d.c)	Strategic plan for HSPR, informed by pan-Canadian engagement and consultation, to guide IHSPR’s investments and activities.	<p>Integration of care (including integrated delivery systems and continuity of care)</p> <p>Primary, home and community-based care</p> <p>Integration of upstream prevention within healthcare delivery settings/ approaches</p>	Transforming Health with Integrated Care (THINC) (CIHR n.d.g)	<p>Teams: THINC Implementation Science Teams (CIHR n.d.h):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 teams</li> <li>• 5 years</li> <li>• \$24.4 million</li> </ul> <p>Catalyst Grants: Policy Research for Health System Transformation (CIHR n.d.i):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 projects</li> <li>• 1 year</li> <li>• \$9 million</li> </ul> <p>People: health system impact fellowships and embedded early career researchers (CIHR n.d.j):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 doctoral trainees, postdoctoral fellows, ECRs</li> <li>• 1–3 years</li> <li>• \$9.5 million</li> </ul> <p>Hub: THINC Knowledge Mobilization and Impact Hub (North American Centre for Integrated Care n.d.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hub</li> <li>• 6 years</li> <li>• \$2.2 million</li> </ul>

CBPHC = community-based primary health care; CIHR = Canadian Institutes of Health Research; IHSPR = Institute of Health Services and Policy Research.