



National Collaborating Centre
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Knowledge Translation Workshop: Evidence-Informed Decision Making in Environmental Health

Description: This hands-on workshop will illustrate the overall process of evidence-informed decision-making in environmental health and demonstrate how to find and apply the best available research evidence in program planning and revision.

Date: April 21, 2009

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Empire Landmark Hotel
www.empirelandmarkhotel.com
1400 Robson Street
Vancouver, BC V6G 1B9

Purpose: To describe the steps involved in evidence-informed public health and apply this process to a scenario relevant to environmental health.

Objectives:

1. To construct a relevant, answerable question from a real-world situation.
2. To identify sources of high quality relevant research:
 - a. To demonstrate the use of a hierarchy of research evidence to search for literature;
 - b. To understand the sources and strengths of searching “pre-appraised” sources of research evidence;
 - c. To demonstrate how to use “Clinical Queries” in PubMed.
3. To develop or enhance skills in the critical appraisal of a systematic review or primary study in order to decide if the findings can be applied in your own setting (using an appraisal tool that will be provided).
4. To practice integrating the research evidence with other important factors that contribute to decision-making (e.g., resources/costs, political will, community acceptability, etc., using a tool to consider applicability and transferability of study findings).
5. To consider what factors need to be included in a plan for implementation and an evaluation of the decision made.

Target audience: Public health practitioners, program managers, and staff responsible for the planning and delivery of programs and services relevant to environmental health.

Teaching and learning strategies:

- Brief pre-workshop reading;
- Large-group demonstrations and presentations;
- Small-group discussion facilitated by expert tutor;
- Application of evidence to a practice scenario;
- Independent and small group work on the critical appraisal of a systematic review or a primary study.

Workshop Registration Fee: \$100

Please complete the attached registration form and fax to Jonathon Wiggins at NCCEH to ensure your guaranteed placement in the workshop. The deadline for registration is **April 1st, 2009**. Payments will be accepted by cheque only and must be received no later than **April 10th, 2009**. Please make cheques payable to the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health.

Cancellations made prior to April 1st, 2009 will be subject to an administrative fee of \$25. After April 10th, 2009, no refunds will be issued except under extraordinary circumstances and at the discretion of the workshop planning committee.

The registration fee is to cover the costs of the meeting room rental, audio visual equipment, refreshments at breakfast and lunch. Other expenses such as airfare, mileage, hotel, and meals (other than those provided) are the responsibility of each workshop participant.

Accommodations: Empire Landmark Hotel Reservations: 800-830-6144

Quote: **National Collaborating Centre** for our negotiated rate

Standard Room: \$85 per night
Deluxe Room: \$105 per night (bigger room, 2 beds, wet sink, mini fridge)
Executive Room: \$125 per night (includes internet access, six highest floors w/premium views)

Release Date and Cancellations:

The release date for the reserved block of guest rooms is 15 days prior to the event while hotel cancellations will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to arrival.

Please contact Jonathon Wiggins at 604-877-6205 if you have any questions regarding your registration or hotel accommodations.

