



Innovative Practices Evaluation Framework™

IPEF Rating Guide

The purpose of the IPEF rating guide is to identify the information needed to process innovative practices through the IPEF Rating Form. Acceptable sources of information to process an innovative practice through the IPEF rating form include publically available documents, presentations and website information, formal evaluation materials and information gathered from interviews conducted with the practice leaders.

- 1. Practice Description / Relevance / Non-Medical:** Describe the practice, which health care issue it relates to and the gap or need that is being addressed. Include information on the patient group being targeted (or participants, if relevant), which types of providers are involved, the clinical setting and geographic location of the practice, funding sources, and timelines for when the practice was established). **Ensure that a contact person associated with the practice is identified (e.g., name, title, organization) and contact information (e.g., email address, telephone number) is included.**
- 2. Resonance:** Describe how the practice is different from usual practice or care (i.e., why is this practice perceived as new and innovative, which practice stakeholders identified the practice as innovative) and what are the goals of the practice? (i.e., the rationale for doing it and anticipated outcomes).
- 3. Quality Of Evidence:** Describe the quality of evidence that has evaluated the practice (i.e., personal accounts, informal observations, preliminary research (e.g., pilot studies) or high quality research (e.g., appropriate and rigorous evaluative methods) and note key published sources (e.g., in peer-reviewed academic journals, websites)
- 4. Impact:** Describe the extent to which the results demonstrate that the practice is having a positive impact on health outcomes and/or health care system performance (e.g., service delivery, management, organization, funding) (note: this includes indication of changes in patients' health status, patient experiences, impact on processes such as wait times, etc.)
- 5. Applicability:** Has the practice been implemented elsewhere? If so, where (e.g., clinic settings, geographic locations, other patient groups)? When?
- 6. Transferability:** Have the results of the practice been replicated in other settings? Provide details on how the practice has demonstrated a positive impact on health outcomes and/or health care system performance across multiple settings.

Once the information outlined in the questions above has been collected, you can proceed to rate and categorize the innovative practice using the **Innovative Practices Evaluation Framework Rating Form** (following page).

Guidelines for filling out IPEF Rating Form

Complete the True/False column for the inclusion criteria to determine if the practice can be rated. Once that is complete, select the answer that best describes the current state of the practice for each of the four evaluation criteria (quality of evidence, impact, applicability and transferability). Use the scoring system at the bottom of the page to determine if the practice is categorized as emerging, promising or leading. Please provide additional information in the space provided at the bottom of the checklist to further support the rating and categorization of the practice.



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CRITERIA	STATEMENT	T/F	RATING SYSTEM	
INCLUSION CRITERIA				
Relevance	1. The practice addresses a need or gap related to a current health care issue, including those identified by a federal, provincial, or territorial government.		Only if all are true, proceed.	
Non-Medical	2. The practice is NOT a specific drug, surgical or medical intervention.			
Resonance	3. The practice is perceived as new and innovative by those for whom the practice is intended, those delivering the practice, and/or other key stakeholders in the health care system.			
EVALUATION CRITERIA			Statement Selection	
Quality of Evidence	A. There are personal accounts and/or informal observations that have evaluated the practice and/or an evaluation is ongoing.		Select the statement that best describes the current state of the practice. Based on your choice (A, B or C), give the practice a score for the quality of evidence criterion: A- 1 B- 2 C- 3 Score: /3	
	B. There is preliminary research that has evaluated the practice (e.g., pilot studies).			
	C. There is high quality research that has evaluated the practice (e.g., appropriate and rigorous evaluative methods, publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal, etc.).			
Impact	D. Results are emerging that indicate the practice can have a positive impact on health outcomes and/or health care system performance.		Select the statement that best describes the current state of the practice. Based on your choice (D, E or F), give the practice a score for the impact criterion: D- 1 E- 2 F- 3 Score: /3	
	E. Results (with some variability) demonstrate the practice has a positive impact on health outcomes and/or health care system performance.			
	F. Results consistently demonstrate that the practice has a positive impact on health outcomes and/or health care system performance.			
Applicability	G. The practice has only been implemented in one setting but is theoretically applicable to other settings.		Select the statement that best describes the current state of the practice. Based on your choice (G, H or I), give the practice a score for the applicability criterion: G- 1 H- 2 I- 3 Score: /3	
	H. The practice has been implemented in at least one other setting.			
	I. The practice has been implemented in multiple additional settings.			
Transferability	J. The results have not been replicated in another setting but are theoretically replicable elsewhere.		Select the statement that best describes the current state of the practice. Based on your choice (J, K or L), give the practice a score for the transferability criterion: J- 1 K- 2 L- 3 Score: /3	
	K. The results have been replicated in at least one other setting.			
	L. The results have been replicated in multiple settings.			
SCORING SYSTEM				
Add together the four evaluation criteria scores to determine the overall rating. <i>A minimum score of '1' for each evaluation criterion is required in order for the practice to receive an overall rating.</i>			Overall Rating	Category of Practice
Overall rating:				
Overall rating of 4-6 is an Emerging practice Overall rating of 7-9 is a Promising practice Overall rating of 10-12 is a Leading practice				
Additional Comments				