



Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute

2020 Strategic Plan



Thunder Bay Regional
Health Research
Institute

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VISION

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MISSION

To be an international leader in health technology research and other strategic health innovation, that improves the health of the people of Northwestern Ontario (NWO) and others

VALUES

Excellence,
Collaboration,
Innovation,
Integrity,
Respect,
Accountability

PHILOSOPHY

Patients and Families are at the centre of everything we do.

Healthier

Enhance research to improve the health outcomes of the people of NWO and beyond.

1. Partner with Indigenous researchers & communities to advance their health priorities.
 - a. Develop a shared vision and research priorities.
 - b. Conduct environmental scan of Indigenous research landscape.
2. Investigate & apply assessment and intervention solutions that are responsive to our geographic challenges.
 - a. Develop solutions that increase access to screening and diagnostics for people living in remote Indigenous communities.
 - b. Apply solutions to increase screening and diagnostics for broader populations.
 - c. Foster adoption of strategic health-related technology among local health care practitioners.
3. Strengthen local clinical research.
 - a. Increase patient opportunities to participate and engage in research.
 - b. Streamline investigator initiated trials.
 - c. Advocate for hospital participation in CAHO/ARTIC initiatives.

Success Criteria:

Indigenous people are involved in research about them.

Assessment and intervention solutions improve access to care for people living in remote Indigenous communities.

Everyone participates in all phases of research.

Wealthier

Enhance philanthropic and other support and generate revenue through science and partnerships.

4. Engage stakeholders in philanthropy and other support of research.
 - a. Partner further with the Foundation.
 - b. Build awareness and promote interest in research.
 - c. Integrate community resources including, Business Development and commercialization with partners.
 - d. Enhance industry investment to maximize grant matching opportunities.
5. Develop health technology products and assets.
 - a. Identify and pursue high potential opportunity areas.
 - b. Bring radioisotopes to market.
6. Secure a robust clinical trials program.
 - a. Enhance quality management system.
 - b. Nurture clinical researchers.
 - c. Mature as a Clinical Trials Ontario accruing site.
 - d. Ensure industry and other sponsorship.

Success Criteria:

Increased funding supports research.

Emergence of spin-off companies and/or licensing agreements.

Increased quality and quantity of clinical trials.

Smarter

Enhance the academic environment.

7. Participate in development of academic programs relevant to our health research priorities.
 - a. Partner with academic institutions to offer educational training programs across the continuum (undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, fellowship).
 - b. Recruit more strategic joint researchers with academic partners.
8. Facilitate a research culture.
 - a. Support a robust clinical research model.
 - b. Facilitate the development of all researchers.
 - c. Facilitate an environment that promotes interprofessional collaboration.
9. Grow strategic research partnerships and networks to expand research capacity and impact.
 - a. Advance partnerships with regional stakeholders such as Indigenous communities and community hospitals.
 - b. Advance partnerships with other academic health science centers.
 - c. Facilitate active membership on key research organizations.

Success Criteria:

Curriculum designs align with health research priorities.

More Health Professionals integrate research into practice.

More partnerships expand research capacity.





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Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute is the research arm of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, a leader in Patient and Family Centred Care and a research and teaching hospital proudly affiliated with **Lakehead University, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Confederation College**.
Institut régional de recherche en santé de Thunder Bay assure la mission de recherche du Centre régional des sciences de la santé de Thunder Bay, un hôpital d'enseignement et de recherche affilié à **l'Université Lakehead, à l'École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario et au collège Confédération**, et un leader dans la prestation de soins et de services centrés sur les patients et leurs familles.