USING WHAT WE KNOW—DOES ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT INFLUENCE KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION TO PRACTICE?

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MY RESEARCH

• Knowledge translation
• Pharmacists
• Professional Development
• Workplace application of knowledge

......So why bother?
KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

• Diverse and inconsistent terminology
• Multiple definitions, models, and understandings of KT
• Canadian Institutes of Health Research definition most prevalent:

  “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.”

KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

In short, it involves taking something that is complex, simplifying it into something easily understood and utilized, thereby improving practice, policy and patient care.
THE STUDY

- Theory
- Alberta Context Tool
  - Leadership
  - Culture
  - Feedback
  - Interaction
  - Resources
- Population
- Results
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–Mark Van Doren