

Policies and program innovations that connect primary health care, social services, public health and community supports in Canada: A comparative policy analysis

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CONTEXT

- Comprehensive management of primary health care (PHC) services for patient populations with complex care needs often requires



- ✓ Social Services
- ✓ Public Health Services
- ✓ Community Supports

- CPPHC, a comparative policy and program analysis, aims to inform effectiveness research of integrated service delivery models across Canada.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Describe and compare **structures & policies governing Primary Care (PC)** in Canadian provinces¹
- Identify and describe **publicly-supported programs** implemented since the 2001 First Ministers Health Accord **designed to connect PHC services to PC**¹
- Measure **multi-service integration design elements** and **successful implementation programs**¹
- Identify program exemplars of integrated information systems to support information sharing and tracking of processes and outcomes across services¹.

TARGET PATIENT GROUPS



Children and Youth with high functional needs

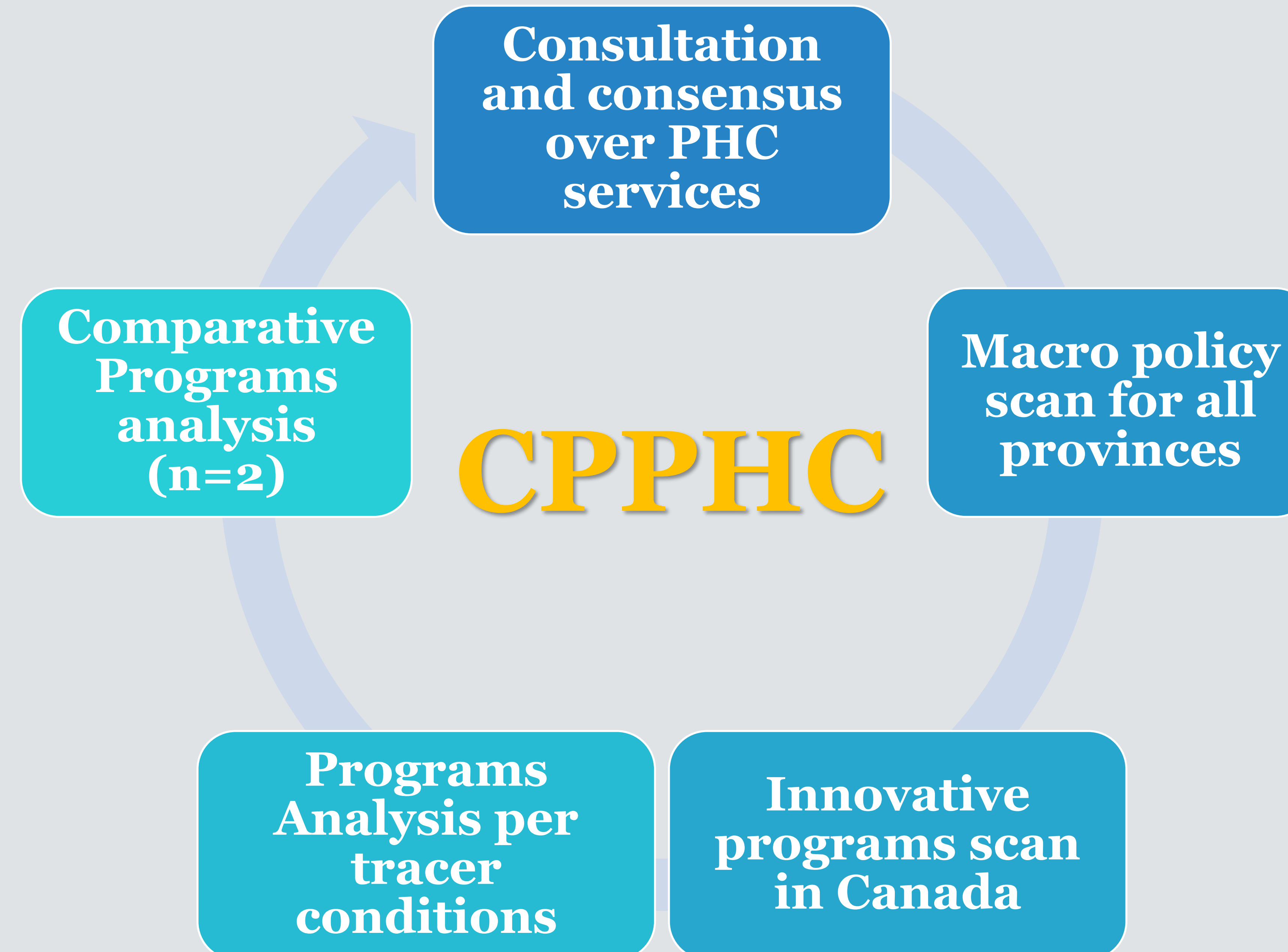
- About 15-18% of North American children with chronic health condition²⁻³ (27-28)
- Advances in neonatal & medical care = improved survival rate of vulnerable infants⁽²⁹⁾ 4
- Need services from multiple service providers⁽³⁰⁻³¹⁾ 5-6
- Users of high volume of health care & social, educational, community supports services.



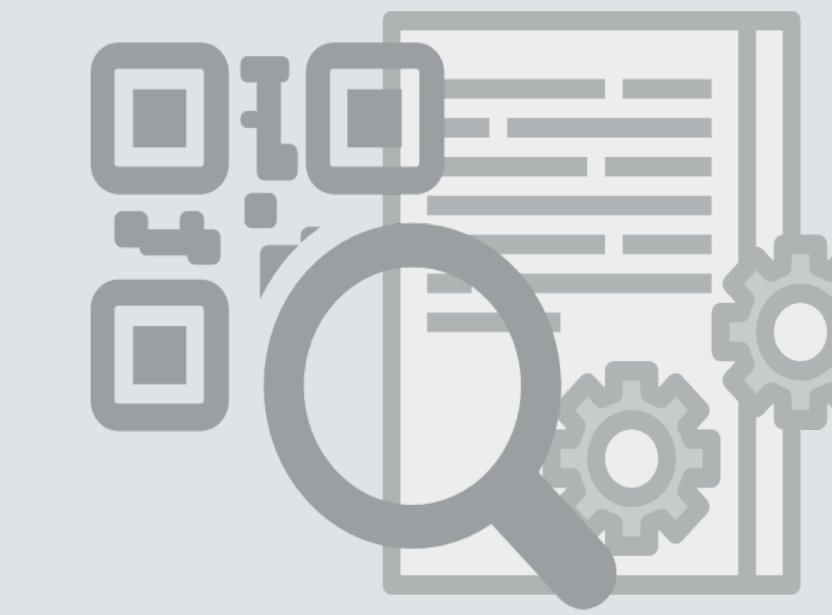
Community Dwelling Older Adults with functional decline

- Living longer
- Often with multiple chronic conditions⁽³³⁻³⁴⁾ 7-8
- Desire to maintain autonomy in community
- Can experience loss of independence in self-care activities, preparing meals, handling finances⁽²⁴⁻²⁵⁾ 9-10
- Need mobilization and coordination of services across the health-social community continuum have to be mobilized and coordinated to prevent further health decline.

METHODOLOGY

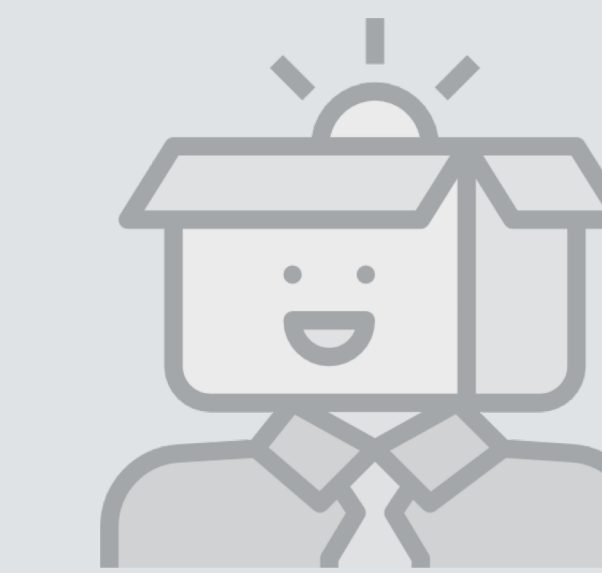


METHODS & STATUS UPDATE



Macro policy Scan

- Provincial Scans Completed ✓
- Final Validation in process
- Evergreen table & process



Innovative Programs Scan

- More than X programs scanned ✓
- Validation process on scan's completion
- Evergreen process



Program Policy Analysis

- Finalization of Data collection & Analytical Tools ✓
- Launching tools test pilot using 2 programs
- Selection of programs & analysis



Data Linkage

- Mini scan of innovations linking health to social data
- Information systems information integrated in program analysis

CHALLENGES & POTENTIAL LIMITATIONS



- Limited resources (e.g. human and time)
- Challenges of doing relevant research in dynamic, highly evolving policy context
- Dated publicly available information
- Different terminology across jurisdictions

EXPECTED CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contribute to growing literature on structures & processes required to tackle **complex issues in PHC**.
- Recommendations for **future research directions** into **applicability of multi-stakeholder partnership approach in PHC**.¹



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