

**The National Collaborating Centre for Public Health
Methodologies and Tools**

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The National Collaborating Centre for Public Health Methodologies and Tools (NCCMT) will focus on how public health information is gathered and used through, for example, disease surveillance systems. It will promote the development of mechanisms that allow public health practitioners to draw from, use and contribute to effective public health information systems.

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care whose mandate is to administer the health care system in Ontario, is the sponsor of a Population Health Fund project to support the development of this NCC.

The activities the organization will undertake to meet the objectives include organizing cross-country focus groups and workshops with key individuals and organizations to develop the vision, goals, priorities, roles, structures and identify the to key players for the NCCMT; completing an environmental scan to identify experts, leaders, best practices and existing networks in the field; examining current strategies being used for knowledge translation and identifying knowledge gaps that will need to be addressed; developing a range of mechanisms to communicate with stakeholders including a web site, list server, newsletter and the establishment of liaison functions with key aboriginal organizations; identifying potential sources for future funding; developing proposals which address priority areas of activity; and collaborating with the other National Collaborating Centres (NCCs).