

National Collaborating Centre for Public Policy and Health Risk Assessment

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The National Collaborating Centre for Public Policy and Health Risk Assessment will concentrate on public health policy and risk assessment. Generally, the Centre will assess, manage and communicate health risks and potential mitigation measures, while focussing on the social determinants of health and the physical environment. The goal is to minimize the risks that contribute to acute and chronic disease.

The Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ) [national public health institute of Quebec] is the sponsoring organization responsible for creating the Centre. The project will define the field of endeavour, the nature of the work, the programming, the organizational model and partnerships. Development of the project for a centre will be based on an iterative and interactive process, to be managed by a project team of the INSPQ and an interim advisory group created at the outset. The process will consist of three parallel components: development of the Centre's formal proposal, development of programming and an evaluation framework, and identification of partners and their networking mechanisms. The project will involve consultations with academic partners, public administrators and public health authorities to validate and revise the initial proposal. There will also be discussions with representatives of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux du Québec [Quebec ministry of health and social services] in order to adapt the model to federal and provincial requirements. Activities will be programmed in accordance with the Centre's formal proposal. The approach will include, for the various components of the field of endeavour, a state of knowledge summary, poles of expertise, as well as past and current experiences in Canada or elsewhere in the world.

The project is expected to establish an organizational infrastructure involving a multi-disciplinary consortium as well as develop global strategies for applying knowledge, creating networks and addressing gaps in the knowledge necessary for program and policy development.