

## Better health. Better health care.

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary supports excellence in population health and health services research, realizing the benefits of such research by informing community, policy and health-practice stakeholders.

As an Institute, we share a vision of "better health and health care," reflecting our two priority research areas of improved population health and enhanced health systems performance.

The institute's success in brokering broader external relationships, with provincial and national interest groups, policy makers, research agencies, the media, philanthropists, and community stakeholders, further extends the reach and impact of our members' significant research outputs.



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Health Technology Assessment Unit



# EVIDENCE

## What We Offer

- Evidence synthesis
- Systematic reviews
- Economic evaluations
- Health technology assessment (HTA)
- Health technology reassessment (HTR)
- Policy analysis and development

## Recent HTA Unit Projects

- Various HTAs in partnership with Alberta Health and the B.C. Ministry of Health
- Theoretical and applied HTR work to support policymakers
- Drug plan redesign to support Alberta's drug insurance plans
- Major evidence synthesis to support Alberta's cannabis framework

The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Unit is a team of dedicated health service researchers working to bridge the gap between science and policy in Canada and around the globe.

Housed within the O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary, the HTA Unit is a multidisciplinary team with expertise in knowledge synthesis, health economics, patient engagement, qualitative methods and policy development. This blend uniquely positions the unit as a leader and a trusted source for reliable research to inform policy.

## What We Do

The HTA Unit conducts evidence reviews for a wide variety of interventions and stakeholders meant to address a broad range of health policy questions.



**Dr. Fiona Clement, PhD**  
HTA Unit Director

Our innovative research program includes health economic evaluation, reimbursement decision-making and health technology reassessment (HTR).

The Unit has also created a step-by-step playbook for other health systems to implement and evaluate

their own reassessments of existing health technologies throughout their life cycle.

We actively build capacity in both the evidence producing and evidence receiving communities through traditional graduate training and leading-

edge continuous learning opportunities and we are a partner in the Alberta Health Technologies Decision Process.

## Our Mission

- To work with health systems and decision-makers on the continuous evaluation of health technologies to support policy and improve care
- To use innovative research to integrate evidence into policy
- To promote the flow of research to policy
- To create a receptive audience for evidence-informed health policy

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Proud recipient of the 2015 Maurice McGregor National Award for leadership and excellence in HTA