

Accessing the National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools' capacity building resources remotely: Supporting the development of evidence-informed practice skills in low resource settings

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The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT) champions the use of evidence in public health decision making. We are one of six National Collaborating Centres in Canada, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The NCCMT supports public health organizations and practitioners by compiling and sharing knowledge and high quality resources on what works in public health, as well as providing training and mentorship in evidence-informed decision making (EIDM). Our goal is to facilitate optimal health and wellbeing for all Canadians by ensuring public health professionals are equipped with the knowledge and skills to implement the most effective and cost-efficient programs and services.

Aim

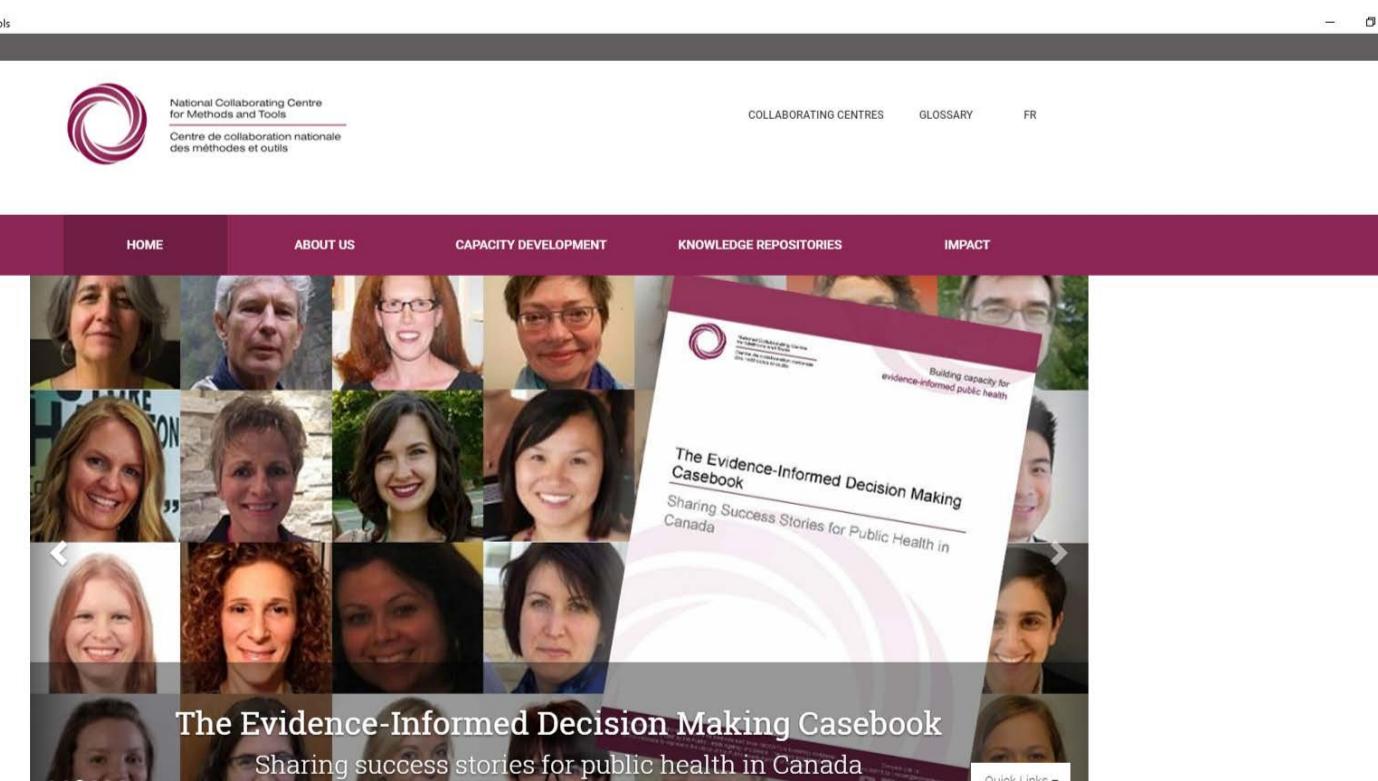
The NCCMT created an offline version of our website to increase the accessibility of the NCCMT's online resources in settings with low internet connectivity

Results

- Offline resources available on a USB
- USBs available upon request at no cost
- USBs have been distributed to organizations in northern Canada

What is Included

- User guide
- Available in English and French
- Included resources:
 - Learning Centre
 - 13 Online Learning Modules
 - EIDM Skills Assessment
 - Videos
 - Understanding Research Evidence
 - Perspectives on Evidence-Informed Public Health
 - Introduction to NCCMT
 - Rapid Review Guidebook
 - Registry of Methods and Tools
 - Publications page



Limitations

- Does not include Health Evidence™
- All content is current to October 2018 when the offline version of the website was created
- Cannot access links to external websites
- Cannot download certificates for Online Learning Modules
- NCCMT cannot collect details on frequency of use of the resources

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Development Process

Consultation with community partners

- Northern, rural, and remote settings
- Ensure product compatibility with existing operating systems

Product development

- Web developer adapted the website for offline use

Internal testing

- NCCMT staff tested content to ensure that all offline website features were functional

Feedback from Advisory Group

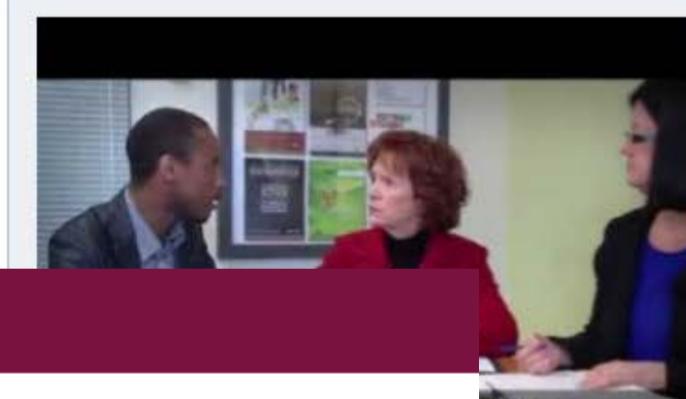
- Feedback centered around dissemination strategies and content.



Understanding Research Evidence | (11 Videos)

Understanding and interpreting research evidence is an important part of practicing evidence-informed public health. You need to understand some basic concepts. This series of short videos explains some important terms that you are likely to encounter when looking at research evidence.

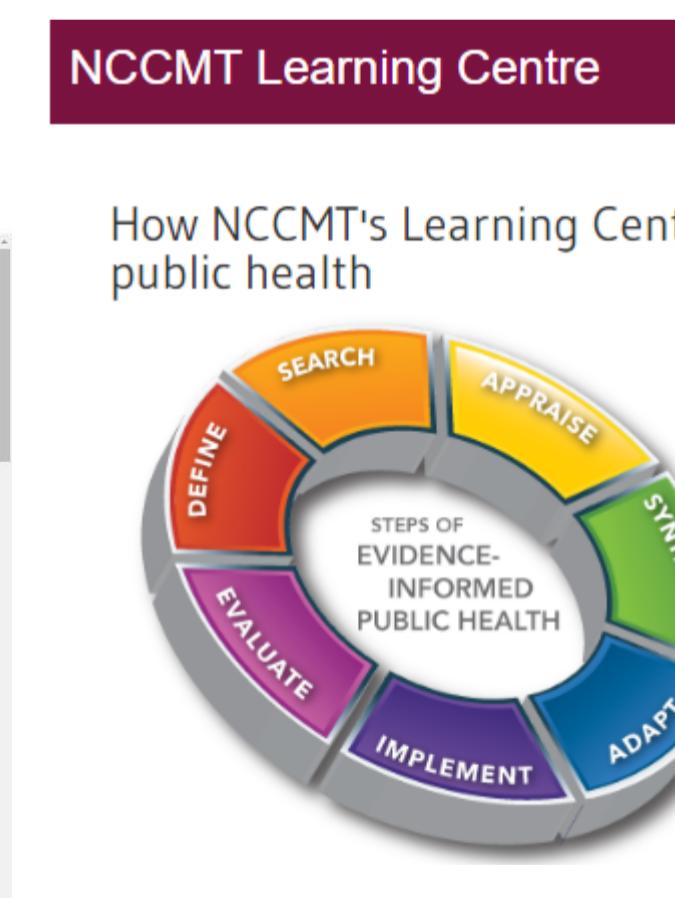
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Perspectives on Evidence-Informed Public Health | (6 Videos)

NCCMT is committed to sharing stories that illustrate how organizations across Canada are implementing evidence-informed public health (EIPH). This series talks about the state of EIPH in Canada.

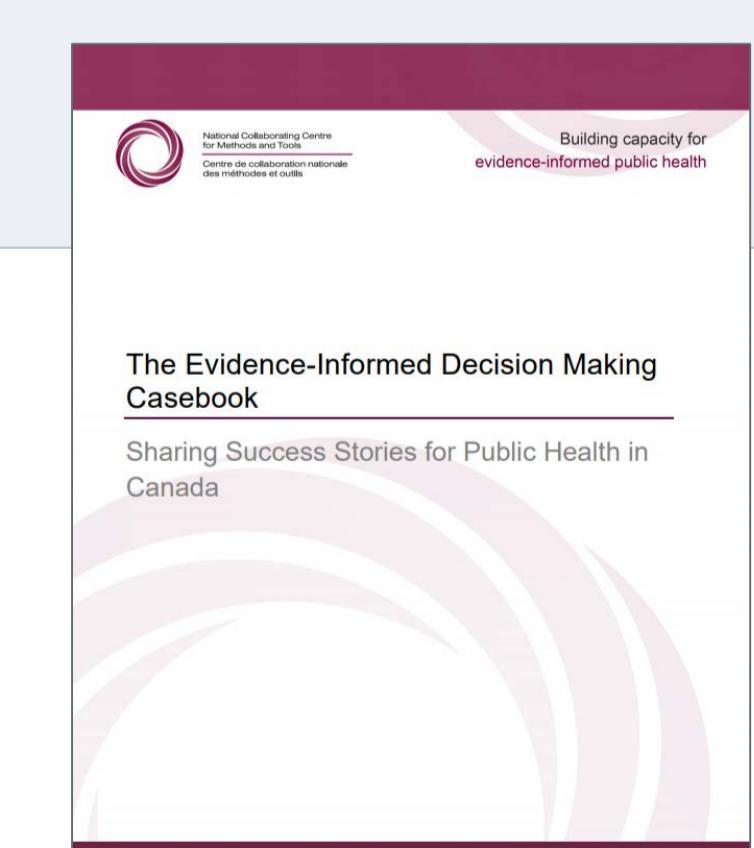
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How NCCMT's Learning Centre supports evidence-informed public health

These online learning resources have been developed to support the process of evidence-informed public health. Each module relates to at least one step in the process as indicated by the coloured circles in the table below.

As you successfully complete each module, the corresponding circle(s) will fill in, allowing you to easily see which modules you have completed.



Conclusions

Providing access to the NCCMT's resources in an offline format increases the accessibility of training and capacity development opportunities for EIDM in areas where there is limited internet connectivity.

Next Steps

Develop a targeted dissemination strategy to share USBs with interested users.

Contact Information

Interested in receiving the offline website on USB? Contact Claire Howarth, NCCMT Research Coordinator at Howartce@mcmaster.ca.