

# Introduction to The Office of Spread & Scale

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## Background

- While there is growing understanding of how to put research evidence into practice, less is known of how to effectively and sustainably bring evidence-based practices to other settings or to more people.
- **Spread:** Replicating an initiative somewhere else (i.e., one site to another)<sup>1</sup>
- **Scale:** Deliberate efforts to increase the impact of successfully tested health innovations so as to benefit more people and to foster policy and program development on a lasting basis<sup>2</sup>

## About the Office of Spread & Scale

- The Office of Spread and Scale is led by a **multi-disciplinary team** from Women's College Hospital (WCH) Institute for Health System Solutions and Virtual Care (WIHV).
- We works with teams across WCH and beyond to advise on how effective innovative projects can spread elsewhere or scale up.
- **Apply principles of implementation science** to support early planning for sustainability, spread and scale.

### Aim

To amplify successful models of care and innovative programs beyond our hospital walls, while learning from the success of others.

### Funding:

The Office of Spread & Scale is supported by the Ontario SPOR (Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research) Support Unit (OSSU). The OSSU is a network that engages researchers, patients, and other partners in patient-oriented research to improve the health of Ontarians and the health care system.

## Our Services

- **Consultation** and **coaching** services for work at any stage, including:
  - **Planning for spread and scale early**
  - **Applying implementation and dissemination** theories, models, and frameworks
  - Input to relevant **funding applications**
  - Identifying **model of service** best suited for your project and needs.

## Public Discussion Groups

- We host a monthly, online discussion group, providing an opportunity for people to **meet, discuss key topics, and network.**
- No experience or expertise in implementation science is necessary as we will always have a place for people who are new to the field.

**E-mail us for details on our next session!**

## Upcoming Work

We are developing a top 10 list of **high-priority research questions regarding equity, sustainability, spread, and scale**, in consultation with:

- Researchers
- Health system and community organizers
- Patients/lived experience advisors
- Other relevant organizations/individuals



## IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP

HOSTED BY THE OFFICE SPREAD AND SCALE AT WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

**FEB 16TH**  
10-10:45am EST

TALKING ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS IN  
IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

**MAR 29TH**  
4-4:45pm EST

**APRIL 26TH**  
2-2:45pm EST

IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

No experience or expertise in implementation science necessary. These will be small group discussions focused on a specific topic each month. We will always have a place for people who are new to implementation science.

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<sup>1</sup> Greenhalgh, T., Papoutsi C., *BMJ* 2019.; <sup>2</sup>World Health Organization (WHO). Nine steps for developing a scaling-up strategy. 2010