

# Profiling Knowledge Brokers in the Rehabilitation Sector Across Canada: A Descriptive Study



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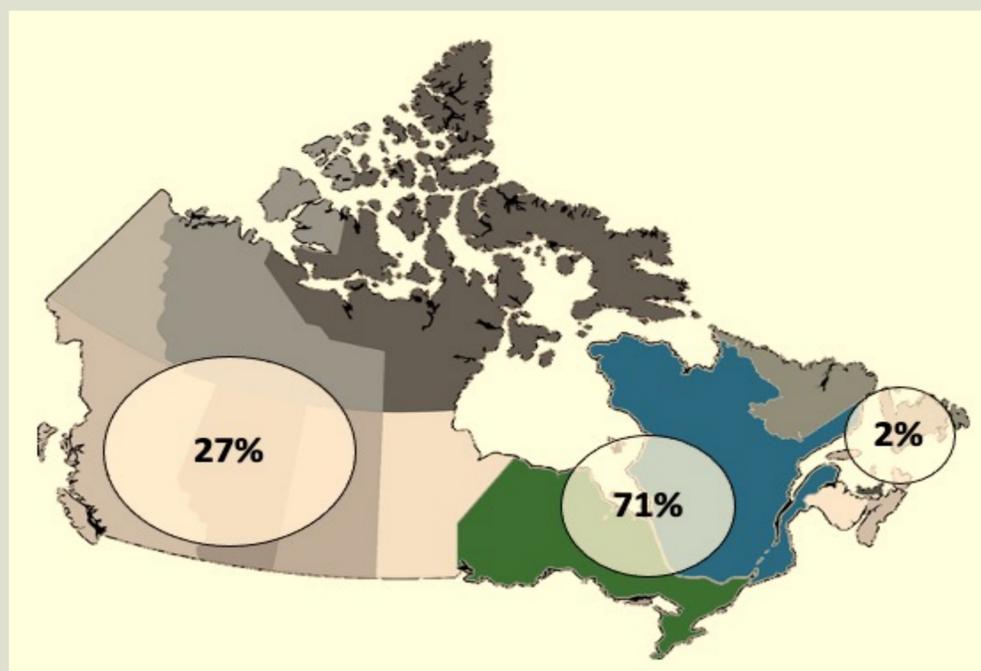
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- Knowledge brokers (KBs) can help promote the uptake of the latest research evidence into clinical practice.
- Little is known about who they are, the types of roles they perform, and the training they receive.
- The goal was to describe the profile of KBs working to promote the uptake of evidence within rehabilitation settings in Canada.

## 2 METHODS

- A cross-sectional online survey was administered to KBs working in rehabilitation settings across Canada.
- The survey included 20 questions covering sociodemographic and professional characteristics, work activities, and training opportunities.
- Response frequency and percentage were calculated for all categorical variables, and the weighted average (WA) for each role was calculated across participants. Descriptive analysis was conducted for all open-ended questions.



## 3 RESULTS

- Of 475 participants accessing the website, 198 completed the survey questionnaire, including 99 clinicians, 35 researchers, and 26 managers.
- While over two thirds of respondents had completed a graduate degree, only 38% reported receiving KBs-related training.
- The respondents' primary roles corresponded to a linking agent (WA = 1.84), followed by capacity builder (WA = 1.76), information manager (WA = 1.71), facilitator (WA = 1.41), and evaluator (WA = 1.32).

## 4 CONCLUSION

- Expert clinicians, tend to perform brokering activities on a part-time basis.
- They mainly perform linking agent role.
- They tended to perform self-directed learning tasks and less time-consuming tasks.
- There is lack of training delivered to KB.

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