**PROJECT PURPOSE**

The Spinal Cord Injury Knowledge Mobilization Network (SCI KMN) is a community of practice that has evolved out of a national best practices implementation (BPI) effort. The goal of the network is to improve health outcomes for persons with spinal cord injury (SCI) with demonstrated economic impact through implementation science leading to innovations in clinical practice.

**IMPACT**

Translating available evidence into clinical practice through the development and application of SCI practice resources and by utilizing implementation science.

Strengthening and sustaining knowledge mobilization infrastructure and facilitating environments.

Contributing to the evidence base of SCI care and the science of implementation.

**STATUS**

Currently SCI KMN has built infrastructure for best practice implementation in pressure ulcer care and prevention at six rehabilitation facilities from Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. To date, the KMN initiative has trained over 300 staff in pressure ulcer best practices, initiated work in pain management, and approximately 50 staff have received “hands on” training in implementation science methodology at the six facilities.

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

SCI KMN is currently beginning its second phase which will focus on practices associated with pain management as well as continuing to uphold best practices in the area of pressure injuries. The group is also exploring how this work might be applied across the continuum of care involving both acute and community care partners.

A significant focus will be on evaluating the work of the SCI KMN so as to inform and achieve sustainability of these approaches toward best practice implementation.

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