

# “Fit to stick”

## Spreading effective interventions in healthcare

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# Outcomes – you are better able to

1) Describe what research shows about moving from a Phase 1 project or guidelines..

..to Phase 2 limited spread (P1//P2 chasm)

...and beyond

2) Describe the missing research and methods

...to help practitioners (at all levels)

....with research-informed guidance

# Outline

## 1 The problem

- Crossing the project/guideline-to-spread chasm

## 2 Research and guidance to help “chasm bridgers”

## 3 Research needed

- Implementation science and spread to answer users questions

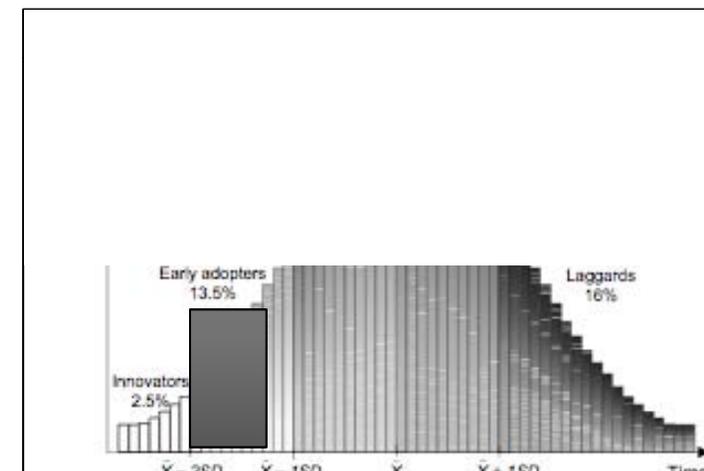
The problem: *we know more about what works than about how to enable ordinary services to use it*

- Proven effective treatments, practices & service delivery models

- Slow and patchy uptake in services
- Significant avoidable suffering and costs

we know this because there is knowledge about how to put these effective interventions into service

*The uptake chasm*



# Research problems

- Knowledge about what works not known or used by practitioners
- Under-developed methods for finding and developing effective implementation and spread approaches.
- Not a research priority
- Attitude and rewards to research into implementation and spread

# Examples P1



//P2 chasm

## Type 1: First local test of

Automatic telephone assessment for depression in diabetes in one PHC

- Findings - Low cost good detection, allowed follow-up treatment, resulting in better adherence and less utilisation
- Presented by team at network meeting with promise of support
- Rapid take-up in local PHCs but no spread beyond

# Examples Ph1



//Ph2 chasm

## Type 2 One-site trial

Trial evaluated

- Automatic telephone assessment for depression in diabetes in one PHC
- vs usual care in another PHC

- Findings – Same but with comparison group
  - more certainty
- Published
- No one took any notice
- After research funding finished, no budget or time for this system and follow-up

# Examples Ph1



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//Ph2 chasm

## Type 3 Many-site trial.

- 90 PCHs with 90 matched
- Automatic telephone assessment for depression in diabetes in 90 PHC  
..vs usual care in 90 PHC

- Findings – additional study found discrepancies between telephone and expert panel assessment of depression
- But comparable reductions in utilisation (why?)
- Again, published
- No one took any notice
- After research funding finished, no budget or time for system and follow-up

These not real examples - characterisations of what might be expected

Poll –

This fits with my experience and understanding of the literature for all three “types”

1 Yes,

2 No,

3 Partial fit

# What explains?



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Type 1 First local tes

Spread locally

Automatic telephone assessment  
for depression in diabetes in one  
PHC

But not beyond

Why not?

- Limited evidence,

But

- Enthusiasm and free support offered by team.
- Low cost offer by telephone service
- Charismatic trio of medical leader, nurse and social worker
- Sympathetic local leaders

# What explains



## Type 2 One site trial

Same findings, but trial

- Stronger evidence
- Practitioners do not read scientific IT journals
- No “push” by pioneers or others.
- No infrastructure for spread

# What explains?



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## Type 3 Many site trial.

- Same but in many PCHs

- Questions about sensitivity and specificity of telephone assessment
- No practitioners read about it
- No push, no funding.

# What explains?



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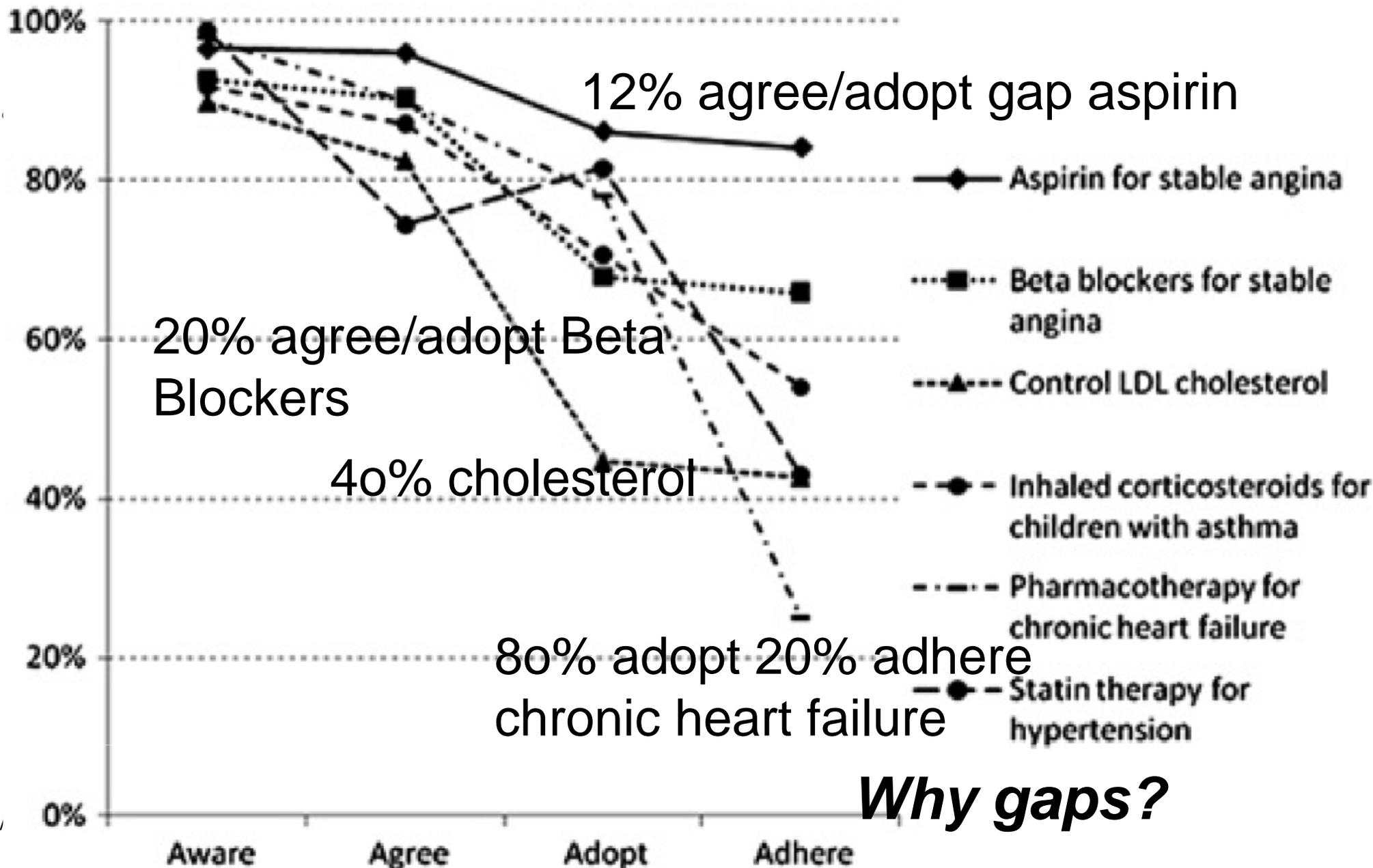
## Summary

- Why the spread chasm?
  - Why do you expect auto-spread for all proven or promising?
  - Questions about sensitivity and specificity of telephone assessment?
  - But no practitioners read about it anyway
- Doubts about “would it work in our setting”?
  - No infrastructure / support
  - No push,
  - The chasm between systems and services
    - Might spread in one system with infrastructure and push
    - No cross system infrastructure
  - No funding

# Real example of chasm from Guideline to Widespread use

- 1. Awareness of guideline
- 2. Agreement with guideline
- 3. Adoption
  - decide to follow guidelines for some patients
- 4. Adherence
  - Follow guidelines at appropriate times for all patients
- *Would concepts apply to patient's treatment adherence?*

# From guidelines to patient benefit: “leakage”



## John's observations: from reviews and experience

- Some things spread rapidly
  - Clinician interest/patient demand (minimally invasive surgery)
  - Compelling cost savings (automated testing path)
- Some slowly, in patches
  - Support to prevent admission of high users
- Some proven but very low uptake
  - Do not spread straight from the “research fridge”
- Some in spite of –ve evidence
  - Smart IV pumps in ICU (Nuckols et al 2007)

***Which  
Ones?***

***Why?***

# Research based theory – simple summary

Seed



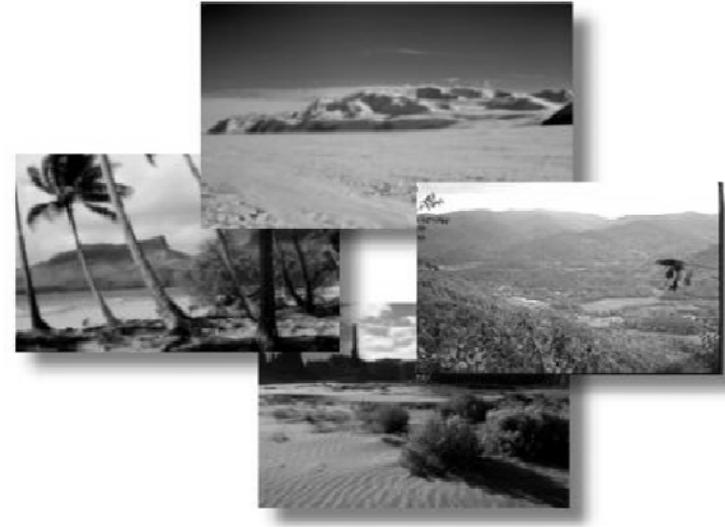
Gardener/planting & nurture



Bridging implementers

Their actions and plan

Climate / soil



- 1 Support infrastructure
- 2 Local organisational features supportive
- 3 Wider environment

Product

Push>

<Pull

# Bridging the P1 // P2 chasm

- Product
  - Features of the new better intervention
  - Comes with credible evidence of effectiveness
- Push
  - Individual implementers and plan
- Pull
  - Service experience a problem this can solve
  - It fits with values and “makes sense”
  - Services are capable of adopting and sustaining it –resources
  - Environment not hostile, may be helpful
- Other factors for P2 to P3 60% services?

All bridges are local – but need support and nurturing environment – the 10-20-30-40 principle

- 10% of success is local personalities
- 20% of success is using a change proven elsewhere to improve quality and reduce costs
  - – credible & experience advice
- 30% is your implementation (do you have skills, project team capacity, experience?)
- BUT 40% is nothing to do with you -  
whether your context enables implementation and rewards value improvements

# Second Bridge? The P2 // P3 chasm

- From a number of services (P2) to 70% regional or national coverage with >50% adoption of intervention (P3)
- Which is most critical here? Vote for one of these

1) Product Yes/No?

2) Push Yes/No?

3) Pull Yes/No?



# Part 2: What help can research give to “Chasm-Bridgers”?

Role model “Evel-Knieval researcher-entrepreneurs” “don’t take no”

*From pilot, across the chasm*

*....to widespread adoption*

Eric Coleman (Transitions)

Peter Pronovost (CLABSI)

Lisa Rubenstein (Depression care in PHC)

Steve Asch (Chronic Heart Failure , HIV AIDS)



Leaders important but not the only ingredient

Should not depend only on unusual leaders

# Part 2: What help can research give to other “Chasm-Bridgers”?

- 1 Research based assessment tool – HRET
- 2 Concepts - Ways of thinking about what and how to spread
- 3 Categorisation of implementation/spread approaches
- 4 Implementation science



# 1 Research based assessment tool – HRET

Select the number that best reflects the perception of the average health care leader about the innovation you are seeking to spread.

## Environmental Factors:

					<b>Item Score</b>
<b>1. The innovation will:</b>					
Make/save lots of money	Make/save some money	Have no financial impact	Cost/lose some money	Cost/lose lots of money	_____
5	4	3	2	1	
<b>2. The innovation will:</b>					
Greatly reduce legal risks	Slightly reduce legal risks	No effect on legal risks	Slightly raise legal risks	Greatly raise legal risks	_____
5	4	3	2	1	
<b>3. The innovation will:</b>					
Help meet current regulation	Prepare for future regulation	Is unrelated to any known regulation	May have regulatory risks	Will cause regulatory risks	_____
5	4	3	2	1	

# Sections HRET Spread Assessment Tool

- Innovation Factors
- Target Audience Factors
- Organizational Factors
- Environmental Factors

## *Spread Readiness Scale:*

- *101-125 Organic, Natural Spread*
- *76-100 Promising Spread Initiative*
- *51 – 75 Challenging Spread Initiative*
- *<50 Doomed, Focus on Underlying Issues*

# Research into implementation “approaches”

## *Progress so far...* Conceptualisation

Are there different “approaches” and how do we define/describe?

Concepts 1: distinction between

a) Treatment and service delivery interventions

from (Product or content)

b) Implementation - what done to enable providers to change

- Note: distinction not useful when implementation involves iterative adaptation - testing & revision of intervention (intervention not already proven locally)

# Example of intervention “product” or “content”

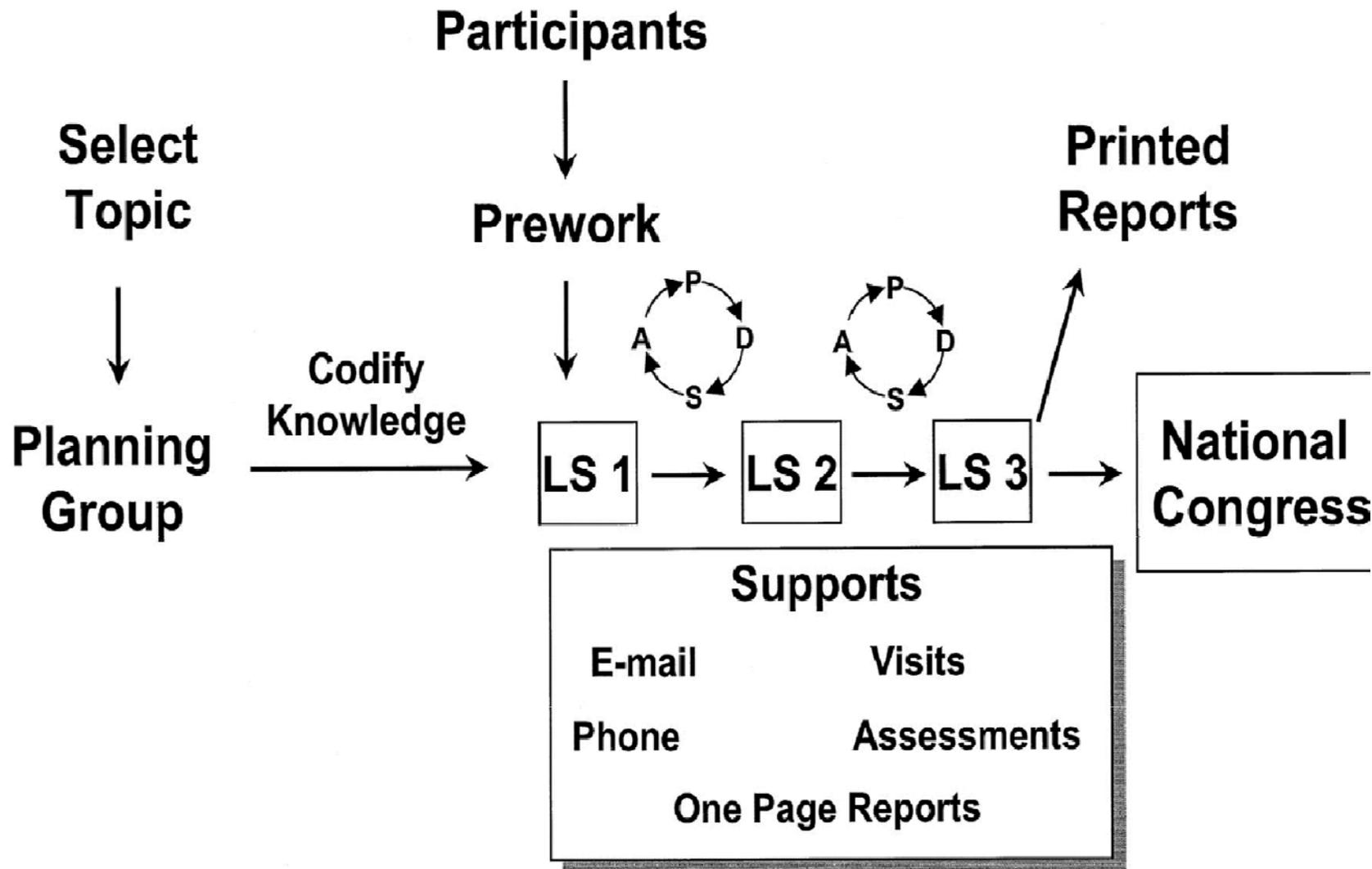
## Eg CLABSI Bundle:

- 1 Wash your hands.
- 2 Clean skin with chlorhexidine.
3. Use maximal barrier precautions.
4. Avoid the femoral site.
5. Ask daily whether the benefits of the line exceed the risks.



# Example of one "Implementation Approach"

Breakthrough collaborative method eg Michigan  
Keystone:



# Four elements necessary for intentional spread Illustrated on a Collaborative breakthrough programme

- Finance – to pay for the below. Pay for collab. Organisers, project team time etc.
- Structure:
  - Groups and accountability 3 levels: 1 regional collaborative organisers, 2 local management, 3 local project team
- Systems:
  - Project team measurement and feedback
  - Regional support
- Steps/methods
  - Planning, learning sessions & calls, post-collaborative
  - To plan and change local service, test and revise

# Implementation approach = The “FSSS” combination of:

1 Finance – sources (1 to start and, 2 re-finance to sustain from savings or ops budget)

2 Structure:

– who is going to help this happen, and by when: roles, responsibility, time, accountability

3 Systems:

– measurement and feedback

4 Systematic Steps:

– methods, actions = systematic ways to enable change

*Is this conception of “intervention approach”- (Finance, Structure, Systems, Steps/methods) a theory then?*

*What do you think - YES? No?*

Yes – based on observation of collaborative and other intentional systematic improvement programmes

Predictive theory – untested

H1: Some implementation approaches are more suited to some interventions than others

**H1: Match intervention to implementation approach**  
eg if aim to change individual physician prescribing behaviour, then this implementation approach may be more effective than a collaborative:

- Finance: operations investment and support
- Structure: nationally credible researchers, local physician opinion leaders and champions, peer project teams, academic detailers.
- Systems: credible existing data banks on prescribing, & capable of relating to units or physicians for feedback or payment
- Systematic steps: training, feedback, academic detailing.

# Different approach if implementing a clinical decision support system within an EMR:

- Finance: operations investment and support
- Structure: project team, user steering committee, senior management sub-group
- Systems: Project management, EMR capable of adding CDS, updating content of CDS
- Systematic steps: Methods: phased testing, flexibility in standard screens, etc

If implementing a chronic care model or falls prevention then....

## H2 : Context match to both intervention and implementation approach

- Is there a “fit”, and is it “fit to stick”?
- Internal context:
  - Advances values, norms, objectives, & priorities
- External context:
  - Compatible with regulations, financing and directives

# Conclusions

1 “Not fit to implement, because innovation not proven”

- John argued for testing through spreading, once proof of concept

2 For it to be implemented *and* sustained it has to fit the context

- intervention will be rejected by local and external environment, unless these changed.

The GIP guide: “Goldilocks Implementation Principle”  
improvement has to be different, but not too-different to be implemented,

- unless major push, and changes to pull

# Part 3 Research Agenda and Methods - Implementation science

## Covers 4 subjects:

1. Why implementation research is important
2. Practitioners have questions we are not addressing
3. Methods for providing research based answers
4. What are the challenges for us

# Why implementation infrastructure needed

Do current channels work? – professions limited impact, regulation more, financial penalties and rewards - more still.

## Concepts 3:

- Specific intervention implementation infrastructure (eg time limited collaborative for X)
- Generic implementation infrastructure : to support any project and continual change
- (eg IMC research unit, KP performance improvement units, VA systems design and some QUERI centres)

# Knowledge Translation to everyday clinical practice

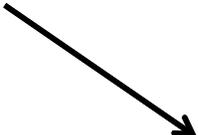
K Basic  
BioMedical  
Science



K Efficacy  
*In controlled  
situation with  
specific patients*



K Treatment  
Effectiveness  
range of patients



**Translation 1**  
**Intervention to patients**  
RCTs on patients

**Translation 2**  
**Intervention to range of patients in different settings**  
RCTs or controlled trials on patients

K Implementation  
Effectiveness range of providers to use treatment

**Translation 3**  
**Intervention to providers to use the treatment**  
RCTs or controlled trials on providers  
Non-experimental research designs

*Where is most research focused?*

*Would more research on T3 pay back?*

# “Implementation” defined broadly

Steps in implementation pathway: intermediate outcomes

% patients impacted, who may benefit

50% of services decide to adopt

50%

50% of clinicians in this service prescribe appropriately (accept, adopt)

25%

50% patients collect prescription and start

12.5%

50% adhere correctly

6.2%

50% actually benefit

3.2%

After 6 months adhere and benefit

1.6%

*After 2 years?*

*Likely impact on stroke and heart attack?*

(Based on Glasgow 2010)

# Why implementation research is important

If you were a social venture capitalist with 100m\$: would you put it in better drug treatment research

...or implementation research?

- Knowledge about effective interventions to clinicians, patients and organisations
  - ...could help others implement proven better practices or delivery models
- The potential of implementation research, already showing in some projects

What are the questions this research needs to answer.....

# Decision-makers/implementers questions:

- How certain does the evidence of effectiveness need to be before spread? (internal validity). Too early/late?
- Local applicability (external validity) patients/providers
  - What do we have to do to copy this? (research description)
- Time and money costs, and savings?
- Can research help spread proven interventions?
- Test interventions locally?

= Build scientific knowledge of implementation and spread not just efficacy

# Practitioners want this information:

- **Description:** What was the implementation approach?  
(and the intervention content)
  - **Cost effectiveness:** Did it achieve the change cost-effectively?  
(and did the intervention change then reduce costs and make a difference for patients?)
  - **Replicability:** in which situations would we expect similar results?
- ...and which principles should guide design of the implementation approach in other situations?

# Three research strategies

1 Parallel process and outcome-effectiveness evaluations

2 Theory-based testing or model-revising

3 Integrated research-implementation evaluation

See March 8<sup>th</sup> Cyber seminar

# One research agenda

1 Describe different successful and unsuccessful spreads

- using the spread approach framework: finance, structure, systems and steps/actions
- Is there a local to national spread chasm  $P2 > P3$  also?

2 Test hypothesis different categories of interventions need different spread strategies to be successful

## Possible categories

- Provider behaviour change (care practice) (simple or complex)
- Service delivery model
- ICT intervention in a service
- Method intervention

# Summary

“Performance gap can be narrowed by implementing knowledge about effective treatments and care models”

- Uncertainties: cost-effectiveness and reproducibility
- Constrained by lack of research informed guidance about effective implementation.
- Cost of operating new model is one thing – cost of implementation is another – when is payback and for whom?
- Research on implementation and spread, if informed by theory, can give guidance for decision-makers
- Use theory suited to intervention and research users questions
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# Research Challenges

Attitude – practical questions not real science and won't get published – can't serve two masters

Academic promotion and reviewers

Skills to use the methods

New research practice

Practice based – engaged partnership research

Financing

Shift of financing and reviewers to be more accepting

Do we have the skills and will to innovate?

# “approaches”

& issues in “transfer” to other setting (external validity)

## Why

- Actionable research, wanted by decision makers, could significantly reduce patient suffering and costs
- Final frontier of the “translation pipeline”, least understood, and where non-experimental methods often a better match to questions.
- Exciting rapidly developing field with innovation in research methods – join the pioneers on the frontier!

# Resources on Johns web site folder

- <http://public.me.com/johnovr>

- Or

Download files from idrive by going to web site:

<http://www.idrive.com/>;

- Log in user = jovr pass= anna. THEN use the search field on the right to enter in a word realated to the subject. You will see files on this subject – click on the file you want to download, after entering anna and it will download to your computer.

# Conclusions

1. Main points...
2. This was new or surprising, for me...
3. The most useful idea for my work was...
4. What I would like to find out more about...

# Recommended spread research references (see “presenters notes” view on PPT below)

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# DETAILS

## Different ways of classifying the 3) Systematic Step methods?

- Professional; Financial strategies; Organizational strategies. Or guidelines (Hysong 2011)

*Clinic configuration:* Changes to the membership of a clinic (e.g., moving toward a configuration of one doctor, one nurse, and one clerk for each clinic team)

*Clinical reminders:* Computerized (primarily) or physical (occasionally) reminders instructing the provider that some clinical action is due for a particular patient

*Clinical reminders (under development):* Facilities have not finished developing a full set of clinical reminders for use with CPRS

*Computerized template:* Standardized computer screens for entry of specific patient information, such as depression screening, standardized text entries for progress notes

*CPGs committee:* Presence of a committee whose sole purpose is to review, evaluate, and discuss guideline-related issues

*Customizing clinical reminders:* Customizing the human-computer interface reminders to make them more user-friendly

*Data warehouse:* Integration of electronic medical records across multiple facilities in a region

*Electronic communication:* Telecons, videoconferencing, synchronous (e.g., IM) and asynchronous (e.g., e-mail) telecommunications methods

*Electronic medical record (fully implemented):* The facility reports that their electronic medical record is fully operational and running

*Electronic record exchange across facilities:* Software package that allows the electronic transfer of records or orders from one system to another

*EPRP as monitoring/feedback tool:* Using data from EPRP reports as a form of feedback on guideline adherence for the providers

*Executive boards handle guideline issues:* Existing committees (not dedicated to guidelines) like the medical executive board, clinical executive board, professional standards board discuss performance improvement efforts related to guidelines

*External performance benchmarking:* Comparing internal performance to some external reference

*Identifying a champion:* Identify someone knowledgeable and supportive of clinical practice guidelines to serve as a credible source to change attitudes and beliefs about guidelines

*Physician specific EPRP reports:* Each individual physician gets a report based on EPRP data on their individual performance, when available

*Staff/team meetings:* Using regular staff or team meetings to disseminate guideline information

## Concepts : Alignment of context influences

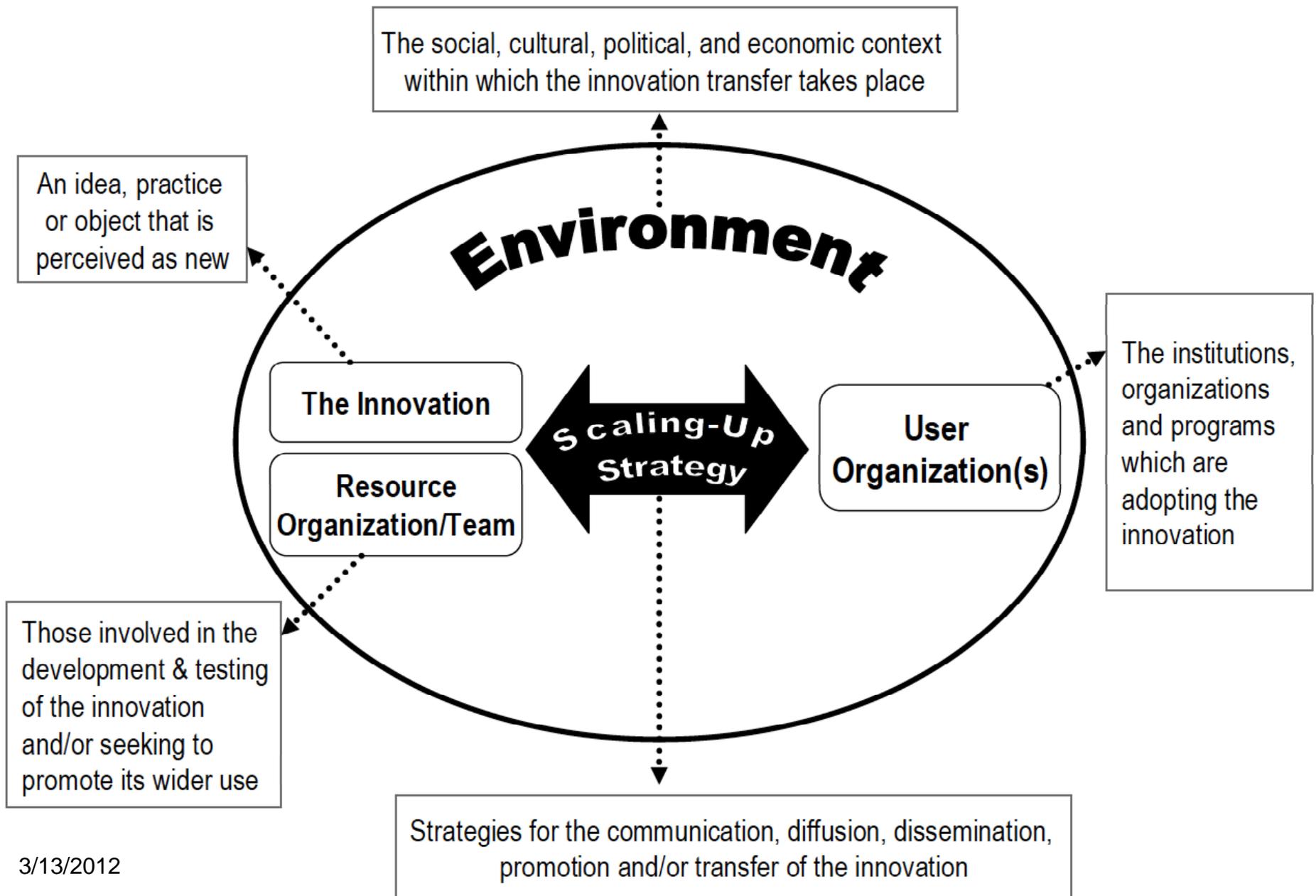
- Infrastructure may involve “influencers” which act from and on different levels of health system
- to get the influences at each level to align  
Eg for CLABSI or readmission
- Need “alignment adjusters” to identify influences countering X change and to “sheep dog” the influences
- Theory: aligned actions by different levels may be more effective (but feasible?) (context to help implementation)

Question: You are a social venture capital fund  
You have \$100m for cardiovascular research:

Will it do more good for patients if used to develop more effective implementation of known effective cardiovascular treatments,

...or to develop more effective treatments?

- New treatments? Yes?
- Effective implementation? (including patient adherence!) Yes
- If providers use known effective CV treatments 10% more, will this do more good than 10% more effective CV drug therapy? No? Yes?



## INNOVATION - What is to be scaled up?

*Pilot project interventions to improve quality of care and promote reproductive rights:*

- DMPA to expand range of methods
- Increased technical competence
- Provision of balanced information and counselling
- Expanded range of related reproductive health services
- Follow up

*These elements were promoted through:*

- Use of improved training modules
- New IEC materials focused on informed choice
- Management tools to strengthen supportive supervision and client follow up
- Site-specific situational analysis to adapt implementation
- Joint management of process by three Government agencies

## SCALING-UP STRATEGY -

**How to transfer the innovation?**

- Phased introduction
- Toolkit with guidelines and materials
- Orientation workshops
- Training of providers
- Supervision and mentoring
- Development of national standards
- Policy advocacy and information dissemination

## USER ORGANIZATION - Who adopts the innovation?

Organizations supporting the family planning programme at national, provincial, district and commune levels:

- Ministry of Health service delivery system
- Population and Family Planning Committees
- Viet Nam Women's Union

## RESOURCE TEAM - Who facilitates wider use of the innovation?

- Central team (MOH, NCPFP, VWU)
- External technical assistance
- Donor partners (GTZ, UNFPA, WHO)

# Environment

## Professional interventions

- a) Distribution of educational materials
- b) Educational meetings
- c) Local consensus processes
- d) Educational outreach visits
- e) Local opinion leaders
- f) Patient-mediated interventions
- g) Audit and feedback
- h) Reminders
- i) Marketing
- j) Mass media.

## Financial interventions

### *Provider interventions*

- a) Fee-for-service
- b) Prepaid
- c) Capitation
- d) Provider salaried service
- e) Prospective payment
- f) Provider incentives
- g) Institution incentives
- h) Provider grant/allowance
- i) Institution grant/allowance
- j) Provider penalty
- k) Institution penalty
- l) Formulary.

### *Patient interventions*

- a) Premium
- b) Co-payment
- c) User fee
- d) Patient incentives
- e) Patient grant/allowance
- f) Patient penalty.

## Organisational interventions

### *Provider-orientated interventions*

- a) Revision of professional roles
- b) Clinical multidisciplinary teams
- c) Formal integration of services
- d) Skill mix changes
- e) Continuity of care
- f) Arrangements for follow-up
- g) Case management
- h) Satisfaction of providers with the conditions of work and the material and psychic rewards

- i) Communication and case discussion between distant health professionals.

### *Patient-orientated interventions*

- a) Mail order pharmacies
- b) Presence and functioning of adequate mechanisms for dealing with patients' suggestions and complaints
- c) Consumer participation in governance of healthcare organisation.

### *Structural interventions*

- a) Changes to the setting/site of service delivery
- b) Changes in physical structure, facilities and equipment
- c) Changes in medical records systems
- d) Changes in scope and nature of benefits and services
- e) Presence and organisation of quality monitoring mechanisms
- f) Ownership, accreditation, and affiliation status of hospitals and other facilities
- g) Staff organisation.

## Regulatory interventions

A regulatory intervention is any intervention that aims to change health services delivery or costs by regulation or law. These interventions may overlap with organisational and financial interventions.

- a) Changes in medical liability
- b) Management of patient complaints
- c) Peer review
- d) Licensure.

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- Research methods technology developed the hammer
- Does not work on screws
- Can you invent a screwdriver to meet needs?
- Will doing so pay off?
- Not now, but soon will

# Is your intervention a CSI?

Multiple actions

- By different actors
- At different times

In a changing environment/context

- With impacts which act back on the actions

Actors interpret the intervention concept

Actors influence to change actions by feedback and others experience

Implementation affected by power groups & how they interpret the intervention or actions