Refining and Disseminating a Toolkit of Equity-Oriented Strategies, Measures and Indicators for Primary Health Care Settings

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The need for equity in primary health care is important in Canada and other countries. Many people who face challenges like poverty, homelessness and discrimination are unhealthy and do not have access to good quality health care. However, for organizations that provide health care, measuring and promoting equity is still difficult. This application brings together researchers, policy makers and leaders from health care organizations to improve and share a Health Equity Toolkit. This toolkit aims to help organizations to measure equity and to improve the care they provide to people who face the most challenges in accessing quality care. This work will build on the applicants' 20 years of research into health equity for people who face barriers and challenges to health and health care. The pieces of the toolkit were developed through research in partnership with experts and leaders from many fields and organizations. For this application, we propose to work closely with several of our health care partners. We will work to improve upon the toolkit, and see how it works in the 'real world' of health care delivery. We will work together with a range of leaders to make sure the toolkit is useful for organizations who provide primary health care. At the end of this project, we will host an event to share the toolkit with a wider audience. Through this process we will look for the best ways to make this toolkit available and appealing to other health care organizations.

Abstract: