

# Partnership Development in Action: Notes from the field

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# Overview of case

- Development of a PHSI proposal submitted to CIHR
- Built on existing partnership between researchers (national) and knowledge users
- Characteristics of successful researcher/ku partnership
  - challenges



# Characteristics of authentic partnerships

- Pre-existing
  - Steering Committee
  - Implementation evaluation (collaborative)
- Common purpose
  - Evaluation findings and recommendations
  - Provincial priority
  - CIHR partnership development grant



# Innovation

- Knowledge-User initiated
  - Developmental evaluation
- PA's into Primary Care and Family Medicine
- Ministry, RHA, University Education Departments, and PA profession
- Political promise (2015)
  - Patient access to primary care



# Relationship Broker Role

- Tried a relationship broker role (as distinct from knowledge broker)
- Purpose:
  - to maintain active engagement of ku's
  - to ensure common purpose reflected in framing research question
  - Logistics management within busy reality



# What We Learned?

- Many identified challenges in collaborations were manageable with experienced team and “relationship broker”
- We did identify additional challenges
  - Differences between ku’s as significant as differences between ku and Researchers
  - Time lags – impact of changing priorities by time funding approved
  - Time of ku’s in preparing application , communication



# Thank you

## Questions?

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# What are the critical tasks

- Real challenges:ku

