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Improving Health Care Value through Innovation

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Overview of Presentation

- What is the state of play of innovation in health care in Canada?
- The key actors
- Examples of innovation in health care
- The Health Council's role in the health innovation agenda
- How to determine the value to health care
- What's next?



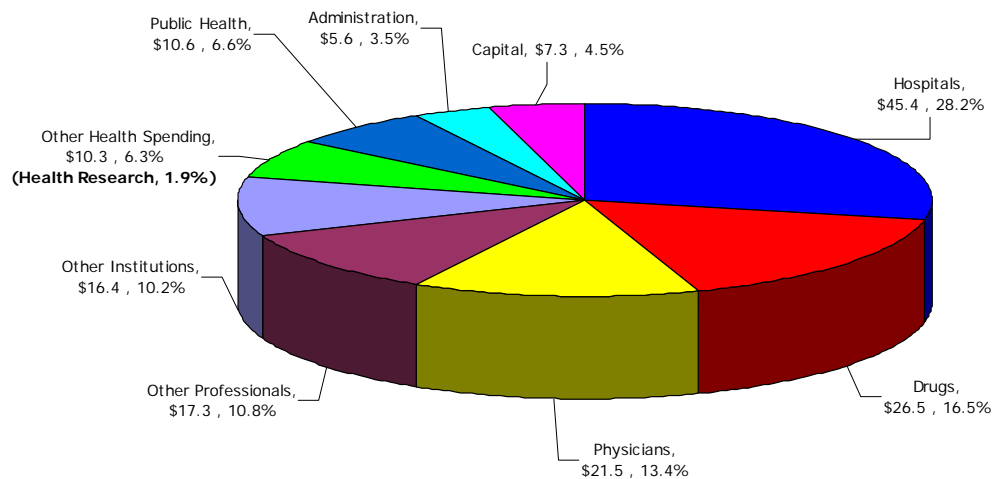
Key actors in innovation in health care in Canada

- Industry
 - Medical devices
 - Instrumentation
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Information technology
- Health organizations
 - Design and delivery of services
- Clinicians
 - Adoption of industry's innovations
- University-based research

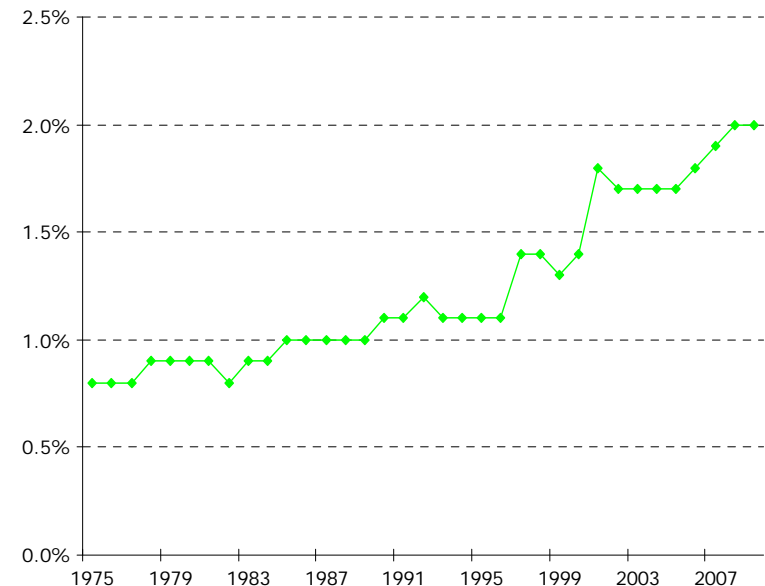


Expenditure on Research in Health Care

Total Health Expenditure, 2007



Trend in Health Research Expenditure (% of GDP)



Source: National Health Expenditure Trends, 1975 to 2009 (Canadian Institute for Health Information)



Canada's approach to innovation is in many pieces with many actors





Federal and provincial innovation strategies and health care

- Most jurisdictions have or are developing innovation policies and strategies
- Health care is often overlooked in these strategies, but why?
- Is health care a consumer, or a driver of innovation?
- The challenge for industry and the research community is to get governments' attention



Examples of innovation in health care

- Drug therapies
- Medical devices
- Health care service delivery systems
- Health information-based technologies
- Basic and applied research to support innovation
- But can we do better?

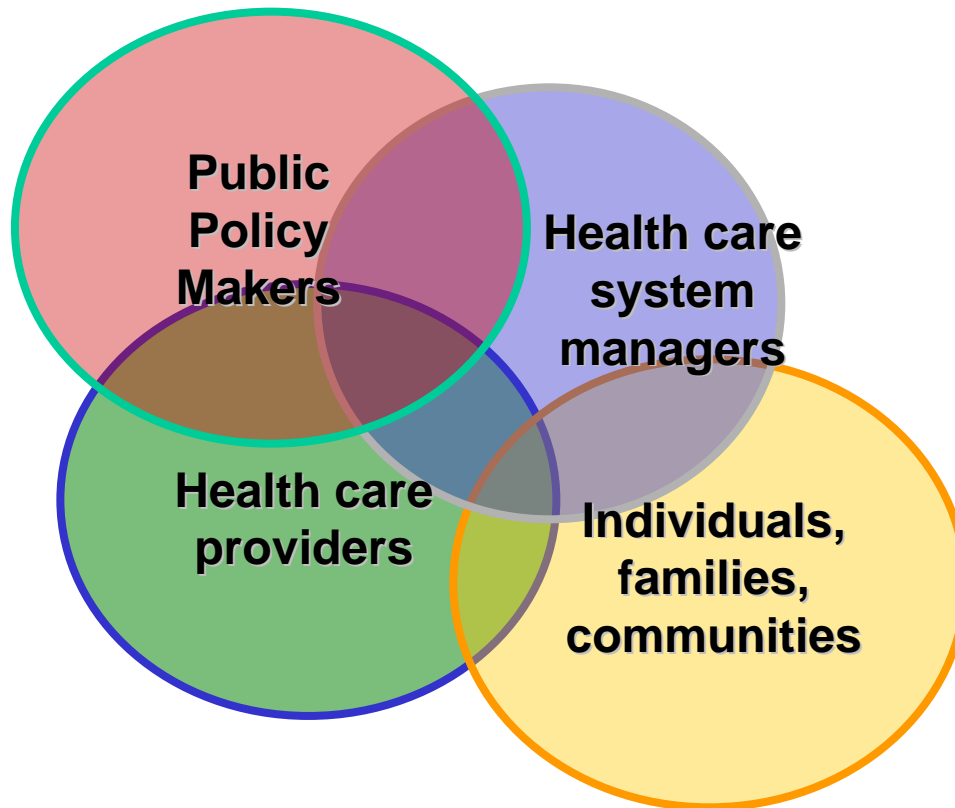


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- **MISSION:** To foster accountability and transparency by assessing progress in improving the quality, effectiveness and sustainability of the health care system
- **MANDATE:** To monitor and report to Canadians on the progress of health care renewal and their overall health status



How does innovation impact each of our key actors in health care?





Health Council's role in the innovation agenda

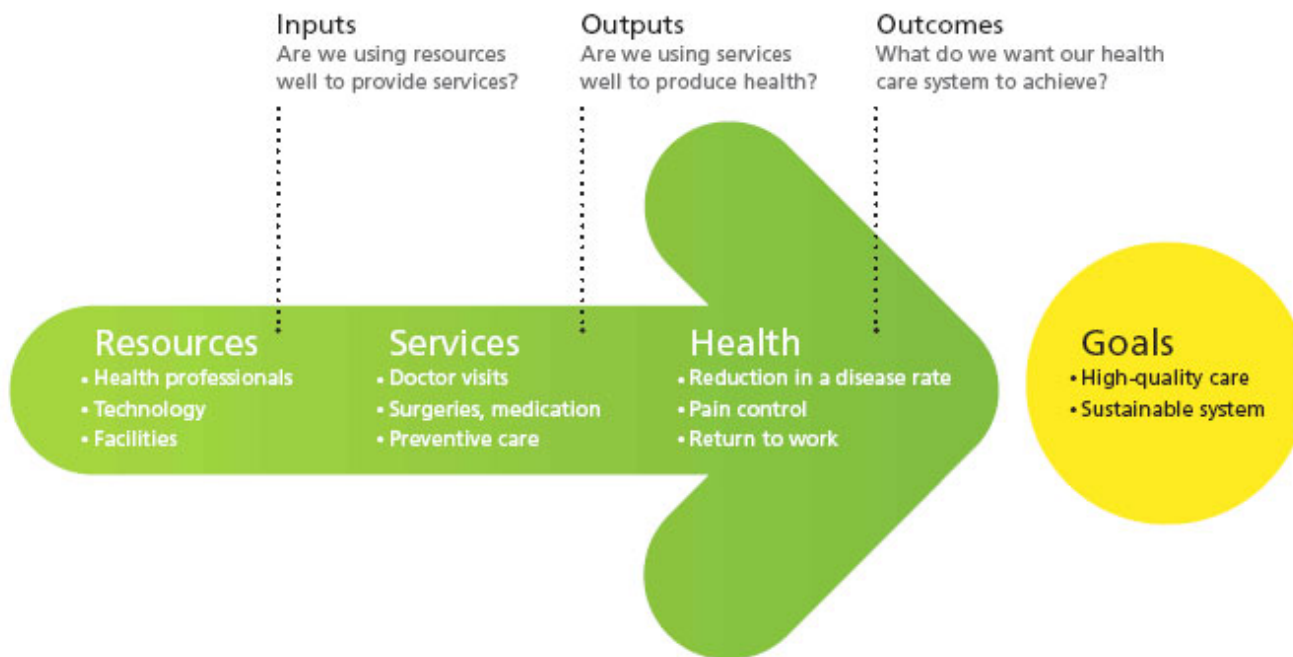
- The 2004 health accord: Federal government commits to continued investments to sustain activities in support of health innovation
- The Health Council: monitor and report to Canadians on the health status of Canadians and health outcomes
- Public is perplexed and angry*
- No practical way of knowing how much health research money is enough, and if they are getting value for the dollars that are invested
- Innovation = Better health outcomes?

* Making An Impact: A Preferred Framework and Indicators to Measure Returns on Investment in Health Research, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, January 2009 www.achs-acss.ca.



How can innovation get us better value?

FIGURE 6
Should value-for-money questions drive the system?



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What's next?

- Governments need to encourage innovation given the role it plays in improving delivery of health care and improving health outcome
- The question is: who pays the price?
- Better analysis through business case modelling will help governments, clinicians, researchers and industry get on the same page
- Patients/Canadians need to be better engaged and kept informed

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An informed and healthy Canadian public, confident in the effectiveness, sustainability and capacity of the Canadian health care system to promote their health and meet their health care needs.



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