



**The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &  
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:**

**Research Impact Assessment in a Nutshell**

**Speakers: Rosmin Esmail, Jenny Godley, and Maxi Miciak  
Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.**

**G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW**

This presentation will provide a brief overview of what is Research Impact Assessment (RIA), its application and examples of research impact assessment in action.

**Rosmin Esmail** is currently the co-chair of the OIPH RIA portfolio. She is also the provincial trauma epidemiologist with Trauma Services, Alberta Health Services and is completing her PhD in health services research with the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Her thesis is focused on understanding the relationship between knowledge translation and health technology reassessment. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from McMaster University, a Masters of Science degree in Community Health and Epidemiology degree from Queen's University, a Certificate in Professional Management from the University of Calgary and a Certified Health Executive Designation from the Canadian College of Health Leaders. She is also an adjunct lecturer with the Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine with the University of Calgary. She has a broad base of experiences in health care with a focus on the application of evidence-based research and knowledge translation to clinical practice. She has published over 40 papers and given numerous presentations on epidemiology, quality improvement, patient safety, health technology assessment, knowledge translation and implementation science.

**Jenny Godley** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Calgary. Trained as a demographer, her research interests include the social determinants of weight-related health, social networks, the life course, and gender. She has conducted bibliometric and co-authorship analysis for both the OIPH and HBI, and serves as the co-chair of the OIPH RIA portfolio.

**Maxi Miciak** received a Bachelor of Physical Education specializing in Athletic Therapy (honours) in 1992 and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy (honours) in 1996, both degrees from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. In 2015, she completed her doctorate in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Alberta where she developed a conceptual framework of the therapeutic relationship in physical therapy. She is currently the inaugural Cy Frank Fellow in Impact Assessment at Alberta Innovates and the University of Alberta. Maxi is currently engaged in developing frameworks to evaluate research impact on informed decision making and the scale and spread of research and innovation in the health system. Her research focuses on operationalizing patient-centered care by developing, implementing, and evaluating care models that impact the patient-practitioner therapeutic relationship, including how health services and policies support this relationship. Her interest in the therapeutic relationship developed over 14 years as a physiotherapist working in private practice and on interdisciplinary rehabilitation teams supporting people with a diverse range of musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. low back pain), chronic pain conditions, mild traumatic brain injury, and psychological dysregulation (e.g. depression, post-traumatic stress).

**Objectives:**

1. To introduce research impact assessment (RIA) to students, faculty and OIPH members
2. To provide examples of RIA and its application in health services research
3. To showcase research impact indicators for OIPH

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