

# Strategic Plan 2022-2025

As a translational research partnership, the Collaboration brings together community, consumers, clinicians, researchers and decision-makers. By working together, we help translate research evidence into practice, leading to better health and wellbeing for all Tasmanians and a well-integrated, people-centred and effective health system.



## Increase practice of translational research

- Develop awareness and understanding of translational research practice and its terminology
- Listen to the priorities of consumers and clinicians and support them to link with researchers
- Provide training, workshops and talks about translational research in practice
- Advocate for investment in skills and capacity for translational research practice
- Prioritise work in rural and regional parts of Tasmania
- Help break down barriers that prevent health practitioners undertake research in practice
- Seize opportunities to collaborate on, develop, or enable translational research projects



## Involve consumers & communities at every stage of research

- Develop a network of organisations that involve consumers in health research
- Adopt guidelines on how to successfully involve consumers and communities in translational research
- Create leadership opportunities for consumers in the governance of the Collaboration
- Support research projects to involve consumers at every stage
- Promote and provide Consumer and Community Involvement training, skills development and resources for community members, groups and researchers



## Promote and support Aboriginal health research in Tasmania

- Promote and participate in cultural awareness training as a vital part of working with Aboriginal Peoples
- Support Aboriginal health research priorities based on the needs and expectations determined by Aboriginal Peoples
- Advocate for research projects led by Aboriginal researchers and/or majority Aboriginal research teams
- Link with national Indigenous researcher networks
- Link with relevant Aboriginal strategies in Tasmania and nationally, especially those of the University, the Department of Health



## Accelerate research translation

- Promote excellent research and its translation: connecting research with clinical expertise and involving consumers from the outset
- Leverage the unique opportunities in Tasmania to connect and achieve successful impact
- Provide guidance, and connections to research projects
- Develop resources and communications approaches to take research and outcomes to broader audiences (knowledge translation)
- Involve members in fresh ways (stories, pictures) to showcase success and reflect on learning and practice
- Record and use evaluation data to determine how the Collaboration is making a difference

## Our Vision & Mission

A Tasmania where everyone can be healthy & well. Our mission is to inspire connections between consumers, clinicians & researchers for effective impact.

# What is translational research?

The term **translational research** means different things to different people because it has evolved over time.

Over the years, the concept of translational research has expanded to describe a pathway that starts with research planning (formative research, needs assessments, community consultation), through building the evidence (discovery and experimental research, randomised controlled trials, piloting interventions) to translating evidence to practice in a local context (applied research).

Translational research recognises that everyone can be a researcher, and that research needs to be locally meaningful. It calls for the consideration of consumer and community involvement, collaboration, co-design, research translation and evaluation throughout the entire translational research pathway.

## Our partners

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The Tasmanian Collaboration for Health Improvement acknowledges the Traditional Owners of lutruwita/Tasmania; the Aboriginal people, and their continual survival and connection with their Land, Sea and Sky Country that spans millennia.

We acknowledge that the Tasmanian Aboriginal peoples never ceded their Country and that we are privileged to be on their Country.

We acknowledge that British colonisation of lutruwita has resulted in intergenerational injustice for Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

This has negatively impacted on Tasmanian Aboriginal people's health and wellbeing and left a legacy that we are working to redress today, including through this collaboration.