

Development of the Translating Allied Health Knowledge (TAHK) benchmarking tool

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Translating Allied Health Knowledge

The TAHK framework was designed to support Allied Health Practitioners translate knowledge into practice. The TAHK tool allows clinicians to benchmark their knowledge against an evidence-based clinical practice guideline. This tool will support a database of Allied Health knowledge translation, including examples of good practice and problem-solving tips.

1 Framework Development

A working committee of experienced clinicians drove the initial development of the TAHK framework and tool. The committee emerged from the four knowledge translation, which saw knowledge translation as a complex activity which requires evidence-based practice, and a team of clinicians, academics, and researchers to develop, to introduce the framework to Allied Health Practitioners.



2 Framework Testing

The TAHK framework was tested by 27 clinicians from occupational therapists, social work, dietetics, speech pathology and physiotherapy. The majority rated knowledge translation as 'highly important' (95%) or 'extremely important', and nearly 85% stated the TAHK framework was 'valuable in their practice'. The main recommendation suggested for the framework was a mixture of incorporating it from what the TAHK tool was developed.



3 TAHK Tool Testing



Psychometric properties being tested - Validity, Reliability and Utility.



Presentations in September 2018 to Allied Health Clinicians.



Presented at the Australasian Implementation Conference October 2018.



At conclusion of this stage, publication in Implementation Science.

4 Establishment of Database



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All Allied Health Practitioners will be contacted and asked to contribute their knowledge (TAHK tool) to the database, with research undertaken into the impact of organisational context.

Some structured interviews will also be undertaken with a focus on completing the tool to gather final data around their experience of using it.

5 Broader release of TAHK



A website will be constructed, containing information about the TAHK framework and an online version of the TAHK tool. Clinicians will have free access to the tool to complete online, and will be asked if they would like their practice to be included as part of the TAHK database. The database will contain the name of a clinician with their work context and also information which will allow large research into knowledge translation in Allied Health.

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