

# Improving Boys' & Men's Health through Strategic Partnerships

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*Men's Health in New Brunswick – “Knowledge, Experience and Action”*

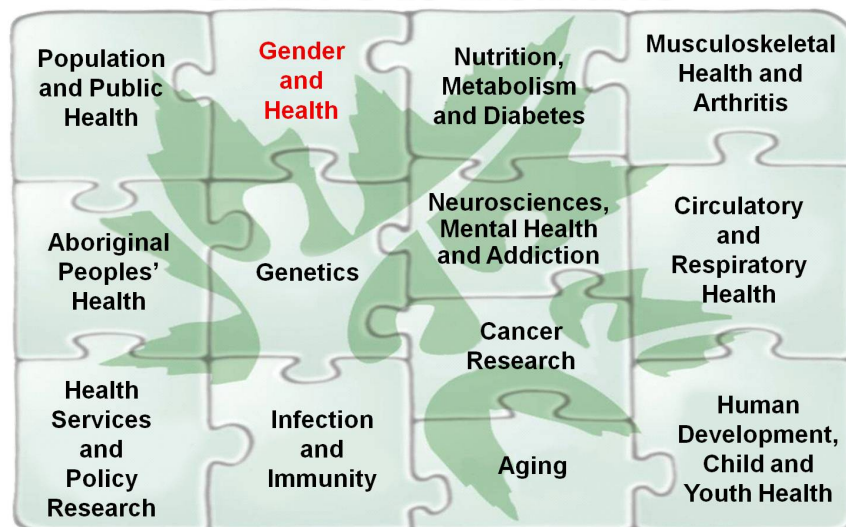
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## About the Institute of Gender and Health (IGH)

Our mission is **foster research** excellence regarding the **influence of gender and sex** on the **health of women and men** throughout life and to **apply these research findings** to identify and address pressing **health challenges**.

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## Who We Are

The **IGH team** and our **Institute Advisory Board** support a broad community including:



- researchers
- trainees
- clinicians
- non-governmental organizations
- individuals who share mutual interest in gender, sex and health issues

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## What We Do

- Identify and set **research priorities** in the GSH field (IGH Strategic Plan)
  - One of our current research priorities: Boys' and Men's Health.
- Launch **targeted funding opportunities** to address these priorities.
  - Recent FO: Gender, Work and Health Research Chairs
- Fund health research **grants and awards** through RFA
  - Expected outcomes: knowledge creation; capacity development; KT (programs, interventions, policies, practices)
- Develop **partnerships** with organizations who share mutual interest in improving the health of *everybody*
  - Goal: Leverage IGH funding to make impact.

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## Why Boys' and Men's Health?

- Men are known to have an average life expectancy of 5 years shorter than women
- Men experience higher mortality rates across many leading causes of death including heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- Men are 4 times more likely to commit suicide compared to women
- Men are more likely to experience workplace related injuries or accidents, or unintentional injuries
- Men tend to access health care services less frequently than women
- Etc.

Source: "Men's Health and Wellbeing Strategy" - 2010-2014. Ministry of Health, Australia.

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## Boys' & Men's Health - A Priority for IGH

### ➤ IGH-PHAC Boys' and Men's Health Forum - November 2011:

- Target audience: researchers, federal, provincial, and territorial policymakers and stakeholder organizations
- Objectives:
  - Share current best practices for improving boys' and men's health.
  - Highlight research/policy gaps in current issues regarding boys' and men's health
  - Propose approaches for considering boys' and men's health in new and existing policies

### ➤ IGH Boys' & Men's Health Planning Grants - November 2012

- Objective:
  - Support **planning activities** related to the **development of partnerships, collaborative teams, and grant applications** to prepare researchers to apply for CIHR funding opportunities to advance boys' and men's health research.

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## IGH Boys' and Men's Health Funding Opportunity

### ➤ Team Grants FO to be launched in fall 2013

### ➤ Objectives:

- To support expert teams composed of researchers and knowledge users\* to conduct research that will:
  - contribute to **new knowledge** for addressing key health challenges affecting boys and men
  - build **research capacity** and nurture the next generation of researchers to pursue careers in boy's and men's health domains
  - contribute to **programs, interventions, and evidence-informed policy decision-making** to improve boys' and men's health

*\*Practitioners, policy decision-makers, health care administrators, patients, community leaders, educators, private sector entities, media outlet, etc.*

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## IGH Boys' and Men's Health Funding Opportunity

### ➤ Anticipated Timelines:

- Launch: **September/October 2013.**
- Letter of Intent (LOI) Application Deadline: **December 2013**
- Letter of Intent (LOI) Noticed of Decision: **February 2014**
- Full Application Deadline: **June 2014**
- Notice of Funding Decision: **September 2014**
- Funding Start Date: **October 2014**

### ➤ Maximum Amount per Team Grant

- \$ 300,000 per year for up to 5 years

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## Responding to boys' and men's health challenges...

- Strategic partnerships in **identifying current gaps** and developing **effective approaches** for addressing current pressing challenges.
- A call to organizations who share mutual interests to **join forces** to ensure **efficiency** in responding to current needs
- A **collaborative approach** by leveraging our collective resources to expand the impact while reducing duplication
- A **concerted effort** by funding organizations, researchers and policy decision-makers to make boys' and men's health a priority
- Capitalizing on new and existing **opportunities** for **joint collaborations** and **partnerships** that have potential to make impact

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## IGH Team Grants RFA – A Potential Partnership Opportunity

### Partner organizations will:

- ✓ Contribute to the development of the FO by directly influencing the research topic areas to be specified
- ✓ Have the opportunity to drive a particular research focus forward through targeted resources. E.g. If “access to health care by homeless men” is priority topic for your organization, the RFA will include a provision for targeting your to support a team working in this specific area.
- ✓ Be recognized as a funding partner on the CIHR website and all communications materials related to the RFA (e.g. press releases, newsletters, presentations, etc.).

More information on two-page flyer...

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“Everyone has a man  
in their life they care about – a son,  
brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather,  
friend or loved one. Research into how we  
can improve men’s health will not only  
benefit their families but also the health  
system through avoiding the need  
for health care later in life.”

Margaret MacDiarmid, Health Minister, B.C.  
(April 2013)

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