

Circumpolar Health Systems Innovation Team [CircHSIT]

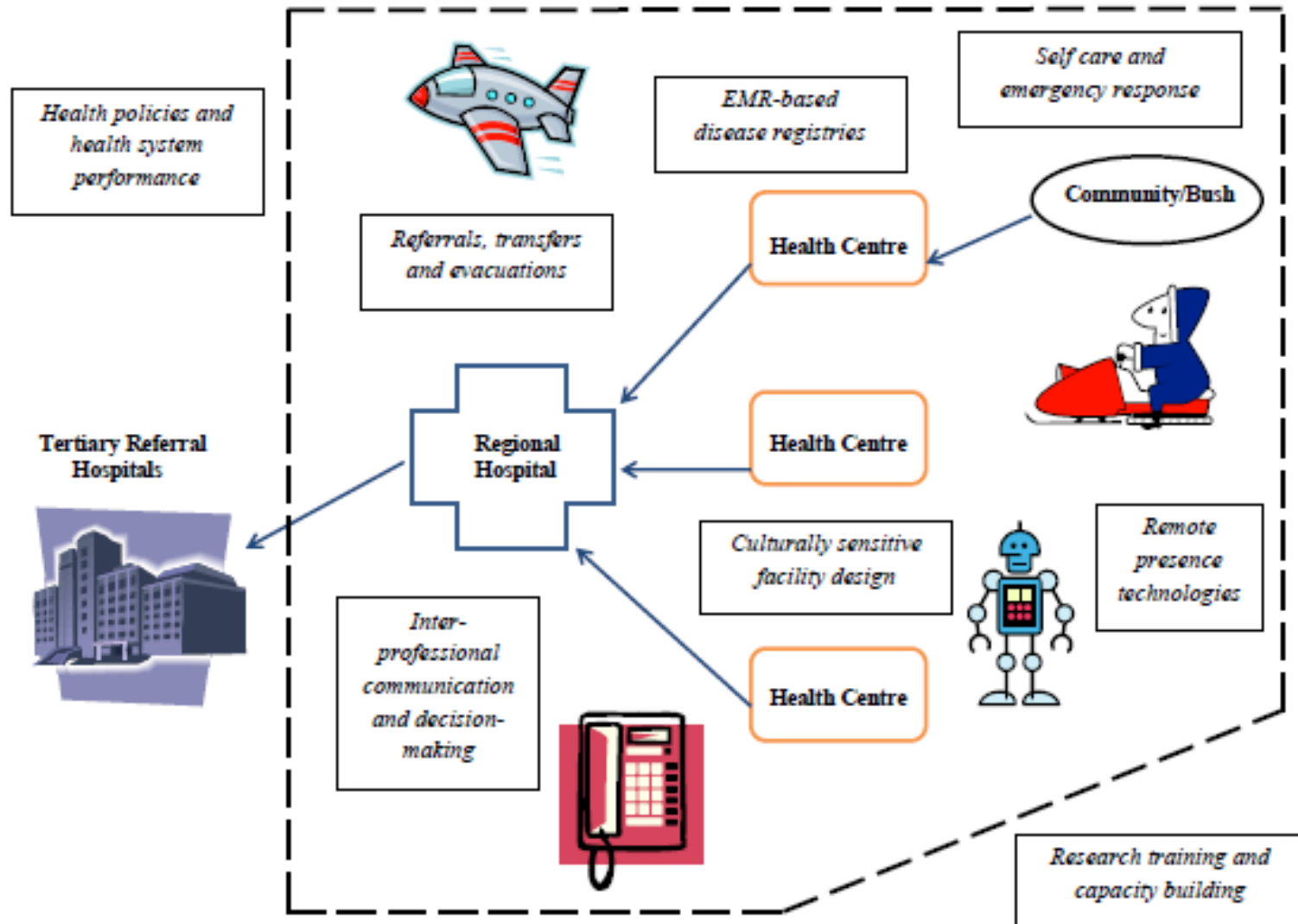
*Provide research evidence to
enable transformation of primary
health care in northern remote
regions of Canada*



Community-Based Primary Care Team Grants

Oct 2016 Update, Ottawa

NORTHERN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



REGIONs, HEALTH SYSTEMs and POPULATIONs

Highlight of 2015/16

Transforming Health Care in **REMOTE COMMUNITIES**

*Policies, People,
Places, Tools,
Links, Costs, Data*

April 28-30, 2016
Edmonton, Alberta Canada
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◆ **Why Is This Worth Mentioning Here?**

Relevant to several CBPHC objectives, especially cross-jurisdictional/international partnerships and collaborations beyond traditional boundaries of health care

◆ **What Happened?**

- Team members presented interim results
- Other researchers working on similar issues invited;
- Large contingent from North
- Strong presence of decision makers – Health Minister and DM from NWT; ADM from Nunavut; + senior program managers

- ◆ ~140 registrants
- ◆ 7 countries – Canada, USA, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Australia
- ◆ Canada – 7 provinces, 3 territories
- ◆ Policy-makers, administrators, practitioners, community partners, researchers, students, industry representatives ...

Plenaries:

- ◆ Greenland – Health care reform
- ◆ Canada – Remote presence technology
- ◆ Alaska – Indigenous health system
- ◆ Iceland – Organization of rural health care
- ◆ Australia – Health care access in Aboriginal communities

◆ Outcomes and Lessons Learned

- Existing networks consolidated and new ones established (eg. with central Australia)
- Close liaison with territorial governments ensured strong presence and high-quality interactions
- Generated some interest from industry (eg. telehealth providers)
- Accelerated “next steps” – facility design for elders’ healing centre led by architect member of team
- International comparison created new research questions/hypotheses (eg. why Nunavut medevacs 9x Greenland)
- Papers presented at conference subsequently submitted/published (eg. pharmaceutical services; back-country emergency response; health system performance)