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efforts by researchers and by decision-makers seem to proceed largely independently. Each have their own (often misplaced) ideas about the other's environment. Opportunities for ongoing exchange and communication are few.

Lomas, J: Improving Research Dissemination and Uptake in the Health Sector: Beyond the Sound of One Hand Clapping, McMaster University Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis Policy Commentary C97-1, November 1997.

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the focus [by researchers] has been more on understanding the assembly and dissemination than on the uptake of research evidence. Decision-makers' focus, however, is on the applicability, usefulness, and context dependency of research findings. **It is like two people trying to assemble a jigsaw puzzle, each with half the pieces .... but each working in a separate room** .

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- The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation e.g. Best Brains
- WHO e.g. EVIPNet, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems, LEAP Forum
- European Union e.g. DECIDE
- US Department of Veteran Affairs' e.g. Evidence-based Synthesis program
- US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality e.g. Evidence-based Practice Centres
- UK National Institute for Health Research e.g. Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC)

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- Cochrane e.g. Knowledge Translation Strategy, Policy Liaison Initiative
- McMaster Health Forum e.g. Deliberative Dialogues, Health System Evidence
- The Sax Institute e.g. Evidence Check, Decision Analytics
- NHMRC e.g. Partnership Centres, Knowledge Translation Faculty
- KT Canada e.g. Summer Institute training
- UK Department of Health e.g. PIRU
- CIHR e.g. Evidence-Informed Health Care Renewal

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Hot air? Or having an impact?

Evidence for knowledge mobilisation?

Papers testing the impact of strategies to increase the use of research

- 6 published prior to 2009[1]
- 14 published between 2009 and 2015 [2]

1. Moore G, Redman S, Haines M, Todd A. What works to increase the use of research in population health policy and programmes: a review. Evidence & Policy: A Journal of Research, Debate and Practice. 2011 Aug 1;7(3):277-305.)

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Does co-production really increase impact?

Knowledge mobilisation and Indigenous health?

"Decades of research carried out by non-Aboriginal researchers, based in non-Aboriginal institutions, had left many of us deeply suspicious of the 'R' word….Research was something carried out 'on' us as Aboriginal people, not 'with' us and certainly not 'by' us. Worse still … **very little seemed to be translated into practice**; the research projects came and went, but health service delivery and policy remained the same."

Dr Pat Anderson, Chairperson, Lowitja Institute

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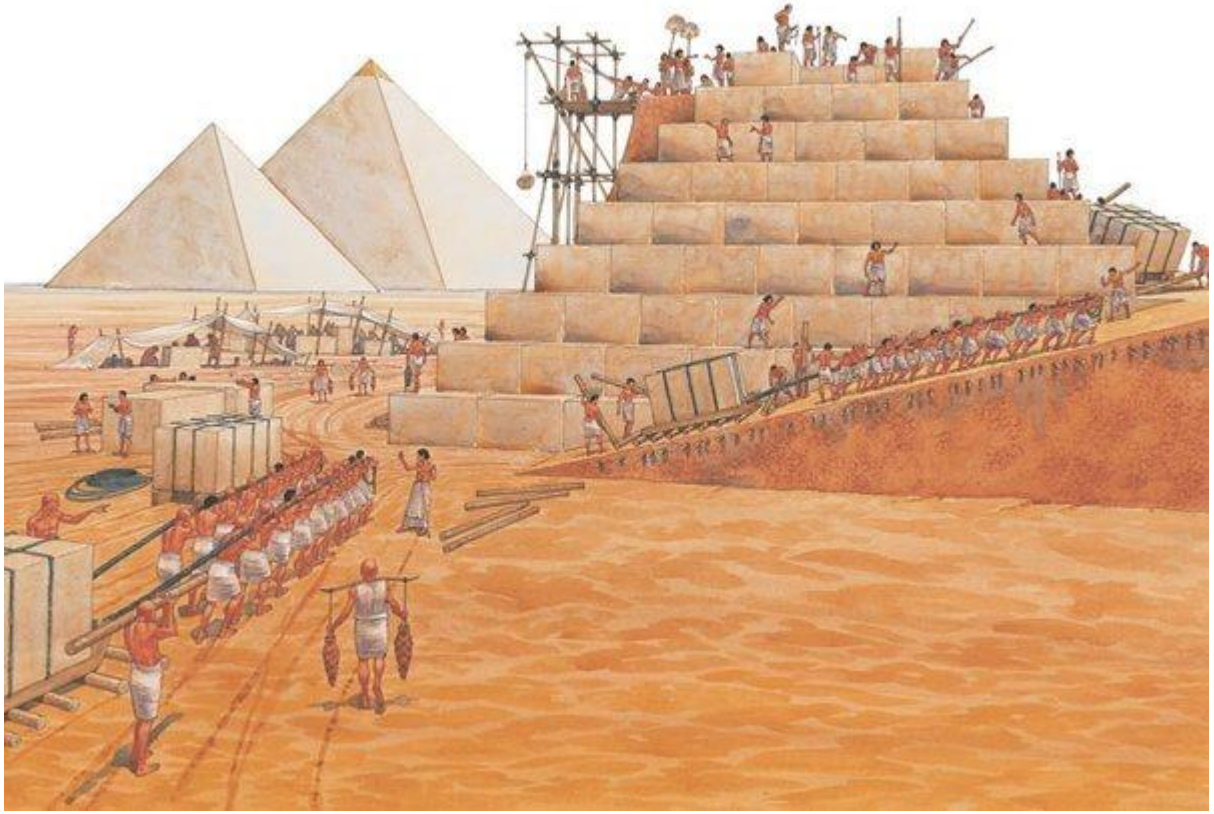
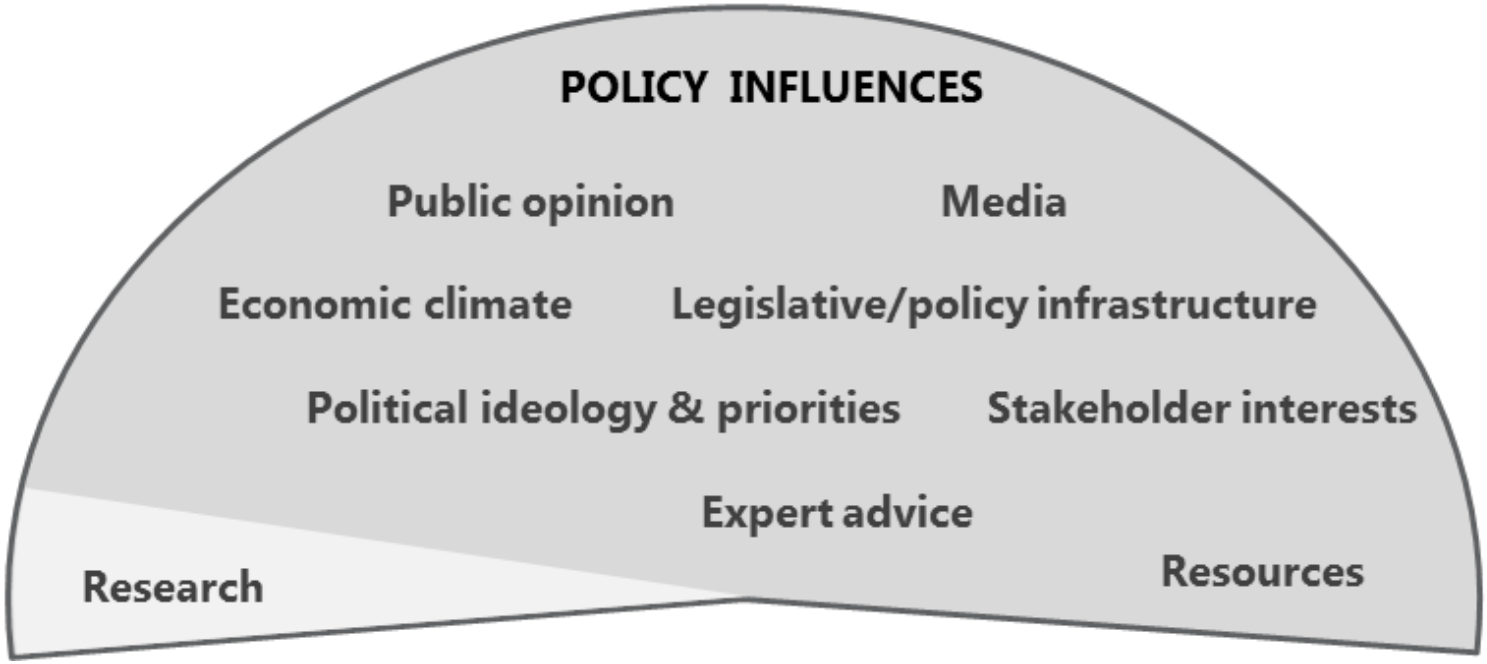
Knowledge mobilisation: Learning from doing



Knowledge mobilisation in system change



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Knowledge mobilisation and complexity

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Studying complexity in health services research: desperately seeking an overdue paradigm shift

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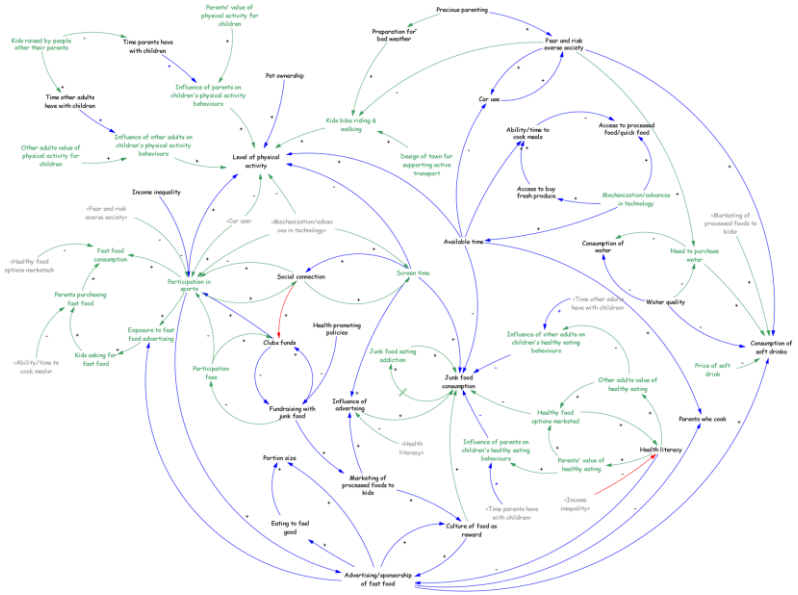

Actions to reduce obesity:
Kannampallil et al, Journal of Biomedical Informatics 44 (2011) 943–947

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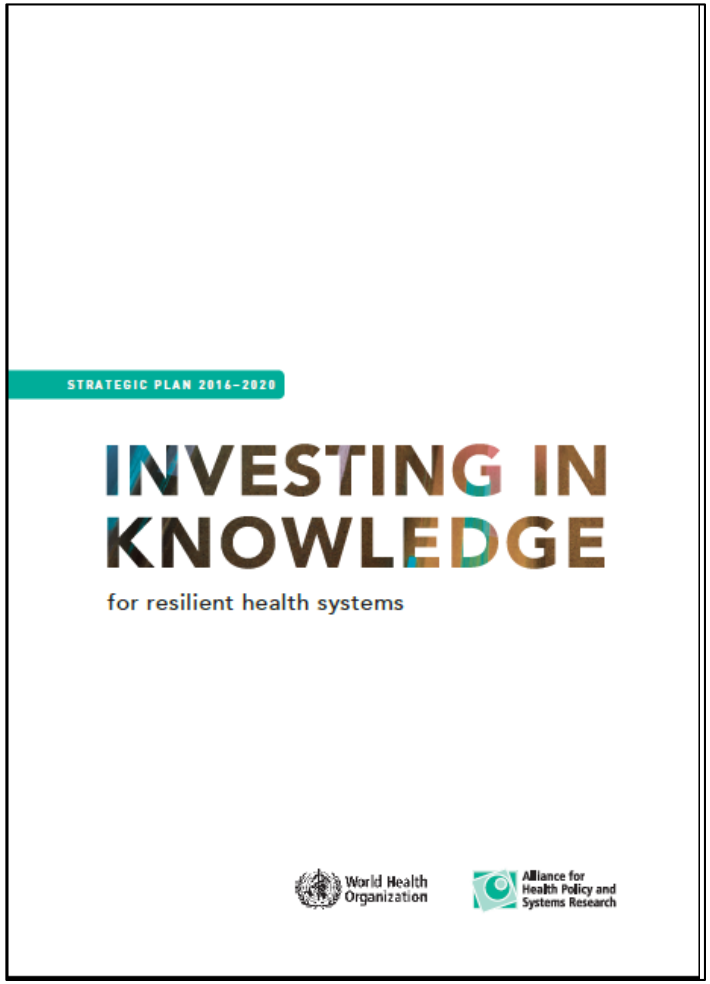
Knowledge mobilisation in our region ?



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