

CORD presents a talk by visiting scholar:



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A Participatory Road to Research Impact: the case for participatory evaluation in nursing research projects.

Abstract

There is a growing trend to evaluate research impact across research agencies (Curry et al., 2020). The perception of a misalignment between research and social needs drives agencies to increasingly focus on the evaluation of non-academic benefits or “impacts” (Sarewitz, Pielke, 2007). However, impact evaluation is difficult to operationalize (Wilsdon et al., 2015); as a result of the difficulties in measuring impact, agencies are opening evaluation to new methods. Participatory evaluation widens the decision spectrum through an active collaboration between evaluators, researchers and stakeholders, and it offers an opportunity to better understand what is occurring during a research process (Domecq, 2014). Opening evaluation to researchers and stakeholders can be a suitable way to affect research projects and bridge research outcomes and societal needs.

This talk is about a real experience introducing participatory evaluation methods into health research projects. The selected case studies are research projects conducted by nursing professionals funded by the Catalan Health Department. Methods combine scoping review, qualitative techniques and formative workshops framed under five dimensions of evaluation.

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