



# Ministry of Health Innovation Pathway

Overview, Timeline, Process,  
Lessons Learned, Tips for Success

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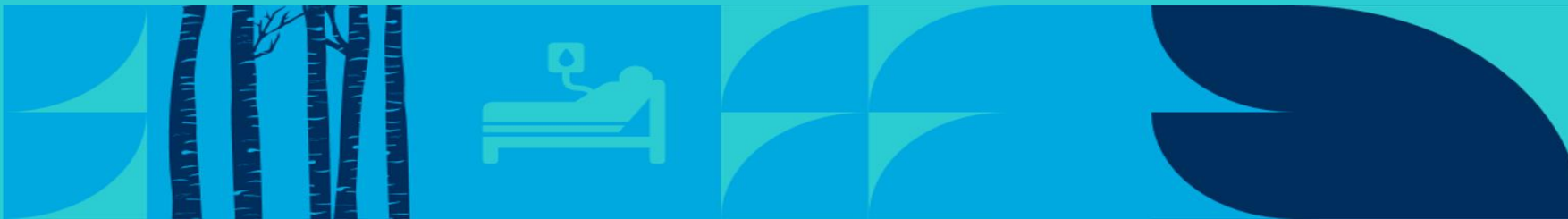
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## Objective of the MoH Innovation Pathway:

Identify and support testing and assessment of promising innovations in clinical settings.



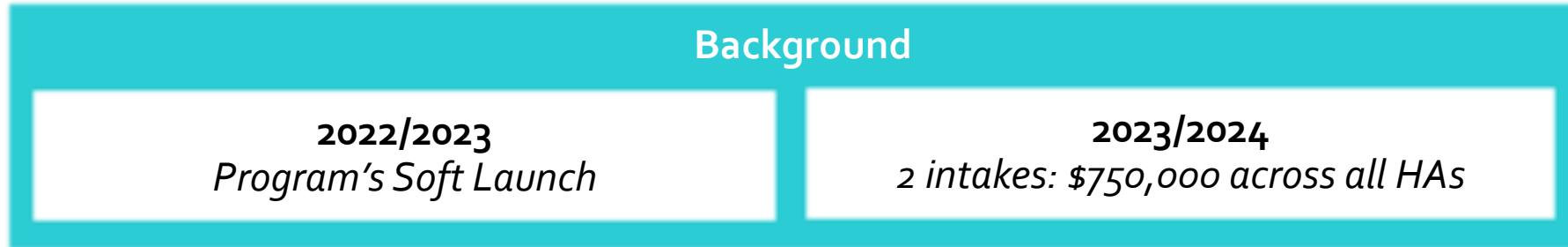
# MoH Priorities

## Innovation should address:

- Existing gap or problem
- Benefit the system
- Have scientific merit
- Align to system priorities
- Have potential for broad system impact

## Priorities:

- Access to primary care
- Seniors care
- Mental health and addictions care
- Cancer care
- Ambulance services
- Surgical and diagnostic services
- Hospital services
- Health sector workforce
- Digital health care services



## April 15, 2023 Intake

**Group & Screen Testing for Patients with Red Cell Disorders**

**Blood Test for Alzheimer's Disease**

**Phlebotomy Scheduling & Optimization**

## July 15, 2023 Intake

**Overdose Crisis:**  
New Approaches to Prevent Premature Discharge, Readmission, and Mortality

**Rotation Optimization and Automation**

**Continuous Troponin Monitoring:**  
Wearable Device for Detection of Myocardial Infarctions

# Timeline for 2024/25



Intake Form to HA Innovation Lead	Intake Form Submission to MoH	Approval Signatures on LOU	Funding Transferred to HA
January 19, 2024	February 5, 2024	March 8, 2024	April 15, 2024
June 28, 2024	July 15, 2024	August 30, 2024	September 27, 2024

**Regardless of intake, \$\$ needs to be spent by March 31, 2025**

# 2024/25 Process: First Intake

**1**

Review  
Program  
Guide

**2**

Review PHC's  
prioritization  
matrix

**3**

Confirm SLT  
executive  
sponsor and  
operational  
support

**4**

Complete  
draft intake  
form, send  
PDF to Holly  
van Heukelom  
by January 19

**5**

Innovarium team  
reviews (using  
prioritization matrix)

- **January 31:** Top applicants notified and any revisions requested

**6**

Top 5 applications  
submitted to MoH by  
February 5

- **Mid-March:** Remainder of applicants contacted to discuss alternative funding streams & opportunities

Questions?

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# Funding ... \$1,000,000 for 2024/25!!

- \$500,000 per intake for all HAs
- No maximum amount per application
- Funding can be used on:
  - Labour costs for individuals working directly on project
  - Reasonable material costs
  - Equipment required for the project
  - Software or information databases
  - Subcontractors for direct project work or evaluation



# PHC Evaluation Matrix

Scored matrix with a minimum score required

## 1 Innovation Gap

## 2 Value Proposition

Impact on patient, provider experience, HHR, environment

## 3 Spread/Scale

Potential for broad system impact

## 4 Scientific Merit

Reasonable expectation of benefit realization, methodologically sound, risk mitigation in study design, suitability of project team & engagement of partners

## 5 Relevance

Alignment to PHC values and priorities & health system priorities, measurable impacts within study timeframe

# Tips for Success

## Lessons Learned:

- Innovation contact should be pulled in early
- Well-thought out with attention paid to budget  
(line items, realistic)
- Operational requests (workflows, temp FTE) better suited for different funding stream

## Consider:

- Space requirements, logistics, operational support
- REB, Health Canada approval
- Data access & budget
- Need (budget) for Research Assistant
- Timeline
- Project should focus on PHC w/ ability to scale/spread to other HAs

# Q&A

