



Context Assessment for Community Health (COACH) tool

Tool's Purpose

The COACH tool was developed by a multi-country international team of healthcare researchers, professionals, and knowledge experts in knowledge implementation. The COACH tool assesses the effect of the health system context in the implementation of evidence-based practice in low-and middle-income countries (Bergström et al., 2015). According to its developers, the purpose of the COACH tool is to: “1) enhance the opportunities to act on locally identified shortcomings of the health system to increase effectiveness, 2) guide planning and promote adaptation of implementation strategies to the local context and 3) link contextual characteristics to outcome indicators of healthcare interventions” (Bergström et al., 2015 p.2)

Brief Tool Description

- 49 items scored on a 5-point Likert scale. Eight Dimensions:
 - Resources (11 items)
 - Community engagement (5 items)
 - Monitoring services for action (5 items)
 - Sources of knowledge (5 items)
 - Commitment to work (3 items)
 - Work culture (6 items)
 - Leadership (6 items)
 - Informal payment (8 items)

Knowledge to Action Framework Phase(s):

- Assess barriers/facilitators to knowledge use
- Monitor knowledge use

Available Languages: English



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Source to Access Tool:

- [COACH tool article](#) (a copy of the tool is within article)
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Development Article/ Psychometric Article

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