

Knowledge Brokers Successful in Implementation

8 Knowledge brokers in 1 network achieve more than 200 professionals alone!



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Context

Research shows that effective knowledge transfer is difficult. This project aims to bridge the gap between research and practice through a network of knowledge brokers*.

Project Knowledge Brokers PERRIN



- 4 Rehabilitation centers in the Netherlands
- 2 Knowledge brokers per rehabilitation center
- 1 Network of knowledge brokers
- 1 Mission: to implement 6 measures in pediatric rehabilitation
- 8 knowledge brokers reached over 200 professionals of different teams

* A **Knowledge Broker (KB)** is an opinion leader within an organization, who connects researchers and practitioners. He adapts research findings to make them suitable for use by practitioners.

How did we collaborate?

- A 'Broker to the Brokers' (BtB) organized and coordinated the KB-network.
- The knowledge brokers made a tailored implementation plan for their own centre.
- The knowledge brokers exchanged knowledge, experiences and products, e.g. through meetings and a limited-access web forum.
- The knowledge brokers were in direct contact with each other, with their fellow care providers and collaborated closely with researchers.

What has been changed?

- Evaluation by questionnaires showed significantly more familiarity and use of measures.
- Communicating findings with patients - as an important step in implementation of measures - could be improved.
- Through collaboration, centers benefit from each other and save time.
- The KB-network forms a steady bridge between research and practice.
- In the Netherlands the KB-network has now been expanded from 4 to 20 centers.

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