Context and complexity in case study evaluations of health interventions

Understanding how real-world contexts influence implementation of health interventions is critical to establishing and sustaining changes to practice and policy. Case study research provides a means of doing this work as it studies real-life settings in depth and helps us to describe, explore, and explain complex and dynamic interactions between context and intervention. However, case study research is under-utilised in evaluations of complex health interventions, potentially leaving important questions unanswered about how best to implement interventions in different settings.

To address this gap, the TRIPLE C project developed guidance on conceptualising, designing, conducting, and reporting case study research. In this talk, we will provide an overview of the TRIPLE C guidance and discuss how case study research might be used to evaluate complex health interventions, including how to think about and study context and complexity.

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