



ICES is an independent, not-for-profit research institute made up of a community of research, data and clinical experts. We work with Ontario's health-related data and aim to inform health system policy and planning to improve the health of all Ontarians. Our organization receives core funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

THE APPLIED HEALTH RESEARCH QUESTION PROGRAM

How we support health system organizations

Many organizations across the province rely on research findings to improve the services they provide to their community. The Ministry of Health created the Applied Health Research Question (AHRQ) Program to help Ontario-based organizations connect with health data institutes that provide tailored analytics and information services.

What are AHRQs?

AHRQs are research questions posed by health system organizations to obtain evidence that can benefit Ontario's health care system. These organizations, called "Knowledge Users," can submit an AHRQ to ICES and our team completes an analysis for them using our Data Repository. Knowledge Users typically submit an AHRQ to better understand the population they serve, inform health system planning, or develop a policy or program.

You could be eligible if

- You represent a "Knowledge User": an Ontario-based, publicly funded organization seeking data to inform planning, provision of health care services, policy or program development.
- Your question addresses a specific information need or gap that will benefit health care service delivery or policy in Ontario.*
- Your request to conduct research is not readily fundable through other research funding opportunities.

**Requests to support specific advocacy positions are neither in scope nor appropriate for the AHRQ program.*

Representatives from Indigenous communities or organizations who would like to inquire about AHRQs should contact indigenous@ices.on.ca.



Approval Process

- ✔ Is the requestor an eligible Knowledge User?
- ✔ Is ICES the most appropriate research provider to answer the question?
- ✔ Can the AHRQ be answered using ICES data?
- ✔ Does the AHRQ identify a gap that will benefit health care service delivery or policy in Ontario?
- ✔ Is the scope reasonable, considering the needs of other Knowledge Users?

HOW TO APPLY

You can find the application form with submission details [here](#). Requests can be submitted at any time and are evaluated monthly. AHRQ requests must be approved in writing by a senior decision-maker within the Knowledge User's organization.

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