



Research Leadership  
in childhood disability:

# Accelerate Knowledge

BLOORVIEW RESEARCH INSTITUTE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2013 - 2018

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## Executive summary

The Bloorview Research Institute's new strategic plan aims to position the research institute at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital as the world leader in the field of childhood disability research.

The Bloorview Research Institute is Canada's only hospital-based childhood disability research institute. Dedicated to excellence in client and family-centred rehabilitation research, the Research Institute has been recognized nationally and internationally for its unique client population and leadership in the field. Our new plan strategic plan, Research Leadership in Childhood Disability: Accelerate Knowledge Strategic Directions 2013 – 2018, positions us to accelerate knowledge in the next five years.

Produced in collaboration with our many stakeholders, most importantly our clients and their families, our new strategic plan outlines the goals and initiatives that will guide us over the next five years. To achieve our strategic goals, we will focus our organizational efforts on four strategic directions:

Lead Transformational Research

Strengthen Innovation Uptake

Accelerate Knowledge

Build Research Capacity



## About the Bloorview Research Institute

The internationally recognized Bloorview Research Institute is dedicated to improving the lives of children with disabilities through client and family-centred rehabilitation research.

The Bloorview Research Institute is housed in Canada's largest pediatric rehabilitation continuing care teaching hospital, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. This co-location facilitates the integration of cutting edge-research and teaching with frontline care. The Research Institute, which is also fully affiliated with the University of Toronto, brings together a multi-disciplinary team of scientists who work collaboratively with clinical staff, clients, students, and families to generate clinically-linked and applied pediatric rehabilitation research.

**VISION** The vision of the Bloorview Research Institute is to be an international leader in child and family-centred childhood disability research. The Research Institute strives to create possibilities for every child and family through transformational research and knowledge translation.



## Lead Transformational Client and Family-centred Research

The Bloorview Research Institute strives to lead transformational research in areas of strategic clinical importance, in alignment with the Centres for Leadership at Holland Bloorview.

This goal aligns with the hospital's Strategic Directions: Transform Care and Accelerate Knowledge.

### Strategic Goals

- Lead transformational and family-centred research in the area of childhood disability through the integration of research, teaching and practice
- Through the BRI Family Engagement Committee, establish a framework for family engagement in research
- Build a culture that values collaboration of researchers, clinicians, and all stakeholders within the Centres for Leadership

## Strengthen Innovation Uptake

The Bloorview Research Institute recognizes that bringing evidence-supported innovations to life is one of the best ways to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities worldwide.

This goal aligns with the hospital's Strategic Directions: Lead the system and Transform Care.

### Strategic Goals

- Enhance partnerships with key industry and commercialization partners to leverage expertise and connections
- Develop and implement an intellectual property strategy to commercialize and share innovations to improve the quality of care and life for children and youth with disabilities



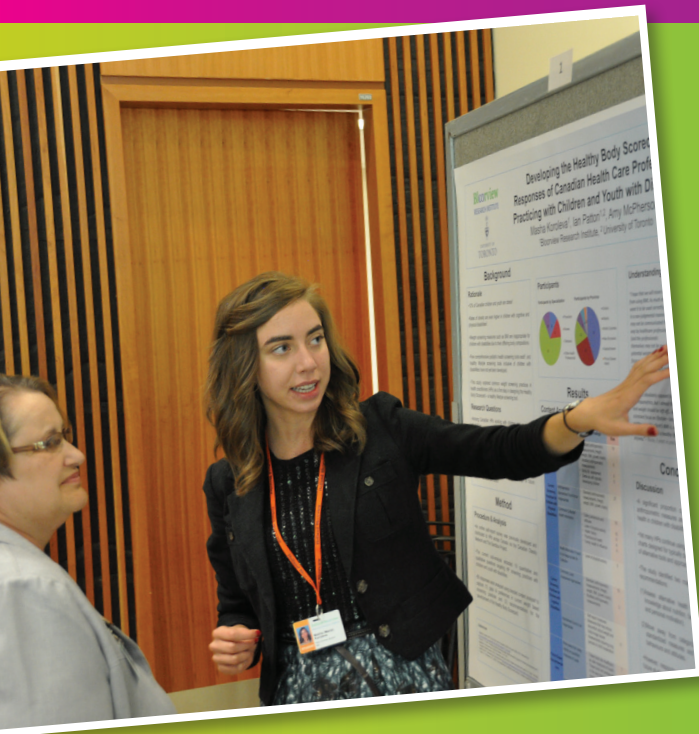
# Accelerate Knowledge Generation and Translation

The Bloorview Research Institute aims to become a world leader in the generation of new knowledge, making ground-breaking discoveries and significantly accelerating the pace of change in the field of childhood disability.

This goal aligns with the hospital's Strategic Directions: Accelerate Knowledge and Inspire our People.

## Strategic Goals

- Seek opportunities and partnerships to enhance communication of new knowledge through purposeful dissemination to academic and non-academic channels
- Increase partnerships to enhance funding and infrastructure to support researchers, trainees, and commercialization opportunities
- Increase research productivity to continue our growth as an international leader



# Build Research Capacity

The Bloorview Research Institute wants to develop the next generation of researchers in childhood disability by attracting, retaining and inspiring innovative thinkers and outstanding leaders.

This goal aligns with the hospital's Strategic Directions: Inspire our People and Lead the System

## Strategic Goals

- Increase the number of staff involved in research activities through new appointments and collaboration opportunities
- Ensure recognition for research contributions internally and externally
- Introduce new programs to build research capacity through innovative graduate and post-graduate training programs
- Establish a coaching and mentorship program for clinicians and researchers