

## **C2 Effectiveness of accreditation: From paradigm to evidence, closing the gap**

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### **Objective and rationale:**

Considering the increasing number of countries that are developing national accreditation programs as a mean to demonstrate public accountability and the quality of healthcare service, accreditation bodies around the world have a moral responsibility to demonstrate that they are effective and justify the important resources they require. Though, there is general consensus that research is essential and a developing interest in this domain, limited evidence supports that accreditation program are truly effective. Demonstrating effectiveness through solid evidence will encourage and motivate health care providers and decision makers to pursue their commitment toward accreditation and its philosophy on continuous quality improvement.

### **Expected Achievements:**

- Share international knowledge on the current state of research on effectiveness of accreditation programs.
- Provide guidance on most appropriate research methodologies to elaborate research protocol on demonstrating accreditation effectiveness.
- Stimulate international interest and encourage action towards an integrated strategy within the research community and the accreditation bodies.
- Present a complete review on research that have been completed on accreditation effectiveness and important research projects that are ongoing.

### **Outline for Workshop content:**

Welcome and introduction and review of objectives of workshop

Presentation on closing the gap - State of research

Interactive audience discussion on scientific value of actual research

Research methodologies

Interactive audience discussion on value of specific types of research methodologies and possible research strategies

Discussion on the value of an international integrated research strategy

Next step and closing remarks

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