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STUDIES OF PAIN IN DEMENTIA DURING A PERIOD OF PARADIGMATIC SHIFTS IN HEALTH RESEARCH

ABSTRACT: The focus of this lecture is on the evolution a research program on pain in dementia within the context of a changing research landscape. This landscape has shifted toward increased interdisciplinarity, partnerships with knowledge users and emphasis on knowledge translation. Early laboratory-based investigations evolved into applied clinical research, unique partnerships, novel approaches to knowledge mobilization, costing analyses of clinical problems, technology development/evaluation and policy studies. The presentation will illustrate that tackling complex clinical problems can lead traditionally-trained clinical scientists to areas of scholarly inquiry that were previously foreign to them.

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