



## New Advances in Population Health Intervention

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PHIR has been defined as the use of scientific methods to develop knowledge about program or policy interventions operating within or outside of the health sector and that have the potential to affect the distribution of health risk factors or determinants in a population. Population health interventions (PHIs) are generally complex. Moreover, boundaries between them and their implementation contexts are blurred, or even arbitrary. Research processes and methods then have to take into account the complexity and effect of the context on intervention implementation and outcomes. It is a question of designs and methods, but also of the focus of the research: beyond the results, analyses of mechanisms and of transferability factors are necessary. It is also a question of how to conduct research, e.g., in interdisciplinarity and in association with stakeholders. These statements call for reform of questions guiding both research and methods used to answer them.





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