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**Abstract**

Evaluating the impact of health research is an important task for funding organisations in their quest to justify investments and prioritise spending on recognised areas. Many studies have been performed to investigate various categories of the impact of health research on society. I present three frameworks used by three health funding organisations to measure the impact of health research. Comparing these frameworks reveals a set of similar outcome categories, demonstrating that funding organisations often have common strategic outcomes. I identify a set of common challenges, leading to general guidelines with which to increase the accuracy of measuring the impact. I show that it is essential to use a comprehensive framework to assess the actual impact, which should be incorporated in a group of recommendations to check its reliability. Copyright © 2012 Inderscience Enterprises Ltd.

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