

# **A transformative research agenda aimed at innovation for Community Health Nursing: Building towards sustainable population health**

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## **Background**

The time is now for Community Health Nursing (CHN) to advance a vision and presence in contributions to sustainable population health. Global health policy directions and strategies including the World Health Organization Nursing Now Campaign, State of the World's Nursing (2020), Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery (2021-2025), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals these inform the knowledge and world views required for contemporary community health nursing practice. Coming from a Canadian context and based in our experience in community health nursing practice, education and research, we build on the conversation about community health nursing and how it can and must fulfill its social mandate in the context of the 21<sup>st</sup> century health challenges and opportunities.

## **Aim of the study**

We explore the overarching questions: What does society need from Community Health Nursing? What contributions must CHNs make? And, what are the policy imperatives of our time?

## **Methods**

We engage a process of critical inquiry into the implications for community health nursing research found in leading global policy documents and literature.

## **Results**

We project a research agenda for community health nursing in three main areas – practice education, population engagement, program renewal and innovations.

## **Conclusions and implications**

The road to CHN renewal, practice, policy and education innovations must be informed by research grounded in the global policy directions.