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The Becker Medical Library Model for Assessment of Research Impact represents a practical, do-it-yourself tool for tracking the impact of biomedical research. The Model includes guidance for quantifying and documenting research impact as well as resources for locating evidence of research impact.

The Becker Model can assist with the discovery process by providing a framework to document research outputs and activities, identify collaborative efforts, and assess the diffusion of knowledge and resulting research impact for an individual author or research group.

http://becker.wustl.edu/impact/assessment/

Benefits of Assessment of Research Impact
- Quantify and document research impact
- Justify future requests for funding
- Quantify return on research investment
- Discover how research findings are used
- Identify similar research projects
- Identify possible collaborators
- Determine if research findings are duplicated, confirmed, corrected, improved, or repudiated
- Determine if research findings are extended (different human populations, different animal models/species, etc.)
- Confirm that research findings were properly attributed/credited
- Demonstrate that research findings are resulting in meaningful health outcomes
- Discover community benefits as a result of research findings
- Progress Reports
- Tenure and Promotion dossiers

The Becker Model provides a reporting template and an example of a completed report.

The Becker Medical Library Model for Assessment of Research Impact is in process of being revised. Please contact us with suggestions for additions or improvements.


Improving access and retrieval of your research study is the surest way to enhance its impact. Repetition, consistency, and an awareness of the intended audience form the basis for the recommended strategies.