

New project grants funded in 2001 round

- Infection and immunity \$19.5 mill 17%
- Mental health \$18.9 mill 16%
- Cancer \$17.7 mil 15%
- Cardiovascular \$13.0 11%
- Injury \$4.9 4%

Priorities for breast cancer research

- Detailed analysis of all research funding for breast cancer in 1996 - \$12.24 million
- Identification of priorities through survey of:
 - researchers
 - policy makers
 - clinicians
 - women

Priorities for breast cancer research

- High level of agreement between researchers and 'consumers'
 - top 5 same
- High level of agreement between \$ spent in research area and priority allocated by community:
 - 4 of 5 areas with most \$ ranked in the top 5 of importance

Priority setting and population health research

Priority question



Capacity

- Workforce
- Infrastructure
- Knowledge



Useful answer

Priorities

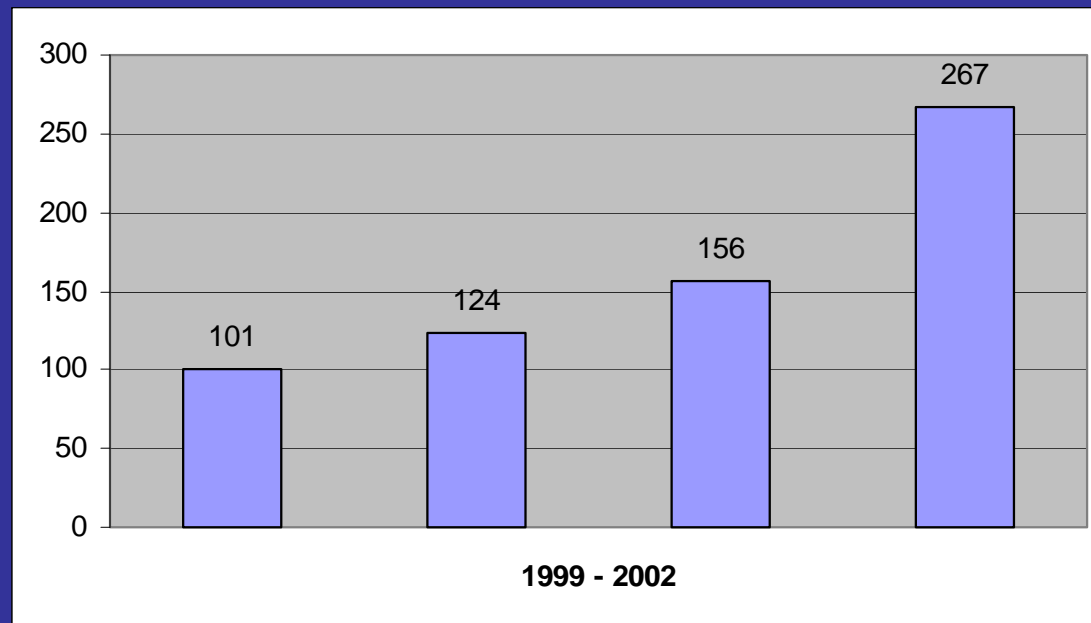
- Urgent areas of health need
 - eg anthrax
 - eg HIV/AIDS
- Longer term priorities representing gaps or opportunities:
 - difficult
 - outcomes

Outcomes focused priorities

- Build capacity in health services research:
- Improve indigenous health:
more useful research + better partnerships
and translation

Increase commercialisation: Project grants with patents

Grants



Where are the gaps?

Identify/describe problem



Analyse determinants

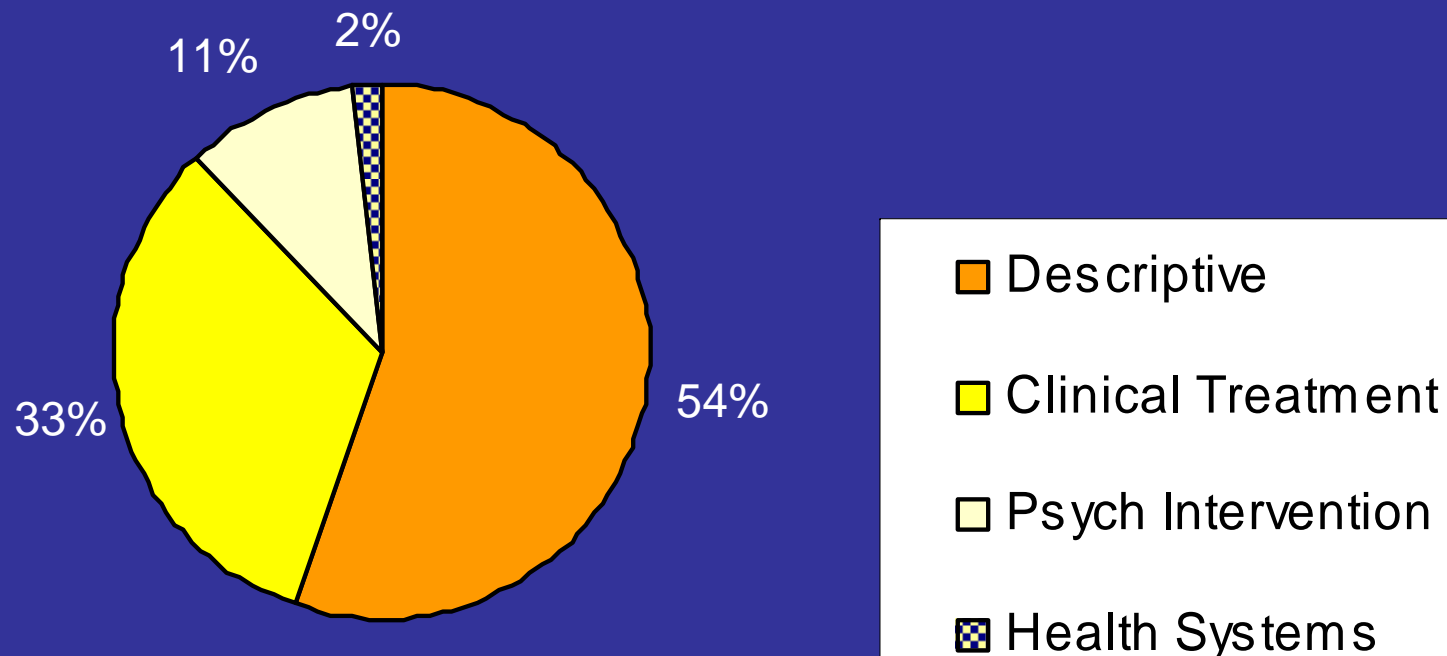


Trial new approaches



Adopt into routine practice

Supportive care for women with breast cancer: Types of Research



Summary

- Current funding system accords in broad terms with health priorities
- Priority setting in population health/health services research must be accompanied by capacity building
- Outcomes focused approach to defining priorities