

OGB CARES: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Improving Bowel Endometriosis Diagnosis and Management

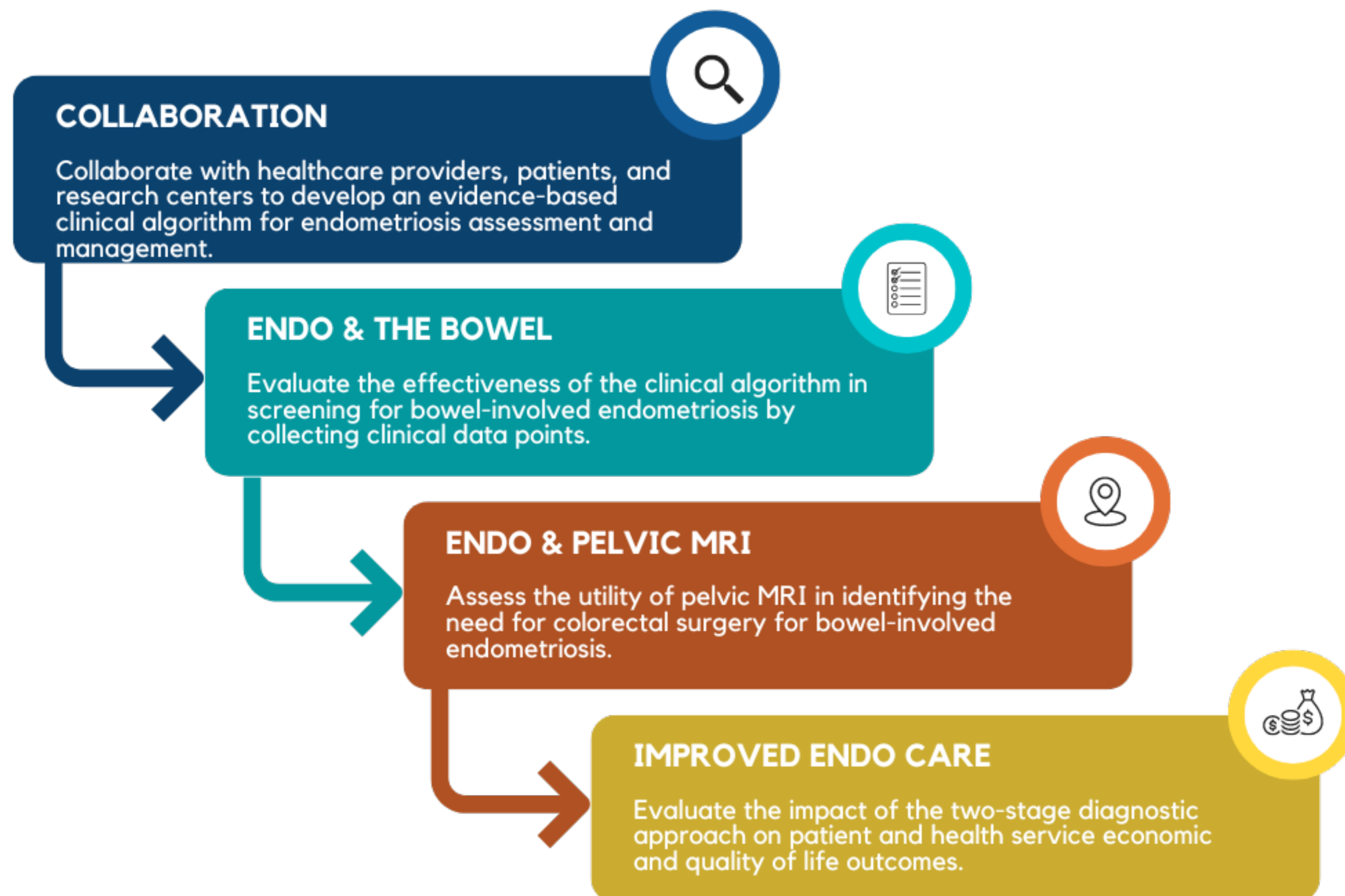
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Introduction

Endometriosis, affecting one in nine Australians, is characterised by the growth of menstrual tissues outside the womb, causing inflammation and scarring. Often, individuals suffer from undiagnosed symptoms for years due to the lack of accurate detection methods. Effective treatment, particularly for cases involving bowel, requires a multidisciplinary approach. This research project aims to enhance capacity, develop practical assessment tools, and improve patient care in endometriosis cases involving the bowel.

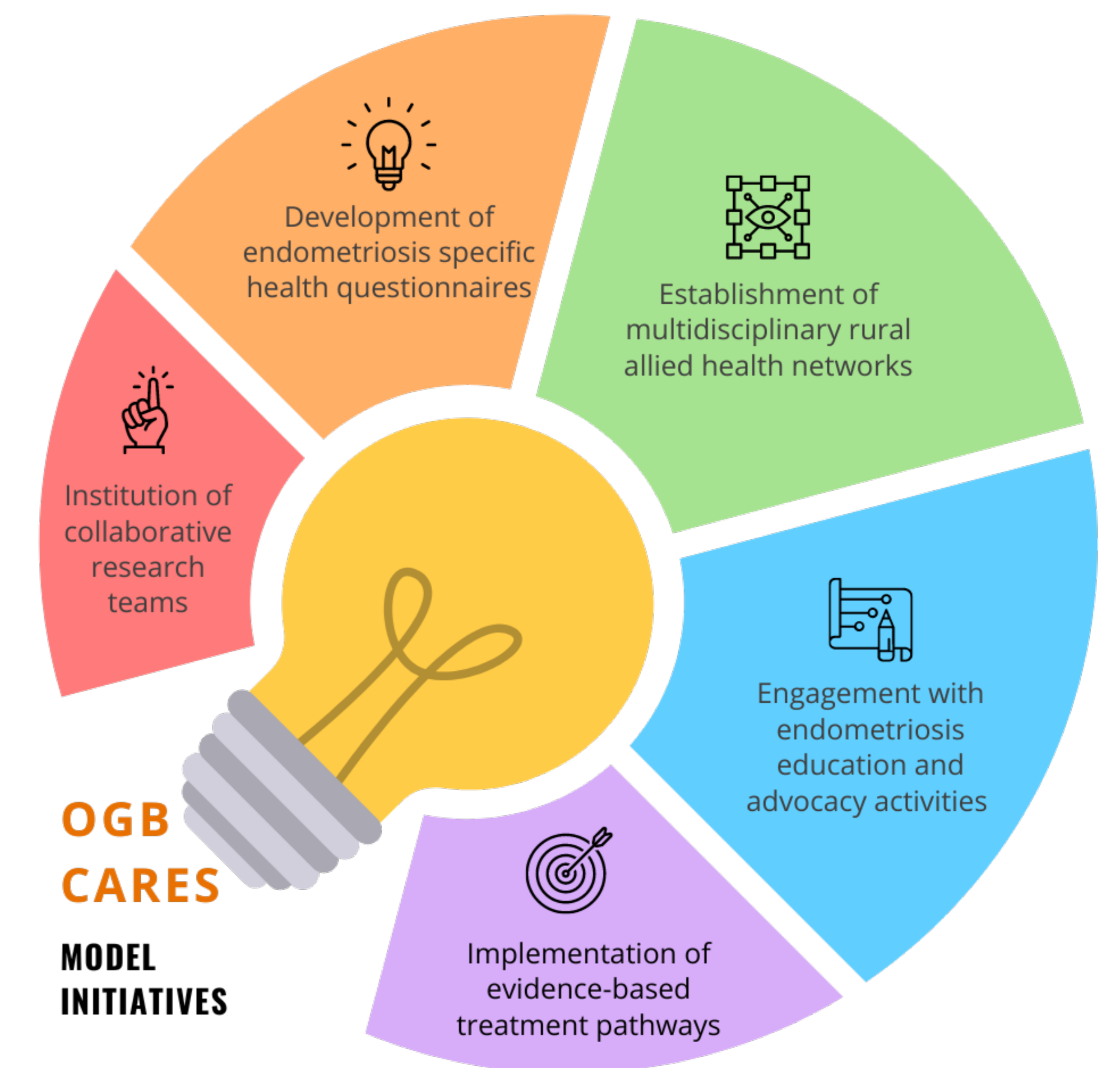
Aims



Results

The project aligns with Epworth's vision of evidence-based care and aims to improve service delivery, focusing on patient-centric practices. It addresses the need for equitable access to services in regional areas, fostering research capability and strengthening multidisciplinary teams.

The project enhances Epworth Geelong's capacity to become a centre of excellence in treating endometriosis in the region. It promotes sustainable care, improving clinical acumen and research capabilities.



Conclusions

The project being conducted as part of the OGB Co-designed Approach to a Regional Endometriosis Service (CARES) aims to enhance capacity, improve patient care, and build research collaborations to address the challenges of bowel-involved endometriosis. This multidisciplinary approach aligns with Epworth's commitment to evidence-based care and excellence in patient services.