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Like other disciplines within behavioral science, environmental gerontologists continue to grapple with the extrapolation of data to the realm of practice— affecting more efficient linkage between the meaning of statistical effect sizes and interventions designed to improve the quality of life. The action research paradigm is a very promising direction for spawning innovative research-to-practice links in the future. To aid transition to a more action oriented research approach, current research findings amenable to design application should be produced in a form easily understood by practitioners. This chapter proposes the adoption of guidelines for the dissemination of information to medical practitioners. Successful application includes informing potential practitioners of innovative knowledge and assuring their decisional control regarding its programmatic use, evaluation, and possible continued adoption or discontinuance. Action research would benefit environmental gerontology with studies that focus on place, rather than the traditional emphasis placed on the individual as the unit of analysis.

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