



Health Information Management and Research Division Ministry of Health Republic of Maldives

Health Research Priority Areas (April 2022-2025)

Ranks	Top 10 health research priority areas
1	Disease epidemiology, risk factors, prevention and control
2	Food and nutrition
3	Healthcare quality and safety
4	Health promotion
5	Health resource allocation
6	Advancement of health technology, e-Health, telemedicine
7	Clinical studies
8	Access to health care
9	Health governance, including clinical and public health governance
10	Healthy lifestyle

Classification of 'health research' refers to research that is done to learn more about human health. Health research studies the distribution and determinants of the health status of the people as influenced by social, economic, and physical environments, human biology, health policy and services. Health research also aims to find better ways to promote, prevent and treat diseases by enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the health system.







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Rank	Top 11 clinical research priority areas
1	Cancer
2	Cardiovascular diseases
3	Mental health, behavioral disorder, and substance abuse
4	Kidney diseases
5	Endocrine and metabolic disorder, including diabetes
6	Respiratory diseases
7	Reproductive and maternal health
8	COVID-19 and emerging diseases
9	Sexual health
10	Blood disorders
11	Skin diseases

Classification of 'clinical research' involves research using human volunteers or participants that is intended to add to medical knowledge, including clinical trials and observational studies. In a clinical trial, participants receive specific interventions, i.e. medical products, procedures, and behavior change, according to the research protocol created by the investigators. Clinical trials can compare a new medical approach to a standard one, or to a placebo, or to no intervention. In an observational study, investigators assess health outcomes in groups of participants according to a research plan or protocol. Participants may receive interventions or procedures, but participants are not assigned to specific interventions by the investigator.

