In an increasingly competitive budgetary environment, we must be able to demonstrate the health and societal benefits of clinical and translational research. Researchers from the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences (ICTS) at the School of Medicine and the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis have created a new framework—the Translational Science Benefits Model (TSBM)—that researchers, administrators, and policymakers can use to measure the impact of their work in four distinct domains: CLINICAL, COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, and POLICY.

We have identified 30 tangible benefits—or indicators—that come from clinical and translational science research. Clinical benefits include new biomedical technologies and therapeutic procedures; community benefits include health education resources and improved access to health care; economic benefits include increased cost effectiveness and new commercial entities; and policy benefits include legislation and organizational policies.

The new translationalsciencebenefits.wustl.edu website, which will be launched on January 15, 2019:

- explains the Translational Science Benefits Model framework
- provides resources and guidance for each of the 30 indicators
- illustrates the path from research to impact through brief, real-world case studies
- solicits case studies from other scientists

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