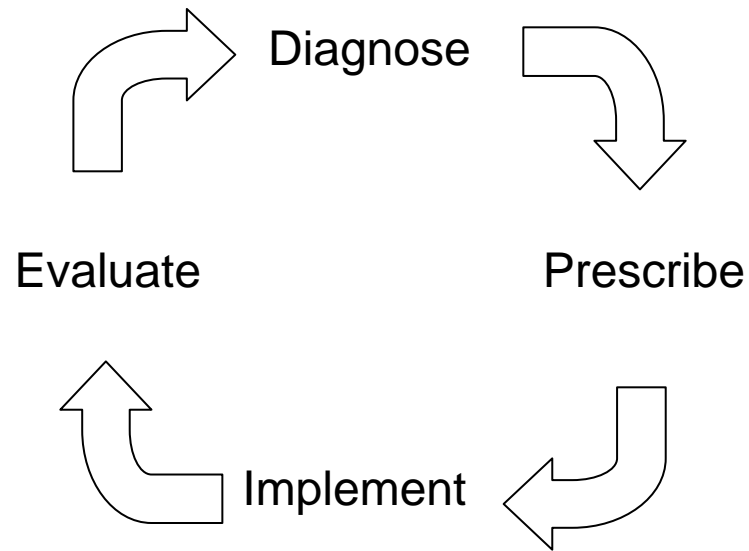


The Project-Based Research Cycle



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Which stage of the diagnosis→prescription→implementation→evaluation cycle is each group at? Assume each group has done no research at any of the prior stages. How may research at those earlier stages have improved their practice?

- A community organization is interested in whether its midnight basketball program has reduced the crime rate in its community.
- A community organization believes the city bus service discriminates against the people in their community by providing less service than it does to other communities. They are putting a policy proposal together to change the routes.
- An ethnic neighborhood believes their ethnic history is being forgotten by their youth, and are starting a program to have their youth video interview neighborhood elders.
- A public health organization wants to know how individual lifestyle behaviors are impacting the incidence of diabetes in a poor community.