

Review Guide for Pathway Models

These steps are intended to guide a constructive review of a pathway model by an outside reviewer, and may also be used as a self-checklist for those who developed the pathway model.

1. Read the Program Description and then review the Pathway Model broadly. Do they match? If not, how are they mismatched?
2. Look for good ideas and note/highlight them. These might include particularly good or novel outcomes, good links, whatever deserves recognition.
3. If you see big leaps in logic, add a brief note with a suggestion if possible. (A big leap is where there's an arrow from an Activity all the way to a MT or LT outcome, or a ST all the way to a LT, etc. It could also be a one-step arrow if there's a big leap of logic involved, so that it seems like something is being skipped over.)
4. If you see something that makes you wonder about a boundary issue, add a brief note with a suggestion if possible.
5. If you see something that is likely to be confusing to an outsider, or that could be worded more clearly, mark it and add a brief note with a suggestion if possible.
6. From your own perspective and what you know of the key stakeholders' perspectives, think about whether the model captures a full view of the program. If necessary, propose an additional outcome or activity.
7. Look for themes or common threads among outcomes and make a note of them.
8. Step back and think about the model overall. Prepare some comments and observations to share as appropriate.