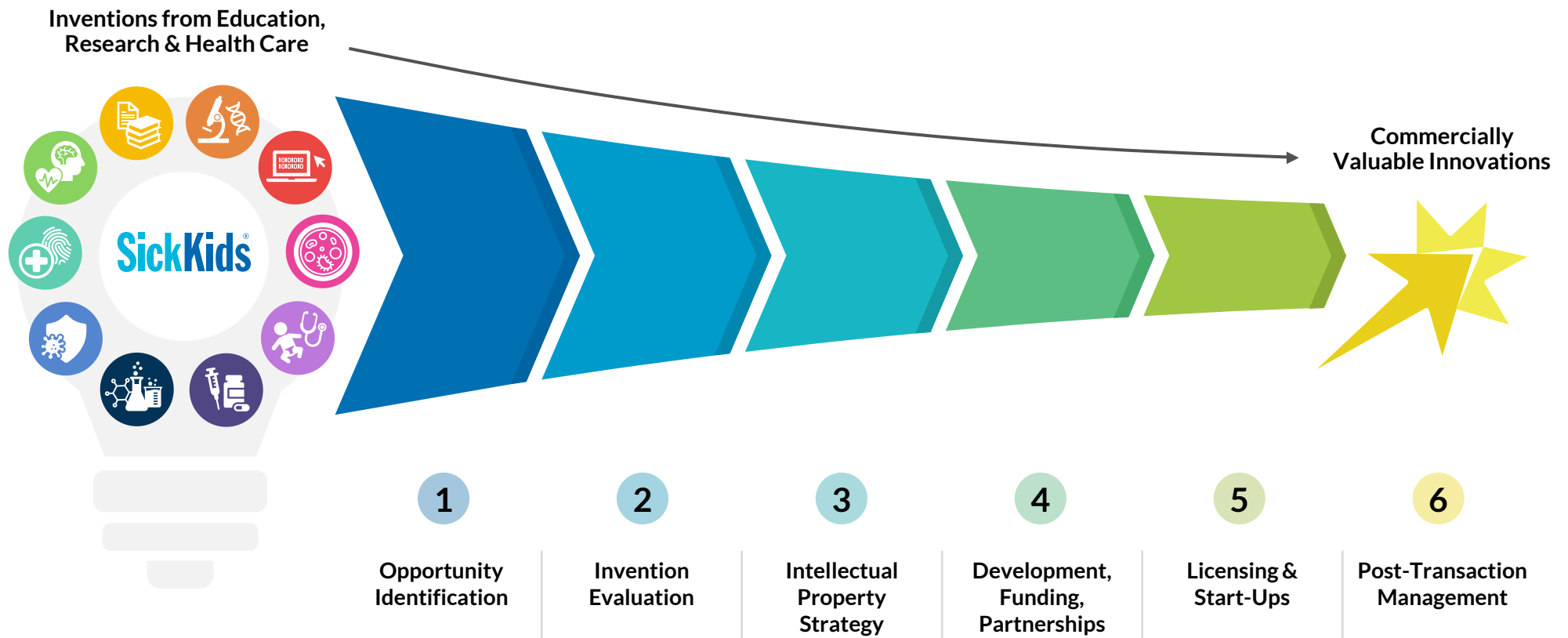


Innovation Pathway



The Innovation Pathway outlines the shared responsibilities of the Industry Partnerships & Commercialization (IP&C) Office and Inventors in translating SickKids inventions into commercially valuable innovations.

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	Stage	IP&C Responsibilities	Inventor Responsibilities
1	Opportunity Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate Inventor on IP and commercialization Source high-potential opportunities through internal outreach Review invention disclosures and initiate consultations on value and protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize IP and submit invention disclosure through the Inventor Portal Specify any collaborators or funding that contributed to the invention Obtain IP&C guidance before any public disclosure
2	Invention Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate market need, competitive landscape, and investor interest to determine commercial potential Define IP types and appropriate strategies for protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with IP&C to articulate unmet need, competitive advantages, and ongoing activity in the field
3	Intellectual Property (IP) Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and manage comprehensive IP protection strategy Oversee IP filings with patent, copyright, and trademark offices Co-develop milestones and data generation plan with Inventor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow confidentiality requirements set by IP&C Help draft IP applications and complete office actions as needed Disclose of any updates or changes in IP Support milestone and data generation planning
4	Development, Funding, Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential investors and funding opportunities Build partnerships to support development activities Monitor development progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare funding applications Contribute actively to partnership and strategy discussions Refine development plans and provide regular updates on development progress
5	Licensing & Start-Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solicit interest from investors and potential licensees Identify and secure partners best positioned to bring the invention to market Negotiate terms for licensing agreements or start-up creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver on agreed milestones Co-develop pitches with both science and business elements Proactively inform of any external interest Disclose relationships to the Relationship Management Committee
6	Post-Transaction Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure compliance with contracts, payments, reporting obligations, and income distribution Ensure ongoing IP prosecution to uphold SickKids' interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete technology transfer activities and follow-up actions Report ongoing developments, modifications, or improvements to invention Report any changes to inventorship or revenue share