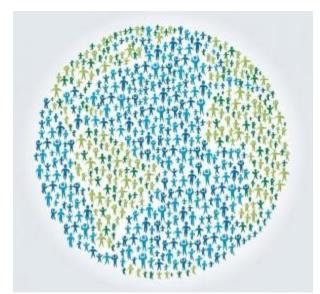


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# GLOBAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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# **RECENT GLOBAL HEALTH EVENTS**

Did you miss these interesting events about global and local health? You can still view the recorded sessions!

# The Health of People who Experience Imprisonment in Canada

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, The <u>Dalhousie Health Law Institute</u> held a webinar on "The Health of People who Experience Imprisonment in Canada" with speaker Fiona Kouyoumdjian. Fiona Kouyoumdjian is a Family Physician, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Physician and Epidemiologist. Fiona leads a program of research focused on the health status and health care of people who experience imprisonment.

Her talk emphasized that imprisonment is common (more than you might think); health status is worse for people who experience imprisonment compared with the general population; health care access and quality are worse for people who experience imprisonment compared with the general population; and there are opportunities to improve health for people who experience imprisonment. You can <u>view the recording here</u>.

# Health Disparities & the Impact on Black Life

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, there has been a greater understanding and focus on how systemic racism and police brutality has caused health disparities that are harming Black, Indigenous, and other racialized communities. The #BlackAnalysis Lecture Series by James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies, OmiSoore Dryden, explores issues experienced by Black people, and related to Black Studies, and health, medical education, and patient experiences.

In the first session (which was recorded on November 26<sup>th</sup>), Dr. OmiSoore Dryden speaks with Sharon Davis-Murdoch, Co-president of the Health Association of African Canadians and Sané Dube, Manager of Community and Policy at the University Health Network (Social Medicine). You can view the recording here.

## Upcoming global health events that may be of interest:

#### March 1-11, 2021

<u>Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Pre-Conference Satellite Sessions</u> A variety of free sessions hosted by different organizations around the world in the lead up to CUGH's conference.

#### March 12-14, 2021 (Virtual Conference):

12th Annual CUGH Conference: Addressing Critical Gaps in Global Health and Development

#### May 24-25, 2021 (Virtual Conference):

ICGHC 2021: International Conference on Global Health Challenges

#### Global Health Resources and Organizations



CCGHR is a knowledge network for global health equity. Founded in 2003, the <u>Canadian Coalition for Global Health</u> <u>Research (CCGHR)</u> is a knowledge network promoting equity in health worldwide. It is a member-based, not-for-profit organization representing global health students, researchers and practitioners at institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) across Canada and globally. They have resources on resources on principles in global health research and knowledge translation in global health research; they also organize events on topics related to global health; and provide networking opportunities to their members.

#### CCGHR Methods for Global Health Equity Webinar Series:

For more information on the series, please see the poster. Login with zoom ID: 941 1416 6799

#### April 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm Atlantic Time

Rapid Qualitative Research in Public Health Emergencies: Lessons Learned from the "Triaging Care During COVID-19" Study Michela Luciani PhD, RN - University of Milan - Bicocca Patricia Strachan PhD, RN - McMaster University

#### May 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm Atlantic Time

Integrating Equity Considerations in What and How We Engage in Global Health Research Katrina Plamondon PhD, RN - University of British Columbia Charles P Larson MD, CM, FRCP(C) - McGill University

## **UPDATE ON ADVOCATING FOR NEWCOMERS' REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

#### Contributed by Aditi Sivakumar

In our last newsletter, we introduced you to a new advocacy focused research project: Advocating for Newcomers' Reproductive Rights (ANCRR). This project will build on all the hard work that has gone into developing the Halifax Newcomer Well Woman Clinic, a clinic designed to comprehensively care for refugees arriving in Nova Scotia, Canada. Women will be invited to participate in telephone interviews to explore their experiences at the clinic and their contraceptive preferences. The project is led by Medical Student Aditi Sivakumar, supervised by Dr. Karla Willows and Dr. Jocelyn Stairs and supported by the dedicated staff at the clinic. We are pleased to bring you a brief update about this project.

We have just submitted our REB proposal and are waiting for approval so we can begin the interview process!

We also have an exciting addition to our project. We have partnered with an animator using knowledge translation funds from our Women Deliver grant to create a 4-minute, animated orientation and teaching video that will be available for Well Woman Clinic patients to view on clinic tablets in the waiting room in advance of their appointment. This video will explain the nature of the Well Woman Clinic, a brief overview of a speculum exam, an IUD placement, and a pap test. We will be creating voice overs for this video in 5-10 of the most common languages spoken at this clinic so that patients can view this content in their preferred language wherever possible. We hope that this animation will serve as a useful resource for the patients of the Well Woman Clinic and will provide some orientation, as residents are no longer able to provide pre-appointment group teaching due to COVID-19 restrictions. To support this knowledge translation project, we have applied for additional funding from the HB Atlee Endowment Fund and the Canadian Federation of Medical Students. We will keep you updated on our progress!