



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

TITLE

Understanding Barriers to and Opportunities for Effective Intersectoral Action to Address Health Inequities for Black Communities in Canada.

SPONSOR

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INTRODUCTION

Temitayo Famuyide and Dr. Lindsay McLaren from the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary are conducting a research study.

This consent form is only part of the informed consent process. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more details about anything mentioned here or information not included, please ask. Take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

This research program aims to better understand how the structural determinants of health are integrated, or overlooked in, intersectoral policies to address health inequities. Structural determinants of health are macro-level factors that shape people's access to resources, power, and opportunities. These determinants are the root causes of health inequities, and they operate through public policies, particularly those outside the healthcare system, to influence who gets sick in the first place.

This study specifically investigates opportunities or barriers to intersectoral action within Black communities, particularly from the experiences of Black health equity experts, researchers or advocates who work with communities or engage with federal agencies on health equity programs or funding

You have been identified as someone with considerable experience related to your research interests and who may be able to speak to this subject matter. Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

About 20 people will take part in this study across Canada.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

If you agree to participate, you will take part in a semi-structured interview lasting approximately 60 to 90 minutes. The interview will be conducted over Zoom using a University of Calgary–licensed account. With your permission, the interview will be audio-recorded for transcription later. You may choose whether to keep your camera on during the interview.

To start, you will be asked a few questions about yourself and your work (such as your name, gender, and ethnicity). You will also be asked to talk about your perceptions of experiences with racism and health inequities among Black communities. Questions will focus on understanding your experience and describing the ways in which these experiences are barriers to addressing health inequities among Black communities in Canada.

HOW LONG WILL I BE IN THIS STUDY?

The study will require about 60-90 minutes of your time.

ARE THERE ANY POTENTIAL RISKS OR DISCOMFORTS THAT I CAN EXPECT FROM THIS STUDY?

You may find some of the questions in this study about experiences of racism may be emotionally difficult or triggering. If you are uncomfortable answering any of our questions, you can tell us to skip the question, and we will move on to the next question.

You can take a break or stop the interview at any time. You can also skip any questions you don't want to answer.

Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, you may experience uncomfortable feelings or memories. If this happens, the interviewer can refer you to someone local (e.g., counsellor, psychologist or crisis lines) who can help you.

ARE THERE ANY POTENTIAL BENEFITS IF I PARTICIPATE?

Although you may not receive any direct benefits from participating in this study, your participation in this study will help increase our understanding of addressing health inequities for Black communities in Canada.

WHAT OTHER CHOICES DO I HAVE IF I CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE?

You are free to choose not to participate in the study. If you decide not to take part in this study, there will be no penalty to you.

CAN I STOP BEING IN THE STUDY?

Yes. You can decide to stop at any time. Tell the researchers if you are thinking about stopping or decide to stop.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDY DATA

You can withdraw from the study up to 14 days following your interview. Your data will not be included in the analysis. However, the audio recording and transcript must be retained for 5 years after the end of the project, as per the University of Calgary retention regulations.

If you wish to withdraw from this study, please contact us.

WILL I BE PAID FOR PARTICIPATING?

There is no financial remuneration to participate in this study.

WILL INFORMATION ABOUT ME AND MY PARTICIPATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

The researchers will do their best to ensure your private information remains confidential. Information about you will be handled as confidentially as possible, but there is always the potential for an unintended privacy breach. The research team will handle data according to the Data Management Plan as outlined below:

- The interview recording will be saved securely to a password-protected University of Calgary computer. Any video automatically generated during Zoom interviews will be deleted immediately following the session, and only the audio file will be used for transcription.
- During transcript review, all identifiable information (for example, names, titles, organizations, or specific locations) will be removed. You will be assigned a pseudonym, and only this pseudonym will be used in study materials, data analysis, and any reporting. The list linking your identity to your pseudonym will be stored separately in a secure electronic folder and will not be used during analysis.
- Only the research team will have access to identifiable data. All findings will be reported using de-identified, aggregated data. Illustrative quotes may be used, but will be reviewed to ensure they cannot be linked back to you. Professional role descriptors or contextual details that could potentially reveal your identity will not be included.

- Although every reasonable effort will be made to protect your privacy, there remains a small possibility that someone familiar with your professional context could infer your identity. This risk will be minimized by using pseudonyms, removing specific identifiers, presenting results collectively, and avoiding descriptions that could lead to deductive disclosure.

All data will be stored securely and retained only for the minimum period required under the University of Calgary's ethics policies. Details about secure storage and data destruction are provided in the following section.

HOW LONG WILL INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY BE KEPT?

The researchers intend to keep the research data and records for approximately 5 years, per the University of Calgary's retention regulations. After this point, all data will be permanently deleted.

Any future use of this research data is required to undergo review by a Research Ethics Board.

RESEARCHER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There are no conflicts of interest within the research team.

WHOM MAY I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS STUDY?

The Research Team:

You may contact Temitayo Famuyide temi.famuyide2@ucalgary.ca with any questions or concerns about the research or your participation in this study.

Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB):

If you have any questions concerning your rights as a possible participant in this research, please contact the Chair, Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board, University of Calgary at 403-220-7990.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THE STUDY RESULTS?

The study results will be available upon request.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IF I TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

Taking part in this study is your choice. You can choose whether or not you want to participate. Whatever decision you make, there will be no penalty to you.

- You have a right to have all of your questions answered before deciding whether to take part.
- If you decide to take part, you may leave the study at any time.

HOW DO I INDICATE MY AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE?

Your signature on this form indicates that you have understood to your satisfaction the information regarding your participation in the research project and agree to take part in the study. In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities

CONSENT OF STUDY PARTICIPANT

Name of Participant _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone # (or where we can leave a message): _____

☐ By checking this box and typing or signing my name below, I am electronically signing this consent form.

Signature of Participant

Date