

Muslim Advisory Council of Canada

Project: Scoping review of research on Islamophobia in healthcare settings

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About the Organization:

(From their [website](#)): The Muslim Advisory Council of Canada (MACC) is an independent, non-partisan, not for profit organization dedicated to advancing cross sector policy solutions to address health, education and employment outcomes for Canadian Muslims, helping to build governmental and partnering organization capacity to deliver equity to marginalized communities. Examples of their previous work includes:

- Advising the Canadian Medical Association Journal to retract and apologize for publishing an Islamophobic article
- Taking part in the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence
- Developing a policy report for anti-Islamophobia and advocating for anti-hate legislation in Canada
- Launching petitions to oppose discriminatory laws, including Quebec's Bill 21

About the Initiative:

One of MACC's current foci is healthy equity issues for Muslims accessing healthcare in Canada. A research project they are hoping to undertake would explore experiences of Islamophobia in healthcare, particularly among Muslim women and children. Before undertaking the research, MACC is interested in a scoping review to see what evidence has already been published on the topic.

Research Question:

The proposed project is guided by the following research questions:

- 1) What research exists, if anything, that explores the extent to which Muslim women and children face religious discrimination in healthcare settings?
 - a. What are the key findings?
- 2) What research exists, if anything, that explores the impact of Muslim women and children facing religious discrimination in a healthcare setting?
 - a. What are the key findings?

Research Activities:

This project will involve a scoping review of published literature addressing the research questions above.

Audience:

This research will be used by MACC to justify and guide a prospective research project on Islamophobia in healthcare settings. The report will mainly be used as an internal document for MACC's research project, however it may also be included in the literature review section of the research paper.

Deliverable:

The main deliverable will be a plain language report with the context, methods, findings, and discussion/conclusion.

Timeline:

Fall 2022 (aim for deliverable before the holidays or early January).

Community Partner Role:

The community partner will assist with focusing the project (e.g., co-developing clear search criteria for a literature review), providing examples of known literature to review, and reviewing major and minor project deliverables. They will also be available on request to respond to questions and requests from the research team.

Interest for Students:

Students interested in health equity, health policy, and tackling Islamophobia, as well as advocacy efforts in these areas.