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Title of Study:

Including and supporting LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia and caregivers

Location: Canada-wide

Study Description:

This study uses a large, prospective sample of the adult population surveyed as part of the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) in order to characterize risk and identify protective factors for cognitive deficits among sexual minority older Canadians. It also seeks to understand the lived experiences of LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia and caregivers.

The perspectives of people with dementia have long been absent for research; there is growing recognition of the need to include voices of persons with dementia to inform policy and practice.

Ideally, the results of this study will fill a critical gap in the understanding of the experiences of LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia and caregivers, providing both professional bodies and scholarly associations the ability to enhance their own practice, policies, and research.

What will happen during the study?

Approximately 30 semi-structured interviews will be completed with:

- 1) LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia;
- 2) persons caring for LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia; and,
- 3) LGBTQ2+ caregivers, focusing on lived experiences as they relate to identities, dementia, as well as formal and informal care.

Interviews will be conducted by phone or using Zoom, dependent upon participant preference. Duration of interviews will vary but expected to be between 45 minutes and one hour.

Eligibility: Who Can Participate?

We are seeking to interview:

- 1) LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia or cognitive impairment;
- 2) LGBTQ2+ persons providing care for someone with dementia or cognitive impairment; and,
- 3) caregivers for LGBTQ2+ persons with dementia or cognitive impairment.

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Recruitment End Date: June 23, 2021

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