



Letter of Initial Contact- Participation Information and Consent Form

Undocumented Migrants and Healthcare: Accounting as Territorializing Strategies for Everyday Life

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To Whom It May Concern

We are currently conducting research on how accounting strategies are exercised by various social groups for undocumented migrants to access healthcare in Canada. We are reaching out to you because you may have been involved with, or have affected by, the access of undocumented migrants to healthcare. Given your experience in this area, we would like to meet with you to discuss the access of the undocumented to healthcare, and any other issues that are relevant to the matter and its effects.

We have collected publicly available information to map out healthcare service mechanisms that are pertinent to the undocumented migrants, and we would like to learn from you about how the mechanisms translated into practices in the field. As such, we would very much appreciate up to one hour of your time to better understand your experience and your views on the healthcare access to the undocumented and its subsequent impacts. For our research, we are looking to conduct semi-structured interviews with 50 participants in total with an equal number of individuals recruited for each of the groups mentioned below.

You may be able to participate in this study if:

- You are an individual who has been on undocumented status in the past
- You are a healthcare provider who may have provided services to undocumented individuals in the past. If you have, how?

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- You are an individual or organization who have provided assistance (financial or otherwise) to undocumented individuals

Our research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at the Toronto Metropolitan University, which, among other issues, seeks to protect participants in research. Our intention is to treat our discussion as completely confidential. We do not have any commercial interest in this project, and the results of this study will be used solely for the purpose of academic research. If you require any further information about the research ethics application associated with my research project, please contact the Research Ethics Office at 416-979-5042.

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to do the following things: The two researchers will have a semi-structured interview with you, which takes about an hour, to learn about your work/experience related to the access to healthcare by the undocumented migrants. The interview will be taken in-person at a place of your preference, over the telephone or virtually through the platform Zoom. We will take audio-recording of the interview should you agree.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to participate, you may still choose to withdraw from the study at any time without any negative consequences to the medical care, education, or other services to which you are entitled to or are presently receiving.

Please contact **Claire Deng** or **Makini McGuire-Brown** by email or phone to discuss your participation and if you have any questions about the study:

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If you have any concerns or complaints about your right as a research participant and/ or your experiences while participating in this study, contact rebchair@ryerson.ca