

National study on vulnerability in mental health and psychiatric research

Does a mental health condition prevent someone from being able to participate to research?

What are acceptable conditions for ethical mental health and psychiatric research?

Your answers are needed!

A group of Canadian researchers would like to hear from you about the issue of vulnerability in mental health and psychiatric research. This research study, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), offers you the opportunity to share your perspectives about the wellbeing and potential vulnerability of individuals with mental health or psychiatric conditions. With your input, we can envision informing our policies to reflect the experience and perspectives of a broad array of stakeholders and ensure that research policies and practices respond to the needs of individuals with mental health or psychiatric conditions. Your perspective is invaluable to better understanding the issue of vulnerability within Canadian research.

Who can participate?

(1) Any persons in Canada over the age of 18 who self-identify as living (or having lived) with a mental health condition(s) and have participated in mental health research OR (2) individuals who have worked in a patient advocate role can participate in an interview.

What does participation look like?

This study will involve participation in a 60 minute individual interview **in English or French**. Interviews will be conducted with a member of our research team at our offices at the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal. You will be compensated for your time.

How can I get involved?

If you feel that you meet the above criteria, please send an email to **Corinne Lajoie, Research Coordinator**, at corinne.lajoie@ircm.qc.ca.

This study is conducted by an interdisciplinary team with expertise in bioethics, psychiatry and anthropology (Racine, Bell, Macdonald, Turecki). For more information contact Corinne Lajoie, Research Coordinator, corinne.lajoie@ircm.qc.ca, (514) 987-5500 ext. 3353.

This study has been approved by the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM) and McGill University Faculty of Medicine.

