



Women's Health in Women's Hands
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Women's Health in Women's Hands CHC in partnership with researchers from McMaster University is recruiting highly motivated, professional, and dynamic individuals to join the team:

Peer Recruiters: Toronto and the GTA **(10 Peers - Casual Part-time)**

Reporting to the Director of Research and Programs, the Peer Recruiter will work within the mandate of Women's Health in Women's Hands (WHIWH) Community Health Centre, which is to provide primary health care to Black Women and Women of Colour from the Caribbean, African, Latin American and South Asian communities in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding municipalities. You will work from an inclusive feminist, pro-choice, anti-racist, anti-oppression, and multilingual participatory framework in addressing the issue of access to healthcare for WHIWH's mandated priority populations encompassing all the determinants of health caused by gender, gender identity, race, class, violence, sexual orientation, religion, culture, language, disability, immigration status and socio-economic circumstances.

Project Description:

IV2HP: *Understanding how vaginal conditions differ with hormonal contraception use in ACB (African, Caribbean and/or Black) and non-ACB women.*

CTN308: *Testing the feasibility, safety and tolerability of low-dose estrogen and/or probiotic treatment for vaginal health in pre-menopausal women.*

The IV2HP and CTN308 studies aim to find ways to improve vaginal health of women, particularly ACB women who may be more biologically susceptible to infections such as HIV.

These studies include:

- Attending 1-5 clinic appointments
- Answering questionnaires about general and sexual health
- Having physical and pelvic examinations from a female nurse
- Providing urine, blood and cervical samples

Qualification of Peer Recruiters:

- Identifying as a woman
- Interest in contributing to better research and health programs in African, Caribbean and Black communities
- Have extensive social networks (on and off-line)
- Have excellent communication skills – Good oral skills, ability to relay information, confident speaker, friendly outgoing manner
- Are at least 18 years old
- Relate well to people
- Non-judgmental acceptance of alternative perspectives and lifestyles
- Can attend a one day training program
- Are contactable by phone
- Are reliable and organized
- Have completed high school



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We are looking for Peer Recruiters who are:

- Comfortable talking about the sexual and reproductive health of women
- Knowledge about or interested in learning more about women's health topics including hormonal contraception (birth control), sexually transmitted infection (STIs) and general vaginal health
- Connected to various networks of women who may be interested in participating in clinical studies, particularly African, Caribbean and Black women
- Understanding of HIV-related issues and the social determinants of health among African, Caribbean and Black women in Ontario
- Understanding of the health effects of racism, gender inequality and other forms of marginalization

Main Tasks of a Peer Recruiter:

- Seeking out potential research participants
- Providing them with verbal and/or written information about the research
- Answering questions about the research
- Obtaining potential participant's contact information

Peers will be recruiting research participants who are:

- 18-49 years of age
- Women with a uterus and cervix present
- Using hormonal contraceptives or have not used any hormonal contraceptives in the last 6 months
- Comfortable with medical appointments including physical exams and blood work
- Interested in contributing to clinical research in women's health
- Are in general good health

Compensation:

- Financial compensation for your time at the 1-day training session will be provided at a rate of 14/hr for 8 hours
- Peer recruiters will receive \$8 for each participant in the study and \$3 for potential participants who call the study but do not participate.

The goal is to recruit 300 women to take part in these studies, including 200 African, Caribbean or Black women. It is expected that peer recruiters will enrol the majority of these participants.

Peer recruiters will be compensated

To apply for this opportunity in a dynamic organization please forward your resume and cover letter via e-mail to: anisha@whiwh.com to attention of:

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Members of the communities targeted by the study are encouraged to apply. We will not be accepting phone calls. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.