

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Documentary on the Experiences of Black People Living with Dementia and their Care Partners

I am looking to recruit three Black people living with dementia for a documentary I am producing. They must be in early or mid-stage dementia and be able to speak clearly on camera.

Each participant will be provided with \$100 for their participation.

If you know someone who fits the bill, please contact me at iwaldron@mcmaster.ca

Study Description: In 2024, I completed a study funded by a Labarge Catalyst Grant in Mobility and Aging (MIRA) entitled *The Experiences of Black Canadians Living with Dementia in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and their Care Partners in Providing Care*. The purpose of the study, which is the first study on dementia in Black Canadian communities, was to understand the experiences of Black Canadians living with moderate dementia in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, as well as the experiences of their care partners in providing care to them. Due to the stigma and taboo around dementia in Black communities and the lack of awareness in this community about the signs and symptoms of dementia,

Documentary: I am currently conducting a documentary on the experiences of Black people with dementia, which will include a series of four five-minute videos. The first video will feature me and the Co-PI on the completed study (Dr. Lydia Kafiriri, Health, Aging and Society, McMaster) sharing our study findings, as well as what the literature shows about the increasing prevalence of dementia in Black Canadian communities over the next several decades.

The second video will feature two Black individuals with dementia sharing their experiences with dementia, including signs and symptoms that were present for them.

The third video will feature two care partners who will share their experiences taking care of someone with dementia, including the challenges they experience and the supports they seek out.

The fourth and final video will feature the Director of Health Equity at the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto. In the video, she will discuss the landscape of services and supports for people with dementia, including services for ethno-racial populations and culturally competent services in the GTHA.

There are four objectives of this documentary: 1) to share findings from my completed study on dementia; 2) to start a conversation about dementia in Black communities in the GTHA; 3) to raise Black people's awareness about dementia; and 4) to decrease the stigma and taboo around dementia in the Black community.

The documentary will be used as a knowledge mobilization resource that will be shared on social media and email lists, screened in my courses and other courses, as well as at presentations I and my study team members will deliver at events and conferences. A particular emphasis will be placed on screening it at presentations I deliver for Black seniors and others at Black community organizations, churches and other religious organizations that Black people visit in the GTHA.