



Ethnicity Issues in the Health Sector (Cross-Thematic)

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Background

Ethnicity is a factor often brought out to describe differences in health outcome and use of health services. At the same time no certain standards exist on which indicators to use for measuring ethnicity. Concepts like ethnicity and race are in common use, but have no clear-cut definitions, and the validity of the concepts themselves can be questioned.

Project Description

This project involves a review of literature describing ethnic differences in health and health service use in Canada. We will describe and discuss the results here produced, as well as how ethnicity is measured in these texts.

The second part of the project is a theoretical discussion on how to measure ethnicity, and of the outcomes this has for medical practice, information, and policy.