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## Equity, Care and Access in Rehabilitation: BC's Health Science Professionals Speak Out

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**What is the study about?** The Health Sciences Association is currently studying the quality of care and working conditions in BC's rehabilitation service sector. The research will provide policy recommendations intended to improve the quality of care, integration of services and working conditions for public sector health science professionals.

**Who is conducting the research?** This research will be conducted by Dr. Karen-Marie Elah Perry, a Researcher/Policy Analyst with the Health Sciences Association of BC and Medical Anthropologist.

**What is expected if I participate?** If you choose to participate, Dr. Perry will conduct a 45 min. to 60 min. individual interview with you.

- You will be asked about your thoughts, opinions, and experiences of BC's rehabilitation service sector as a rehabilitation professional.
- You will also be asked to fill in a brief demographic information sheet (this will take approximately 5 minutes to complete). Your name will not appear on the sheet.
- The interviews will be audio-recorded and transcribed. The transcriptionist will be subject to a confidentiality agreement. Your name will be removed from the transcript, unless you indicate that you would like to be identified.

**Who is eligible to participate?** Physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech language pathologists who currently work in public practice, or have worked in public practice within the last 10 years, are eligible to participate. Rehabilitation professionals who work in pediatric hospitals or clinics, long-term seniors' care, acute care or other areas of professional specialization for adults (19-65+) are eligible to participate. Participants must be located in British Columbia and have experience working with provincial health authorities. Participants with concurrent experience in the private sector are welcome to participate.

**How will my data be used?** Insights from the interview (direct quotations or paraphrasing) and the demographic information sheet may be used in a publicly available research report published by the Health Sciences Association. Information from the study may also be published in a journal article in order to reach researchers, policy makers and practitioners outside of Canada.

**Will I be compensated for my time?** Yes! A \$50.00 honorarium will be provided to eligible participants.

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