Research: The Process

Permission:

Advertising and managing a Survey:

Managing Survey:

Creating a Valid and Reliable Survey:

Results:

Although the studies talked about do not have a completed data collection, I helped create infographics regarding COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Canadian adults from September 2021-December 2022. The poster shows the subtypes of vaccine hesitancy in Canadian adults.

Vaccine confidence in Canadian Youth

Controversy has arisen around COVID-19 vaccines that have confused Canadian youth as to whether the vaccine is safe to take. It has been seen throughout the pandemic that young adults have been the most hesitant to get the vaccine due to safety concerns and lack of knowledge (Afifi et al., 2021; Frank and Arim, 2020). This study aims to find out how accepted vaccines are among Canadian youth. Are adult views of the COVID-19 vaccine an accurate representation of what Canadian youth believe?

Impacts of COVID-19 on the Mental Health of Healthcare Workers

It is no secret that COVID-19 has impacted the well-being of healthcare workers who fight to protect those who are unwell- especially those who work in long-term care (Overview: Impact of COVID-19, 2021). This survey investigates the psychological impacts of those who work in a health care setting in British Columbia and Ontario through a number of standardized measures. By finding out more about their needs and struggles, we can support healthcare workers in a way they will feel benefited.

Psychology is a field of research heavily based on the thoughts and feelings of others in certain emotional, physical, or societal situations. For this reason, many researchers rely on surveys as a useful tool to collect data across a particular sample population (Cherry, 2020). However, there are many things to consider when creating a research survey.

Future Goals:

I am interested in pursuing a career in medicine. Doing research with a team in clinical psychology surrounding COVID-19 has heightened my interest in both the mental and social health of those around us. I will keep this in mind when choosing courses in third year, where I get to specialize in a specific area of psychology.

References


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