



Allyship: A Scoping
Review with
Implications for
Professional Practice

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Overview

Brief Overview of the Scoping
Review Project to Date

Thoughts/Lived Experience from
folks in attendance

Land Acknowledgement



We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day

Project-JBI Scoping Review

- ◆ Scoping Review via the JBI
 - ◆ JBI, formerly known as the Joanna Briggs Institute, is an international research organization which develops and delivers evidence-based information, software, education and training designed to improve healthcare practice and health outcomes
 - ◆ The Centre for Evidence-Informed Nursing and Healthcare (CEiNHC) at the UVic School of Nursing is now officially a JBI Centre of Excellence
 - ◆ Focus on evidence synthesis and providing peer reviews of submitted JBI protocols and reports

Background

- ◆ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit and other (LGBTQ2S+) individuals continue to experience marked health inequities in comparison to people who identify as heterosexual and/or cisgender
- ◆ It is well substantiated that these inequities are rooted in discrimination at structural and interpersonal levels
- ◆ One response to redressing discrimination with LGBTQ2S+ individuals, groups, and populations has been allyship

Background

- ◆ Definitions of allyship vary: overarchingly a process involving a person/group who occupies a position of privilege working in solidarity with a person/group that has experienced marginalization
- ◆ Used as far back as 1943 in a racial justice context
- ◆ Present meaning since the 1970s - presumed to derive from the concept of straight "allies," who were straight supporters of the LGBT civil rights movement
- ◆ First appeared in the Oxford English Dictionary in March 2021
- ◆ Common usage in the language of some social justice activists, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, it widespread outside of countries where English is the primary spoken language

Objective



- ◆ To better understand how allyship is defined in the literature from 1970 to present specific to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit and other (LGBTQ2S+) groups within health settings where English is the primarily spoken language.

Concept

- ◆ Literature that pertains to allyship in relation to LGBTQ2S+ groups in the context of health care and health settings will be included. Studies will be included if the following terms are used: allyship, ally-ship. Also, because allyship is a relatively new term, we will include studies that use the following terms: gay-straight alliance, gay-straight ally, or gay-straight allies.



Perspectives, Experiences, Thoughts from the Group...

- ◇ What does the term “allyship” mean to you?
- ◇ What does the term “ally” mean to you?
- ◇ What is/would be your expectation in terms of engagement with an ‘ally’ in a health care setting?



