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CURRENT POSITION

Sep 2021 – present **Assistant Professor**
Dept of Obstetrics & Gynecology
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EDUCATION & POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

Sep 2018 – Aug 2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow** (Perinatal epidemiology)
Clinical Epidemiology Unit
Department of Medicine, Solna
Karolinska Institutet
Stockholm, Sweden
Post-doc specialization: International comparisons of cesarean delivery rates and perinatal outcomes: Identifying targets for safely reducing the cesarean deliveries

Sep 2011 – Apr 2018 **Doctor of Philosophy** (Population and Public Health)
School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Dissertation: Operative delivery options in the second stage of labour: optimizing maternal and perinatal safety.

Sep 2008 – May 2010 **Master of Public Health** (Maternal & Child Health)
School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Thesis: Formative Research into Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Practices in Oshitenda, Namibia.

Sep 2005 – Jun 2008 **Honours Bachelor of Science** (Biological Anthropology & African Studies), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
Thesis: Insights into Ongwediva youth: perceived challenges in the communication of HIV/AIDS information and risk reduction strategies in northern Namibia.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Parental leave

Oct 2014 – Jun 2015

Dec 2012 – Sep 2013

Sep 2023

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RESEARCH FUNDING (TOTAL \$3,789,662 CAD)

Apr 2023 – Mar 2027	<p>National Women’s Health Research Initiative: Pan-Canadian Women’s Health Coalition (Co-Investigator - \$840,000) Canadian Institutes of Health Research <u>Project:</u> <i>Co-creating knowledge mobilization activities to address pregnancy-related near-miss events and deaths in Canada</i> <u>Personal role:</u> Methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.</p>
Apr 2023 – Mar 2027	<p>Project Grant (Nominated Principal Investigator- \$336,600) Canadian Institutes of Health Research <u>Project:</u> <i>Advancing equity in maternal and perinatal care in Canada: Population-based investigations of racial and ethnic disparities in severe maternal morbidity and severe perinatal morbidity and mortality</i> <u>Personal role:</u> Conceived of project, designed study methods, assembled project team, sought funding, wrote grant application, methodological mentorship and support, synthesizing extant literature, operationalizing study design.</p>
Apr 2023-Mar 2025	<p>2022/2023 HAHSO Innovation Grant Competition (Principal Investigator \$195,567) Hamilton Academic Health Sciences Organization <u>Project:</u> <i>Long-term maternal and neonatal outcomes following forceps, vacuum, and cesarean delivery in the second stage of labour</i> <u>Personal role:</u> Conceived of project, designed study methods, assembled project team, sought funding, wrote grant application, methodological mentorship and support, synthesizing extant literature, operationalizing study design.</p>
Apr 2023 – Mar 2024	<p>Bridge Funding (Principal Investigator - \$100,000) Canadian Institutes of Health Research <u>Project:</u> <i>Conceptualizing Maternal Morbidity by Engaging Individuals with Pregnancy Experience – an International Group Concept Mapping Study</i> <u>Personal role:</u> Methodologic concept design and support, operationalizing analyses.</p>
Jan 2023- Dec 2024	<p>BORN Data Access Research Grant (Co-Mentor \$7,000) Association of Ontario Midwives</p>
Sep 2023	

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- Project: Investigating routine oxytocin prophylaxis following physiologic labour and birth for postpartum hemorrhage prevention*
Personal role: Methodological mentorship and support, synthesizing extant literature, operationalizing study design.
- Dec 2022-Nov 2023 **Research and Innovation Projects** (Principal Investigator -\$25,000)
Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation
Project: Health equity studies in severe maternal morbidity in Canada
Personal role: Conceived of project, methods, analysis. Lead on operationalizing research plan
- Oct 2022 – Sep 2027 **Project Grant** (Co-Investigator- \$442,170)
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Project: Health and neurodevelopmental trajectories of children and adolescents born at preterm and term gestation
Personal role: Methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.
- Jan 2022 – Dec 2023 **Academic Health Science Centre/ Alternate Funding Plan (AHSC AFP) Innovation Fund** (Principal Investigator - \$189,300)
Hamilton Academic Health Sciences Organization
Project: Racial and ethnic disparities in postpartum hemorrhage
Personal role: Conceived of project, methods, analysis. Lead on operationalizing research plan
- Dec 2021 – June 2023 **Innovations Grants Programme for Racial Equality in Reproductive Medicine and Maternal Health** (Principal Investigator - €20,000)
Ferring Pharmaceuticals International
Project: Racial and ethnic disparities in postpartum hemorrhage
Personal role: Conceived of project, methods, analysis. Lead on operationalizing research plan.
- Sep 2021 – Aug 2023 **Operating Grant: COVID-19 Research Gaps and Priorities** (Co-Investigator - \$168,300)
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Project: All-cause and cause-specific acute morbidity attributable to Covid-19 epidemic, severe Covid-19 symptoms, and adverse birth outcomes in Canada
Personal role: methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.

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- Sep 2020 – Aug 2024 **Project Grant** (Co-Investigator- \$355,725)
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Project: Chronic diseases in mothers and risks of neuro-developmental disorders in offspring: an international comparison
Personal role: methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.
- May 2020 – April 2021 **COVID-19 Research Response Fund** (Collaborator – \$110,000)
Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research
Project: All-cause and cause-specific mortality and acute morbidity attributable to COVID-19 and medical history associated with severe COVID-19 infection in BC
Personal role: methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.
- Mar 2020 – Feb 2021 **Operating Grant** (Co-Investigator - \$75,000)
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Project: Health and developmental trajectories of infants born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: sex differences and implications for harm reduction
Personal role: methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.
- Jan 2020 – Dec 2023 **Project Grant** (Co-Investigator - \$2,400,000 SEK, ~\$330,000CAD)
Swedish Research Council
Project: Novel approaches for improved prediction of intrapartum morbidity
Personal role: contributions to application conceptually and methodologically, drafted sections summarizing literature, statistical plan, data analysis, and study design.
- Jan 2020 – Dec 2023 **Project Grant** (Co-Investigator - \$4,300,000 SEK, ~\$590,000CAD)
Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare
Project: Chronic diseases in mothers and risks of neurodevelopmental disorders in offspring: an international comparison
Personal role: methodological support, drafted sections summarizing literature and study design.

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SALARY/INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS (TOTAL ~\$410,000 CAD)

Date	Award Scope of Competition	Funding source
Jun 2023	Chair's Summer Research Award (\$3,000) Award to support a research student	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University
Dec 2022	Research Infrastructure Competition (\$11,119) Award to support the creation of the Muraca Perinatal Epidemiology Research Laboratory (PERL)	Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University
Apr 2018	Post-doctoral Fellowship (\$150,000) Highly competitive national training award. Ranked in 3 rd percentile of 1067 applicants. \$50,000/yr for 3 yrs.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Sep 2013	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$150,000) Highly competitive national award available to Canadian and international PhD students studying at Canadian universities. Created to attract and retain world-class PhD students. \$50,000/yr for 3 yrs.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Sep 2011	Four Year Doctoral Fellowship - 4YF (\$80,000) Selection based on academic excellence, upon the recommendation of the graduate program.	University of British Columbia
Feb 2009	University of British Columbia Graduate Fellowship (\$7,000) University of British Columbia graduate award for meritorious students who demonstrate academic excellence. <i>Research topic:</i> Effects of environmental factors on the epidemiological of breast cancer	University of British Columbia, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Feb 2009	Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000) University of British Columbia graduate award for meritorious students who demonstrate academic excellence. <i>Research topic:</i> Effects of environmental factors on the epidemiological of breast cancer	University of British Columbia, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Nov 2007	Peter F. Bronfman Gold Scholarship (\$10,000) Awarded to one student for exceptional academic achievement and community service	Woodsworth College, University of Toronto

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May 2006	Medical Anthropology Research Bursary for Internship in Namibia (\$4,000)	Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
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TRAVEL AWARDS AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

Date	Award Name Award Description	Funding source
Sep 2023	Alvarenga Paper Prize To recognize a paper of important clinical value for the article: "Risk of postpartum hemorrhage with increasing first stage of labor duration" (SEK \$50,000)	Swedish Medical Association
May 2023	10th Annual Mohide Lectureship 2023 Annual lectureship awarded to a member of the Department of the Obstetrics and Gynecology with the most impactful publication in the past year as voted by the faculty	Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University
May 2023	Early Career Researcher Lectureship Accepted for oral presentation at the 2023 Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting (\$925)	Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting
Apr 2022	Best Oral Abstract Selected as the top abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 2022 Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference (\$500)	Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada
Apr 2022	UBC Lectureship in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery (\$1,000) Annual lectureship award to a prominent scholar working on pelvic floor disorders.	UBC Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Apr 2018	Harold A. Kaminetzky Prize Paper for 2017 (\$2,000) To recognize the best article from a non-U.S. researcher each year	Obstetrics & Gynecology (The Green Journal)
Jun 2017	Outstanding Achievement by a Doctoral Student Award Awarded to one doctoral candidate whose demonstrated originality, research ability and capacity for critical thinking identify the individual as likely to become	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

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	a contributing member of the scientific community.	
Nov 2016	Best Presentation, Doctoral Category (\$750) Awarded to one doctoral student for outstanding presentation.	BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
Jul 2012	NICHD-IHDCYH Summer Institute in Reproductive and Pediatric Epidemiology (\$2,500)	National Institute for Child Health and Human Development & Canadian Institute for Health Research
Jul 2012	IHDCYH Summer Institute in Maternal-Fetal Pharmacology (\$2,500)	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Jul 2010	Young Investigator's Award (\$1,500) Funding to attend conference in Edinburgh entitled "Controversies in Breast Cancer 2010"	Conference Organising Committee
Dec 2007	Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award To recognize students who have made outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their college, faculty or school, or university.	University of Toronto

STUDENT AWARDS

Date	Student name Award description	Funding source
2023	Irina Oltean GROWW Program Cohort Canada Graduate Scholarship: Doctoral Research Award	GROWW Program Canadian Institutes for Health Research
2023	Irina Oltean Michael Degroote Doctoral Scholarship of Excellence Award	McMaster University
2022	Irina Oltean One-year Entrance Scholarship.	McMaster University
2023	Meejin Park Best Oral Presentation in Perinatal Epidemiology	Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting
2023	Meejin Park Medical Bursary in Breast Cancer	CIBC
2022	Meejin Park Cluster Conference Award	BC Women's Health Research Institute

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PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. **Muraca GM**, Peled T, Kirubarajan A, Weiss A, Sela HY, Grisaru-Granovksy S, Rottenstreich M. The association between unintended hysterotomy extensions and subsequent preterm birth. (*submitted to Am J Obstet Gynecol Aug 2023*)
2. **Muraca GM**, Desai A, Hébert V, Mann K, Park M, Lisonkova S, Joseph KS. Variation in episiotomy use among nulliparous individuals by maternity care provider and associated rates of obstetric anal sphincter injury. (*submitted to BJOG Aug 2023*)
3. Joseph KS, Lisonkova S, Simon S, John S, Razaz N, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Bedaiwy MA, Brandt JS, Ananth CV. Effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on stillbirths in Canada and the United States. (*submitted to J Obstet Gynecol Can Aug 2023*)
4. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: A systematic review and meta-analysis. (*submitted to Am J Obstet Gynecol Jul 2023*).
5. Peled T*, **Muraca GM***, Ratner M, Sela HY, Kirubarajan A, Weiss A, Grisaru-Granovksy S, Rottenstreich M. Impact of techniques for managing impacted fetal head in second stage cesarean delivery on subsequent preterm birth. (*submitted to BJOG Jul 2023*)
6. Lisonkova S, Bone JN, Wen Q, **Muraca GM**, Ting J, Razaz N, Joseph KS. COVID-19 pandemic-related changes in neonatal abstinence syndrome. (*submitted to CMAJ Aug 2023*)
7. Doumouras AG, **Muraca GM**, Darling EK, O'Callaghan EK, Nguyen F, Boudreau V, Anvari M. The impact of bariatric surgery on pregnancy, perinatal and neonatal outcomes. (*submitted to JAMA, Jul, 2023*)
8. Wang L, Bone JN, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Joseph KS, Lisonkova S. Pre-pregnancy body mass index and early- and late-onset hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and low platelets (HELLP) syndrome: A population-based retrospective cohort study. (*submitted to J Obstet Gynecol Can, Aug 2023*)
9. Ladfors LV, Liu X, Sandstrom A, Lundborg L, Snowden JM, Ahlberg M, **Muraca GM**, Butwick A, Stephansson O. First stage labor duration and postpartum hemorrhage. (*submitted to Obstet Gynecol Aug 2023*)
10. Joseph KS, Lisonkova S, Boutin A, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, John S, Sabr Y, Chan W-S, Mehrabadi A, Brandt J, Schisterman EV, Ananth CV. Maternal mortality in the United States: An alternative perspective on maternal and pregnancy-associated deaths. *Am J Obstet Gynecol (in revisions May 2023)*

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams SA, **Muraca GM** (2023) Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: Protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis. *PLoS ONE* 18(9):e0291174. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0291174> **[IF=11.6]**
2. Simon S, John S, Lisonkova S, Razaz N, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Bedaiwy M, Brandt JS, Ananth CV, Joseph KS. Obstetric intervention and perinatal outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Obstet Gynecol in press. [IF=7.2]*

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3. Tsamantioti E, Sandstrom A, **Muraca GM**, Ramaeus K, Joseph KS, Razaz N. Severe maternal morbidity surveillance, temporal trends and regional variations: a population-based cohort study. *BJOG in press*. **[IF=7.33]**
4. Kirubarajan A, Thangavelu N, Rottenstreich M, **Muraca GM**. Operative delivery in the second stage of labour and preterm birth in a subsequent pregnancy: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2023;S0002-9378(23)00603-8. **[IF=9.8]**
5. **Muraca GM**, Ralph LE, Christensen P, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Lisonkova S, Joseph KS. Maternal and neonatal trauma following forceps and vacuum delivery in Canada. *BMJ*, 2023; *in press*. **[IF=105.7]**
6. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-White disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: Protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis. *PLOS One*, 2023;18(9):e0291174. **[IF=3.7]**
7. Palumbo A, Kirkwood D, Borkhoff CM, Keown-Stoneman CDG, **Muraca GM**, Fuller A, Birken CS, Maguire JL, Brown HK, Anderson LN. Validation of parent-reported gestational age categories for children less than 6 years of age. *Epidemiology*, 2023;34:767-73. **[IF=5.4]**
8. Bone JN, Joseph KS, Magee LA, Mayer C, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Lisonkova S. The association between obesity and gestational age-specific rates of adverse perinatal outcomes in the presence of other risk factors. *In press*, *AJOG Global Reports* 2023;100175. **[IF=9.8]**
9. Yearwood L, Bone JN, Wen E, **Muraca GM**, Lyons J, Razaz N, Joseph KS, Lisonkova S. The effects of maternal stature and race/ethnicity on adverse birth outcomes: a population-based retrospective cohort study. (*accepted*, *AJOG Global Reports* 2023). **[IF=9.8]**
10. Joseph KS, Young C, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Razaz N, John S, Lisonkova S, Wilson DR. Deliveries to women with a previous cesarean delivery: An ecological study of hospital tier, delivery volume, and maternal and infant outcomes. *CMAJ* 2023;195:E178-86. **[IF=14.6]**
11. Yearwood L, Bone JN, Wen E, **Muraca GM**, Lyons J, Razaz N, Joseph KS, Lisonkova S. Does Maternal Stature Modify the Association Between Small- and Large-For-Gestational Age and Adverse Perinatal Outcomes? A Retrospective Cohort Study. *BJOG* 2022; doi: 10.1111/1471-0528.17350. **[IF=7.33]**
12. Lisonkova S, Ukah V, John S, Yearwood L, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Sabr Y, Yong P, Bedaiwy M. Racial disparities in birth outcomes in pregnancies conceived using medically assisted reproduction. *Pediatrics* 2022; e2021055855. doi: 10.1542/peds.2021-055855. **[IF=8.0]**
13. Lisonkova S, Bone JN, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Boutin A, Brandt JS, Bedaiwy MA, Ananth C, Joseph KS. Early coronavirus disease 2019 restrictive measures and changes in maternal characteristics, use of assisted reproductive technology, and stillbirth. *Paediatr Perinat Epidemiol* 2022;00:1-11. doi: 10.1111/ppe.12925. PMID: 36038519 **[IF=2.8]**
14. **Muraca GM**, Joseph KS, Razaz N, Ladfors LV, Lisonkova S, Stephansson O. Crude and adjusted comparisons of cesarean delivery rates using the Robson classification: A population-based cohort study in Canada and Sweden, 2004 to 2016. *PLoS Med* 2022;19: e1004077. PMID: 35913981. **[IF=15.8]**
15. Tsamantioti E, Lisonkova S, **Muraca GM**, Örtqvist A, Razaz N. Maternal chorioamnionitis and risk of long-term neurodevelopmental disorders in offspring; a population-based cohort study in Sweden. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*; 2022: S0002-9378(22)00199-5. PMID: 35305960. **[IF=9.8]**

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16. Razaz N, **Muraca GM**, Lisonkova S, Stephansson O, Cnattingius S, Joseph KS. Time of delivery among low-risk women at 37-42 weeks of gestation and risks of stillbirth and infant mortality, and long-term neurological morbidity. *Pediatr Perinat Epidemiol* 2022;36:577-587. doi:10.1111/ppe.12868. PMID: 35244233. **[IF=2.8]**
17. **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Razaz N, Lisonkova S, Ting J, Scott H, Kramer MS, Joseph KS. Maternal and neonatal trauma following operative vaginal delivery. *CMAJ* 2022;194:E1-12. PMID: 35012946. **[IF=14.6]**
18. Premawardhena A, Ediriweera D, Sabouhanian A, Allen A, Rees D, de Silva S, Perera W, Katugaha N, Arambepola M, Yamashita RC, Mettananda S, Nilam M, Mehta V, Rafai M, Bandara D, St Pierre T, **Muraca GM**, Fisher C, Kirubarajan A, Khan S, Allen S, Lamabadusuriya SP, Weatherall DJ, Olivieri NF. Survival and complications in patients with haemoglobin E thalassaemia in Sri Lanka: a prospective, longitudinal cohort study. *Lancet Global Health* 2022;10(1):e134-41. PMID: 34843671. **[IF=34.3]**
19. Ladfors LV, **Muraca GM**, Zetterqvist J, Butwick A, Stephansson O. Postpartum haemorrhage trends in Sweden using the Robson 10-group classification system: A population-based cohort study. *BJOG* 2021;00: 1-10. doi: 10.1111/1471-0528.16931. PMID: 34536326. **[IF=7.33]**
20. Boutin A, Lisonkova S, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Liu S, Kramer MS, Joseph KS. Bias in comparisons of mortality among very preterm births. *PLOS One* 2021;16:e0253931. PMID: 34191860. **[IF=3.7]**
21. Lisonkova S, Bone J, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N, Wang LQ, Sabr Y, Boutin A, Mayer C, Joseph KS. Incidence and risk factors for severe preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome and eclampsia at preterm and term gestation: a population-based study. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2021;225:538.e1-19. PMID: 33974902. **[IF=9.8]**
22. Lisonkova S, Razaz N, Sabr Y, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Mayer C, Joseph KS, Kramer MS. Maternal risk factors and adverse birth outcomes associated with HELLP syndrome: A population-based study. *Obstet Anesth Digest* 2021;41:62-3.
23. Joseph KS, Boutin A, Razaz N, **Muraca GM**, Lisonkova S, Ananth CV, Schisterman E. Maternal mortality in the United States: Recent trends, current status and future considerations. *Obstet Gynecol* 2021; 137:763. PMID: 33831914. **[IF=7.2]**
24. Joseph KS, John S, Boutin A, Scime N, Cherian A, Chaput KH, Razaz N, **Muraca GM**, Lisonkova S, Sabr Y, Dendukuri N. Modern obstetrics: Beyond early delivery for fetal or maternal compromise. *2020 Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM* 2021;3:100274. PMID: 33451598. **[IF=9.8]**
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26. Tomson T, **Muraca GM**, Razaz N. Paternal exposure to antiepileptic drugs and offspring outcomes: a nationwide population-based cohort study in Sweden. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 2020;91:907-13. PMID: 32651245. **[IF=11.0]**
27. Razaz N, Villamor E, **Muraca GM**, Edstedt Bonamy MK, Cnattingius S. Maternal obesity and risk of cardiovascular diseases in offspring: a population-based cohort study and sibling design. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2020;8:572-81. PMID: 32559473. **[IF=44.5]**

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28. Lisonkova S, Geoffrion R, Sanaee M, **Muraca GM**, Wen Q, Yong PJ, Larouche M, Cundiff G. Regional variation and temporal trends in inpatient prolapse surgery in Canada, 2004-2014. *J Obstet Gynaecol Can* 2020;42:846-52.e5. PMID: 32173237. **[IF=0.483]**
29. Lisonkova S, Razaz N, Sabr Y, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Mayer C, Joseph KS, Kramer MS. Maternal risk factors and adverse birth outcomes associated with HELLP syndrome: a population-based study. *BJOG* 2020;127:1189-98. PMID: 32189413. **[IF=7.331]**
30. **Muraca GM**, Liu S, Sabr Y, Lisonkova S, Skoll A, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Stephansson O, Razaz N, Joseph KS. Episiotomy use among vaginal deliveries and the association with anal sphincter injury: a population-based retrospective cohort study. *CMAJ* 2019;191:E1149-58. PMID: 31636163. **[IF=17.4]**
31. Richter LL, Ting J, **Muraca GM**, Boutin A, Wen Q, Lyons J, Synnes A, Lisonkova S. Temporal Trends in Preterm Birth, Neonatal Mortality, and Neonatal Morbidity Following Spontaneous and Clinician-Initiated Delivery in Canada, 2009-2016. *J Obstet Gynaecol Can* 2019. pii: S1701-2163(19)30269-5. PMID: 31285169. **[IF=0.483]**
32. Lisonkova S, Richter LL, Ting J, **Muraca GM**, Wen Q, Mehrabadi A, Mitchell-Foster S, Oviedo-Joekes E, Lyons J. Neonatal abstinence syndrome and associated neonatal and maternal mortality and morbidity. *Pediatrics*. 2019 pii: e20183664. PMID: 31300529. **[IF=9.7]**
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12. **Muraca GM**, Lisonkova S, Skoll A, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Sabr Y, Joseph KS. Operative vaginal delivery, obstetric trauma, and birth trauma. BC Children's Hospital Research Institute's Healthy Starts Trainee Research Day, Vancouver BC, Feb 7, 2018.
13. **Muraca GM**. Perinatal and maternal morbidity and mortality associated with attempted midpelvic operative vaginal delivery and cesarean delivery: a population-based retrospective cohort study. 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, Seattle, WA, Jun 19, 2017.
14. **Muraca GM**. Delivery options for second stage dystopia: a comparison of operative vaginal and cesarean delivery in terms of severe perinatal and maternal morbidity and mortality. Annual Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Pregnancy Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, Jan 28, 2017.
15. **Muraca GM**, Sabr Y, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Joseph KS. Neonatal and maternal outcomes following midpelvic operative vaginal delivery. 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, Miami, FL, June 20, 2016.
16. **Muraca GM**, Sabr Y, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Joseph KS. Temporal and regional variation in operative vaginal delivery by pelvic station, Canada, 2004-2013. 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, Miami, FL, June 20, 2016.
17. **Muraca GM**, Sabr Y, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Joseph KS. Temporal and regional variations in operative vaginal delivery by pelvic station, Canada, 2004-2012. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting. Banff, AB. Feb 10-13, 2016.
18. **Muraca GM**, Sabr Y, Brant R, Cundiff GW, Joseph KS. Neonatal and maternal outcomes following midpelvic operative vaginal delivery. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting. Banff, AB. Feb 10-13, 2016.
19. **Muraca GM**, Joseph KS. Older maternal age and major depression. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, Minneapolis, MN, Jun 26, 2012.
20. **Muraca GM**, Joseph KS. Is advanced maternal age associated with an increased risk of depression? American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Feb 18, 2012.
21. **Muraca G**. Insights into Ongwediva youth: perceived challenges in the communication of HIV/AIDS information and risk reduction strategies in rural northern Namibia. *First year medical student curriculum*, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, Jan 30, 2007.
22. **Muraca G**. Insights into Ongwediva youth: perceived challenges in the communication of HIV/AIDS information and risk reduction strategies in rural northern Namibia. *2nd Annual International Health Poster Day*, University of Toronto, Nov 1, 2006.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Nahoo S, Oltean I, **Muraca GM**, Faghieh N, Aikansha C, McKella M. Assessment of adverse pregnancy and fertility outcomes among Canadian female physicians. American Society for Reproductive Medicine 2023, New Orleans, LO, October 17, 2023. Oral presentation
2. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: A systematic review and meta-analysis.

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Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research, Portland, OR, June 12-14, 2023. Poster presentation

3. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting, Ottawa, ON, June 5-9, 2023. Poster presentation
4. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting, Montebello, QC. May 22-26, 2023. Oral presentation
5. Oltean I, D'Souza, R, Darling L, **Muraca GM**. Severe maternal and perinatal morbidity associated with attempted operative vaginal delivery versus cesarean delivery in the second stage of labour in high-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting. Montebello, QC, May 22-26, 2023. Poster presentation
6. Oltean I, D'Souza, R, Darling L, **Muraca GM**. Severe maternal and perinatal morbidity associated with attempted operative vaginal delivery versus cesarean delivery in the second stage of labour in high-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact (HEI) Research Day, Hamilton, ON. March 23, 2023. Oral presentation
7. Park M, Wanigaratne S, D'Souza R, Geoffrion R, Williams S, **Muraca GM**. Asian-white disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injury: A systematic review and meta-analysis. HEI Research Day, Hamilton, ON, Canada, March 23, 2023. Poster presentation
8. Park M, **Muraca GM**. Are rates of obstetric anal sphincter injury higher in Asian versus white individuals?: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Racialized Maternal Health Conference, Toronto, ON. Nov 18, 2022. Oral presentation
9. Park M, Yearwood L, Lisonkova S, D'Souza R, Barrett J, **Muraca GM**. Characterizing racial and ethnic disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injuries and causal mechanisms: A scoping review. HEI Research Day, Canada, Apr 20, 2022. Oral presentation
10. Park M, Yearwood L, Lisonkova S, D'Souza R, Barrett J, **Muraca GM**. Characterizing racial and ethnic disparities in obstetric anal sphincter injuries and causal mechanisms: A scoping review. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting, Canada. May 2022. Poster presentation

INVITED TALKS

1. Mode of delivery in a previous pregnancy, obstetric injury, and preterm birth: Are they linked? Invited Rounds Presentation. Academic Perinatology Rounds, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. May 31, 2023.
2. Live Preemie Chats. Delivery in previous pregnancies and the risk of preterm birth. Invited Live YouTube Presentation. Premature Birth Foundation of Canada. May 26, 2023. <https://youtu.be/tHLuJyowf2M>.

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3. Outcome-based assessments of the optimal cesarean delivery rate. ECR Lectureship. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting, Montebello, QC. May 24, 2023.
4. Epidemiologic insight into cesarean delivery trends in Canada and Sweden. Mohide Lectureship. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. May 3, 2023.
5. Associations between caesarean delivery rates and perinatal and maternal morbidity. Invited Rounds. Clinical Epidemiology Unit Research Rounds, Stockholm, Sweden. Feb 2, 2023.
6. Abandon forceps or push for more training? Invited Debate. Society for Obstetrician and Gynaecologists of Canada, Ontario CME, Toronto, ON. Dec 1, 2022.
7. Trauma following forceps and vacuum delivery in Canada: time to change the narrative. Invited Grand Rounds Presentation. Joint Grand Rounds hosted by the University of Calgary and University of Alberta Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Virtual meeting. 21 Oct 2022.
8. Maternal morbidity and mortality among Canada's under-served populations. Invited Presentation. Black Physicians of Canada, Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada and Federation of Medical Women in Canada's Tri-Organizational Leadership Meeting. Virtual meeting (National audience). 10 Sep 2022.
9. Maternal and neonatal trauma with operative vaginal delivery. Invited Lecturer. 14th Annual UBC Lectureship in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery. Virtual meeting. Apr 13, 2022.
10. Safety of forceps and vacuum delivery in Canada: From inter-hospital to international perspectives. Invited Keynote* presentation. McMaster Midwifery Research Centre Midwifery Research Symposium, McMaster University. Mar 31, 2022.
<https://youtu.be/QH55Ly1sRQ0>
11. An outcome-based assessment of the optimal cesarean delivery rate using 17 years of data from Sweden and Canada. Invited Rounds presentation. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University. Virtual meeting. Feb 16, 2022.
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?jtrk=Jtgc5xti8p_JZ38PSa0P5n6OI5zyKiKULSIz5X8Ks_1FaSwqj_bLnmHQQCyEYWqZwsEo0yCIFBMkHbrZx.0FMH_MyTtAvfzsl?startTime=1645015118000&x_zm_rtaid=Gnj2IFMsTHeb7cAXOquMoQ.1658165604187.fe337b79b49e8f4ca5334e115ee57785&x_zm_rhtaid=274
12. Forceps and vacuum delivery in Canada. Invited Seminar. O'Brien Institute for Public Health, University of Calgary. Virtual meeting. Jan 28, 2022. <https://youtu.be/eI9IVGOCfVU>
13. Safety of forceps and vacuum delivery in Canada: From inter-hospital to international perspectives. Invited Grand Rounds presentation. Joint Grand Rounds hosted by the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, McMaster University. Virtual meeting. Jan 13, 2022.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObazOHPXqPw>
14. Operative vaginal delivery in Hamilton, in Ontario, in Canada, and beyond. Invited Rounds presentation. McMaster University Medical Centre. Virtual meeting, Dec 2, 2021.
15. New insights into the distribution of maternal and neonatal trauma in Canada. Invited presentation, Maternal and Newborn Outcomes Committee. Virtual meeting, Dec 2, 2021.

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16. Cesarean delivery-related morbidity among primary cesarean deliveries in Ontario. Invited presentation. St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Virtual meeting, Dec 1, 2021.
17. Indicators of safety and use of attempted forceps and vacuum delivery. Invited presentation. St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Virtual meeting, Nov 24, 2021.
18. Investigating perinatal safety concerns at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Invited presentation. St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Virtual meeting, Nov 19, 2021.
19. National perspectives on neonatal trauma following operative vaginal delivery. Invited presentation, Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System. Virtual meeting, Nov 18, 2021.
20. Perinatal care regionalization: Maternal and neonatal trauma following operative vaginal delivery, Canada, 2013-2019. Invited Presentation, Canadian Perinatal Programs Coalition. Virtual meeting, Oct 6, 2021.
21. Operative vaginal delivery in Ontario: Focus on Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster University Hospital and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. Invited Presentation, Hamilton Chiefs of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Virtual meeting, Oct 6, 2021.
22. Primary cesarean delivery, attempted forceps/vacuum delivery and delivery following a previous cesarean delivery: British Columbia and Canada. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. BC Women's Hospital, Virtual meeting, Sep 22, 2021.
23. Safety of operative vaginal delivery in Canada. Invited Presentation, Maternal and Newborn Outcomes Committee. Virtual meeting, Sep 9, 2021.
24. International and temporal variation in cesarean delivery rates using the Robson classification: a population-based cohort study in Sweden and Canada. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. BC Women's Hospital, Virtual meeting, May 19, 2021.
25. How low can you go? An outcome-based assessment of the optimal cesarean delivery rate using 17 years of data from Sweden and Canada. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. BC Women's Hospital, Virtual meeting, Sep 23, 2020.
26. Perinatal Health Systems Improvement Project: obstetric and birth injury outcomes following operative vaginal delivery in Canada by tiers of obstetric service. Invited presentation, Canadian Perinatal Programs Coalition. NB, Feb 27, 2020.
27. Do maternity care providers have an obligation to lower the cesarean delivery rate? Invited workshop seminar, Society for Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Ontario CME, Toronto, ON, Nov 28, 2019.
28. Cesarean delivery trends and perinatal outcomes in Canada and Sweden: identifying targets for safely reducing the caesarean delivery rate. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. BC Women's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Jun 26, 2019.
29. Forceps, vacuum, or cesarean? Evaluating mode of delivery options following an arrest in labour. Invited seminar, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Stockholm, SE, Mar 7, 2019.
30. Maternity care providers have an obligation to lower Canada's cesarean delivery rate. Against the motion: Trainee debate. Invited panelist, Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting, Mont Tremblant, Feb 13, 2019.
31. Forceps, vacuum, or cesarean? Evaluating mode of delivery options following an arrest in labour. Invited Grand Rounds Presentation, BC Women's Hospital Interprofessional Grand Rounds, Vancouver, BC, Oct 19, 2017.

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32. Forceps, vacuum, or cesarean? Evaluating mode of delivery options following an arrest in labour. Invited seminar, BC Children's Hospital Research Seminar Series, Vancouver, BC, Sep 29, 2017.
33. Operative vaginal delivery, obstetric trauma, and birth trauma. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. BC Women's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Sep 20, 2017.
34. Delivery Options for Second Stage Dystopia: A Comparison of Perinatal and Maternal Outcomes Following Operative Vaginal and Cesarean Delivery. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds, Children's and Women's Hospital of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Sep 21, 2016.
35. Forceps, vacuum, or cesarean? Neonatal and maternal outcomes following attempted operative vaginal delivery at midpelvic station. Invited Grand Rounds Presentation, BC Women's Hospital Interprofessional Grand Rounds, Vancouver, BC. 26 May, 2016.
36. Neonatal outcomes and operative vaginal delivery at midpelvic station. Invited Rounds Presentation, Combined Perinatal Rounds. Children's and Women's Hospital of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Mar 23, 2016.
37. The Professor David Olson Trainee Debate on criteria for the diagnosis of gestational diabetes. Invited panelist, Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting. Banff, AB, Feb 12, 2016.
38. Temporal and regional variation in operative vaginal delivery by pelvic station, Canada, 2004-2012. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. Children's and Women's Hospital of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Nov 13, 2015.
39. Propensity scores. Invited presentation, Epidemiology Journal Club. Children and Family Research Institute, Vancouver, BC, Apr 4, 2014.
40. Perinatal and maternal outcomes by planned place of birth for healthy women with low risk pregnancies: The Birthplace in England national prospective cohort study. Invited Rounds Presentation, Academic Perinatology Rounds. Children's and Women's Hospital of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Feb 22, 2013.
41. Community-based reproductive health screening in resource-poor settings: a Ugandan case study. Invited seminar, Maternal Child Health Seminar, Children's and Women's Hospital of British Columbia. Oct 13, 2011.
42. Formative Research into Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices in a Namibian Informal Settlement, Oshitenda. Invited presentation, Master of Public Health Practicum Information Session. School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia. Nov 3, 2009.
43. Master of Public Health Practicum Experience and International Opportunities. Invited presentation, Master of Public Health Practicum Information Session. School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia. Nov 3, 2009.
44. Careers in Public Health. Invited presentation, The Namibian's Inaugural Windhoek Career Fair. Windhoek Fairgrounds. Apr 11, 2009.
45. Methodologic challenges in HIV/AIDS research, Invited presentation, World AIDS Day Symposium, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Dec 1, 2006.
46. Youth and HIV. Invited presentation, World AIDS Day Symposium. Hart House, Great Hall, University of Toronto, Dec 1, 2006.

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TEACHING

1. Primary instructor. Graduate level course PUBHLTH 701: "Population and Public Health Research Methods." Master of Public Health Program. Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University. Jan-April 2023.
2. Primary instructor. Graduate level course PUBHLTH 704: "Population and Public Health Epidemiology". Master of Public Health Program. Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact. Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University. Sep-Dec 2022.
3. Academic Half Day. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University. Sep 28, 2022.
4. Lecturer. Graduate level course SPPH503: "Advanced concepts in epidemiology". School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Jan-Apr, 2019.
5. Lecturer. "Research methods for the Ob/Gyn Resident". Resident Research Course. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Jan-March, 2019.
6. Lecturer. Graduate level course SPPH524: "Core biological concepts for public health practice". School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Sep-Dec, 2018.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Sep 2011 - Dec 2011	Core Biological Concepts of Public Health Practice, Graduate Studies, School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia
Jul 2011 – Dec 2011	Issues and Concepts in Public Health, Graduate Studies School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia
Jul 2009 – Jan 2010	Core Biological Concepts of Public Health Practice, Graduate Studies, School of Population & Public Health, University of British Columbia
Aug 2009 – Jan 2010	Issues and Concepts in Public Health, Graduate Studies School of Population & Public Health, University of BC
Jan 2009 - Apr 2009	Introduction to Epidemiology for Environmental Health Second Year Undergraduate, Polytechnic of Namibia
Jun 2008 - Aug 2008	Health and Pharmaceuticals, Third Year Undergraduate Course Health Studies University of Toronto

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SUPERVISORY/MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Jan 2023-present	Practicum thesis supervisor, MPH student, <u>Maya Rajasingham</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: Access to pelvic organ prolapse surgery and patterns of referral for urogynecology specialty care in Canada.
Sep 2022– present	Primary supervisor, PhD student, <u>Irina Oltean</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: Risk-stratified investigations into the distribution and safety of forceps, vacuum, and cesarean delivery in the second stage of labour
Sep 2022-present	Practicum thesis supervisor, MPH student, <u>Anvi Desai</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: Investigating the relationships between maternity care provider type, episiotomy, and obstetric anal sphincter injury.
Sep 2022-present	Practicum thesis supervisor, MPH student, <u>Parnian Hossein Pour</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: Risk factors and effect modifiers of cervical lacerations during childbirth
Sep 2022-present	Undergraduate research mentor, <u>Thilini Wijesekera</u> Honours Life Sciences Program, McMaster University Research project: Systematic review on the association between BMI and obstetric anal sphincter injury
Sep 2022-present	Committee member, MPH student, <u>Alexandra Palumbo</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: The Association Between Gestational Weight Gain and Preterm Birth
Jan 2022 – present	Committee member, PhD student, <u>Vanessa Hébert</u> Health Research Methods Program, HEI, McMaster University Research project: Investigating routine oxytocin prophylaxis following physiologic labour and birth for PPH prevention
Nov 2021 – present	Primary supervisor, Master's student, <u>Meejin Park</u> Global Health Program, McMaster University Research project: Investigating the intersectional effects of race and migration on obstetric anal sphincter injury
Jan 2020 – present	Co-supervisor, Doctoral student, <u>Linnea Ladfors</u> Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Karolinska Institutet Research project: PPH surveillance and prevention in Sweden
Oct 2011- Sep 2012	CIHR Synapse Mentor, Canadian Institutes of Health Research Number of Mentees: 15
Sep 2011 – Apr 2012	Graduate Student Mentor, University of British Columbia Number of Mentees: 4
Sep 2023	

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Jan 2010 – Apr 2012	Teaching Assistant Mentor, University of British Columbia Number of Mentees: 5
Sep 2010 – Sep 2011	Peer Mentor, University of British Columbia Number of Mentees: 3

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE

- January 2011 Location: Kampala, Uganda
- Traveled with a team of University of British Columbia obstetricians and gynecologists and BC CDC Scientists to support ongoing HPV and cervical cancer research projects supported by the Provincial Health Services Authority
 - Promoted initiatives that facilitate a continuum of cervical cancer prevention and care that includes HPV vaccine roll-out, HPV screening programs, surgical treatment training modules and palliative care guidelines
 - Collaborated with the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Makerere University in Mulago Hospital as well as community partners (Save the Mothers, Shanti Uganda) and NGO's (PATH, Mildmay)
 - Organised symposium at Makerere Medical School on Cervical Cancer Care
- Jan - Apr 2009 Location: Windhoek, Central Namibia
- Traveled to field site during winter term of 2009
 - Conducting formative research into water, sanitation, and hygiene practices in the informal settlements to identify risk behaviours contributing to high diarrheal disease incidence (*see <http://www.spph.ubc.ca/?p2=/modules/hce/studentresearch/studentresearch.jsp&sresearchId=13> for more details*). University of British Columbia, Master of Public Health Practicum. Supervisor: Prof. M.M. Kahitu, MPH, City of Windhoek Municipal Health Service Division.
 - Teacher's Assistant for Introduction to Epidemiology course at the Polytechnic of Namibia for Professor M.M. Kahitu.
- Feb 2004 - Sep 2008 Location Kurunegala, Sri Lanka
- Traveled to field sites every 3 months for 3 weeks
 - Co-founder and Volunteer Managing Director of Hemoglobal Charity which raises funds and provides medical equipment and support to children in Sri Lanka with genetic hematologic disorders, mainly thalassemia.
- Sep 2007 - Apr 2008 Location: Kurunegala, Ragama, and Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Traveled to fields sites every two months for two weeks
 - Conducted research on cost-effectiveness and feasibility of providing magnetic resonance imaging to thalassemia patients as a modality to

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measure iron overload. Supervisors: Dr. P. Hamel, University of Toronto, Dr. N.F. Olivieri, University of Toronto, Dr. T. St. Pierre, University of Western Australia.

May - Sep 2006 and Location: Ongwediva, Northern Namibia
May - Sep 2007

- Traveled to field sites for 4 months during summer months of 2006 and 2007
- Conducted research on the social and cultural factors affecting uptake of prevention strategies in youth through a University of Toronto Medical Anthropology internship. Supervisor: Dr. R.B. Lee, University of Toronto.
- Volunteer Dance Instructor & Peer Educator for Ongwediva Youth Group
- Volunteer After-school Mentor for Orphan & Vulnerable Children Program, Ongwediva Multi-Purpose Centre,
- Volunteer English Instructor, Grant writer for HIV-affected Women's Group, "Tukwafela"

Feb 2004 - Feb 2007 Location: Kurunegala and Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

- Traveled every 3 months for 3 weeks to field sites (National Thalassemia Centre, Kurunegala & Anuradhapura State Hospital).
- Conducted research on iron overload in non-transfused thalasseemics through the detection of non-transferrin-bound plasma iron. Principal Investigator: Dr. J.B. Porter, University College London, UK. Funded by the National Institutes of Health.
- Conducted research on genetic modifiers and phenotype/genotype relationships in hemoglobin-E thalasseemics. Principal Investigator: Prof. Sir. D.J. Weatherall, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford. Funded by the Wellcome Trust.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

1. British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2023)
2. BMJ Case Reports (2023)
3. BMJ Pediatrics (2023)
4. Canadian Medical Association Journal (2018-2023)
5. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (2017-2023)
6. Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica (2002)
7. American Journal of Perinatology (2022)
8. Scientific Reports (2022)

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9. JAMA Network Open (2022)
10. Pediatric Research (2018-2021)
11. Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology (2018-2021)
12. AIDS and Behavior (2015)
13. Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (2014-2023)

MEDIA AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

Television/Radio/Podcasts

1. Forceps delivery and birth trauma. 'We Go There' Podcast. May 12th, 2023. <https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-rk6sj-146ce97>.
2. Maternal and neonatal trauma with operative vaginal delivery. Canadian Medical Association Journal Podcast. Jan 31, 2022. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/3UOHFJfU0RZVsUteF6Tudy?si=8ff641880f4943ca>
3. Episiotomy helpful in forceps births says Canadian study. CBC radio, White Coat, Black Art. Oct 21, 2019.
4. Episiotomies are on the decline, but for some women it can prevent further tearing: study. Global News by Arti Patel. Oct 21, 2019. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6059600/episiotomy-injury-risk/>
5. Injuries to moms, babies during forceps deliveries on the rise: study. Jun 18, 2018. CTV National News. <http://ctv.news/giRGdST>
6. Increasing rates of obstetric trauma in Canada. Jun 18, 2018. CBC Ottawa's All in Day.
7. Safety of forceps and vacuum delivery. Jun 7, 2017. The Afternoon News, AM800 CKLW News.
8. Study suggests forceps, vacuum deliveries more traumatic than C-sections. June 5, 2017. Wochit News. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljighLV2IDA>
9. Perinatal and maternal morbidity and mortality after attempted operative vaginal delivery at midpelvic station. June 5, 2017. Canadian Medical Association Journal Podcast. <https://soundcloud.com/cmajpodcasts/161156-res>

Newspapers/Magazines/Blogs (Print and Online)

1. Trauma Rates with OVD Unexpectedly High, Study Finds. Medscape News article by Michael Vlessides. Jan 14, 2022. <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/966677>
2. Study: trauma rates high in Canada among forceps and vacuum deliveries. The Toronto Star article by Melissa Couto Zuber for the Canadian Press. Jan 10, 2022. https://www.thestar.com/life/health_wellness/2022/01/10/study-trauma-rates-high-in-canada-among-forceps-and-vacuum-deliveries.html
3. Use of forceps, vacuum during childbirth has higher rates of physical trauma, study finds. CTVNews.ca article by Alexandra Mae Jones. Jan 10, 2022.

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<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/use-of-forceps-vacuum-during-childbirth-has-higher-rates-of-physical-trauma-study-finds-1.5733673>

4. Study: trauma rates high in Canada among forceps and vacuum deliveries. Sask Today article by Melissa Couto Zuber for the Canadian Press. Jan 10, 2022. <https://www.sasktoday.ca/the-mix/study-trauma-rates-high-in-canada-among-forceps-and-vacuum-deliveries-4939570>
5. McMaster researcher finds high rates of trauma for mothers and babies with forceps and vacuum deliveries. <https://healthsci.mcmaster.ca/home/2022/01/10/mcmaster-researcher-finds-high-rates-of-trauma-for-mothers-and-babies-with-forceps-and-vacuum-deliveries>
6. Research reveals high rates of trauma for mothers and babies from forceps and vacuum deliveries in Canada. Mirage News. Jan 10, 2022.
7. Episiotomy may help reduce severe tears in deliveries involving forceps, vacuums, study shows. The Globe & Mail article by KC Hoard. Oct 21, 2019. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-episiotomy-may-help-reduce-severe-tears-in-deliveries-involving/>
8. Episiotomies reduce severe tearing risks in assisted births, study finds. The Toronto Star article by Cassandra Szklarski. Oct 21, 2019. https://www.thestar.com/life/health_wellness/2019/10/21/episiotomies-reduce-severe-tearing-risks-in-assisted-births-study-finds.html
9. Study finds episiotomies reduce severe tearing risks in assisted births. CTV News article by Cassandra Szklarski. Oct 21, 2019. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/study-finds-episiotomies-reduce-severe-tearing-risks-in-assisted-births-1.4647397>
10. Study puts episiotomies in new light; Move away from procedure may be hurting some women, UBC researcher says. The Province article by Pamela Fayerman. Oct 21, 2019. Pg A8.
11. Study finds episiotomies reduce severe tearing risks in assisted births. Hamilton Spectator article by Cassandra Szklarski. Oct 21, 2019. Pg G7.
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