

Marwa Ilali

Marwa Ilali is a second year master's student in the Department of Family Medicine at McGill University. Under the supervision of Drs. Vladimir Khanassov and Isabelle Vedel, she is conducting research on telemedicine use in primary healthcare for elderly patients. Her thesis research involves a mixed-methods systematic review exploring barriers and facilitators associated with the use of telemedicine and its impact on healthcare services' outcomes, and she received a CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's award for this work (valued at 17,500\$). Her project has informed a larger qualitative study on telemedicine in four family medicine teaching sites in Quebec which she continues to contribute to in parallel to her MSc. Marwa is also involved with the Research on the Organization of Healthcare Services of Alzheimers (ROSA) research team, which is one of the largest health services research teams in Canada, and is led by Dr. Howard Bergman and Dr. Isabelle Vedel.

Further, as a Tannenbaum Fellow, Marwa collaborates with the CISSS de la Vallée-de-l'Or to support the development of resident scholarly projects focused on quality improvement initiatives and projects. Also, as a member of the ListenUp! research team led by Dr. Alayne Adams, she is serving as the Graduate Coordinator of a national youth-led mental health and wellbeing forum which will engage diverse youth across Canada in discussions surrounding priorities and solutions to address youth mental health concerns.

Marwa also has much experience in student government and community involvement. After serving as the VP Internal of the Family Medicine Graduate Student Society (FMGSS) for the 2020-21 academic year, she was elected as the FMGSS' MSc Representative for 2021-22, where she represents over 20 students and continues to advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion. Also, in addition to volunteering with various community organizations, such as Santropol Roulant, she has led the organization of several community initiatives aimed at addressing health and social inequities within vulnerable populations, such as by planning various clothing and food drives.

Prior to her MSc, Marwa graduated from medical school in Europe with honours. As an international medical school graduate, Marwa aims to continue her research and clinical training in the Department of Family Medicine to become a clinician researcher. She endeavours to conduct research aimed at improving healthcare accessibility within vulnerable populations, and believes that the training and opportunities provided by the Department of Family Medicine will well equip her to be a leader in the field.