



New Brunswick Medical Sector: Barriers Undiagnosed

A Synopsis of Barriers from an Immigration and Settlement Perspective

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No Conflict of Interests

Non-for-profit settlement agency

Supporting newcomers building their new home in the region for over 4 decades

Services: Settlement, Language Training, Community Connections, Childcare



Understanding and accessing information related to the structure of the public healthcare system

- ↳ Newcomers understanding a new medical system
- ↳ Limited access to information about available medical services for newcomers

Recognizing the barriers for the newcomer population to access medical services in an already overworked sector

- ↳ Medical needs upon arrival
- ↳ Little access to family doctors → after-hour clinics & emergency
- ↳ Seeing practitioner nurses rather than family doctors



Identify the high medical needs and/or expectations of the underserved

- ↳ Newcomers arriving with specific expectations that are not met
- ↳ Moving to other provinces with better services

Distinguish the language challenges and interpretation needs

- ↳ Primary health clinics have language lines, but beyond that no
- ↳ Doctors not seeing patients without interpreters
- ↳ Certified interpreters services too expensive



Questions?

Thank You – Merci!