

Call for Papers

Trauma-informed approaches: Implications for practice, policy and research



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[BMC Health Services Research](#) is calling for submissions to our Collection titled "Trauma-informed approaches: Implications for practice, policy and research".

Trauma-informed approaches mark a pivotal evolution in organizational development by recognizing the pervasive impact of trauma on individuals within healthcare organizations. These initiatives involve implementing practices sensitive to the trauma experiences of both patients and healthcare staff, such as adopting patient-centered care approaches, trauma-specific interventions, and staff training on trauma sensitivity. This collection aims to examine the crucial role of trauma-informed approaches in fostering safety, resilience, and healing within healthcare settings, with a focus on addressing the unique needs and experiences of both patients and staff members. Additionally, it addresses how routine healthcare procedures can inadvertently retraumatize both patients and staff, underscoring the necessity for trauma-sensitive approaches to mitigate harm and promote holistic well-being for all stakeholders involved.

This collection invites original research articles, study protocols, systematic and scoping reviews that explore and highlight the transformative impact of trauma-informed organizational change programs. We are particularly interested in the following research areas:

- Theoretical frameworks and models of trauma-informed organizational change within healthcare settings
- Reports of successful implementation of trauma-informed practices in various healthcare organizations
- The role of healthcare leadership in driving and sustaining trauma-informed organizational change
- Strategies for integrating trauma-informed approaches into existing healthcare organizational structures and processes to enhance patient care and staff well-being
- Measurement and evaluation of the effectiveness of trauma-informed organizational change programs in improving patient outcomes and staff satisfaction
- Addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion within trauma-informed healthcare organizational change efforts
- Challenges and barriers to implementing trauma-informed practices in different healthcare specialties or sectors
- Training and professional development for healthcare staff and leaders in trauma-informed approaches to patient care
- Ethical considerations and dilemmas in trauma-informed organizational change initiatives within healthcare settings
- Future directions and innovations in trauma-informed organizational development research and practice within healthcare contexts.

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