

**BARRIERS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (SRH) SERVICE IDENTIFIED FROM
REGIONAL HUB DESK RESEARCH (Grey Literature)**

Themes	Factors
BRITISH COLUMBIA	
Individual factors	Language barrier
	Socioeconomic class: lower education, less income, lack of private insurance
Accessibility	Lack of regular physician
	Difficulty navigating the system (newcomers)
	Poor accessibility for those with disabilities
Knowledge	Reliance on social network for SRH information
	Religion & cultural beliefs of family & friends
	Reliance on mass media for information
MANITOBA	
Knowledge	Absence of SRH curriculum in high school
	Lack of wholistic approach in sexual education
	Religious & cultural beliefs (SRH talks = taboo)
	Lack of creative approach to sex education
ONTARIO	
Individual factors	Social isolation & lack of social support
	Immigration-specific factors
	Gender and power relations
	Lack of drug coverage
Accessibility	Difficulty finding a physician
	Lack of physical access due to incarceration
	Poor health system navigation & service information
Systemic/Structural	Lower screening rates (Breast and Cervical cancer)
	Lack of pre- and post-test counselling
	Delayed or absent referrals
	Anti-black racism
	Lack of culturally-safe & language-specific care
	Long wait times
	Experiences with Healthcare practitioners

Table 1: Barriers to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) access in African, Caribbean and Blacks (ACB) presented according to regional hubs

Key Themes	Factors
Individual Factors	Socioeconomic class
	Lack of private insurance/drug coverage
	Language barrier
	Immigration-specific factors
Accessibility	Social isolation and lack of cultural support
	Difficulty finding a physician
	Difficult health system navigation
Inadequate knowledge	Poor accessibility for those with disabilities
	Limited SRH service information
	Lack of wholistic approach to sex education
Structural & Systemic	Inadequate/mixed SRH information
	Lower screening & diagnosis rates of SRH problems
	Anti-black racism
	Lack of patient-centered care (culturally-safe & language-specific care)
	Delayed or absent referrals

Table 2: Key barriers to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) service in African, Caribbean and Blacks (ACB) in Canada (Regional Hub findings combined)