

Rawnaq Behnam, MPH

Public & Global Health Leader · Clinical Research · Health Equity

Public and Global Health professional and clinical research leader with over 7 years of experience advancing trauma-informed, equity-driven research and programs across academic medicine, community settings, and global health contexts. I have led and managed complex biomedical and behavioral research projects spanning reproductive health, refugee and immigrant health, chronic disease management, and health systems innovation.

My work has included serving as a Clinical Research Coordinator and Research Center Manager in academic medicine, where I supervised multidisciplinary teams of up to 60+ researchers, coordinated multi-site clinical studies, developed SOPs, managed IRB and regulatory submissions, and partnered with community organizations locally and internationally. I have contributed to grant writing, manuscript development, EHR-based quality improvement initiatives, and mixed-methods research with direct policy and clinical impact.

As a certified medical interpreter fluent in Arabic, Chaldean, Kurdish, Turkish, and English, I bring a culturally responsive and community-engaged lens to research and program development.

7+

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

60+

RESEARCHERS SUPERVISED

5

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Award-Winning

GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH

KEYNOTE TOPICS

Available for conferences, universities, health systems, and community organizations.

TRAUMA-INFORMED, EQUITY-DRIVEN RESEARCH

How to design studies and programs that center the lived experience of underserved communities.

REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT HEALTH

Lessons from award-winning research on refugee women's reproductive health and access to care.

LEADING CLINICAL RESEARCH TEAMS

Building and supervising multidisciplinary teams, SOPs, and multi-site studies in academic medicine.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CARE & INTERPRETATION

What five-language medical interpretation reveals about trust, access, and quality in healthcare.

HEALTH SYSTEMS INNOVATION & EHR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Using data and mixed-methods research to drive clinical and policy impact.

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Research leadership, community partnership, and scholarship

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

- Clinical Research Coordinator & Research Center Manager in academic medicine
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- Coordinated multi-site clinical studies; developed SOPs
- Managed IRB and regulatory submissions end to end

SCHOLARSHIP & RECOGNITION

- Peer-reviewed publications and grant contributions
- National and international conference presentations
- Award-winning research on refugee women's reproductive health

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnered with community organizations locally and internationally
- Mixed-methods research with direct policy and clinical impact
- EHR-based quality improvement and health systems innovation

WAYS TO COLLABORATE

- Keynote speaking and panel participation
- Mentoring, coaching, and education for research teams
- Partnership and consultancy for health equity initiatives

Let's work together

Reach out at behnamrawnaq@gmail.com for bookings, partnerships, and media inquiries.