

Methodological appendix

Background

The quarterly reference lists aim to provide an overview, organized by topic, of the latest articles published by Quebec researchers, with the goal of helping those interested stay informed about trends in caregiving research.

Once a year, we also analyze the overall results to identify themes, observations, trends and emerging practices, then compile our findings into an [annual watch bulletin](#).

Methodology

Below is a detailed description of the methodology used to compile the findings from our scientific watch.

Data collection

A list of 66 Quebec researchers¹ whose work focuses primarily on caregiving was compiled by the Observatory². Based on this list, a literature watch set up

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² Created in 2022 and updated in 2024, this list includes Quebec researchers whose focus is caregiving. To compile the list, a research professional conducted a search using keywords related to caregiving (e.g., *carer*, *proches*, *families*) on the grant allocation platforms of three

by a librarian tracks their first and last names, as well as their university affiliations, in two databases: Google Scholar and PubMed. The articles retrieved through this process are then forwarded to a research professional once a day.

Article selection criteria

All scientific papers included in the watch must meet the following criteria:

- Authored or co-authored by one or more Quebec researchers.
- Published during the targeted timeframe³.
- Address the topic of caregiving in terms of research findings, implications for practice or need for future research⁴.
- Published in a scientific or professional journal⁵.
- Written in English or French.

If they fulfil these conditions, the articles are added to the list of publications by Quebec caregiving researchers.

Thematic analysis

To highlight the trends most often addressed, articles are organized by theme, as follows:

- Caregivers' experience of care and services
- Caregivers' quality of life
- Caregivers' relational experience

organizations: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). All individuals who had received funding for caregiving research between 2010 and 2023 were included.

³ The date of the article's initial online publication is the one regarded for the scientific monitoring.

⁴ Articles that did not mention the terms *proches aidants*, *caregivers* or *informal carers* but addressed the notion of support (family or other) based on an emotional bond were also included.

⁵ Articles had to have been published in a scientific or professional journal. Grey literature, conference proceedings and journal editorials were omitted.

These themes were derived from a thematic analysis of scientific articles published between 2022 and 2023 and were presented in the first [Scientific Watch Bulletin](#) from the Quebec Observatory on Caregiving (2024). If additional topics are addressed in future articles, new themes may be added as the literature watch continues.