Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention in Syrian Refugee Women in the United States

October is the breast cancer awareness month and our research team held its second breast cancer awareness and prevention event on October 25th, 2021. The event was organized by Dr. Samina Salim and her study team (PIs: Samina Salim, Johanna Bick, and Ezemenari Obasi U54MD015946), which was attended by more than 25 Syrian refugee women resettled in the greater Houston area. The event included presentations from bilingual (English-Arabic) professionals who addressed cancer screening, cancer prevention and fatalism issues. Speakers included Dr. Sausan Abouharb, (Associate Professor, MD Anderson Cancer Center), Dr. Hadil Bazerbashi (community worker), and Ms Heather Elsayed (Nutritionist, physical fitness trainer). Syrian refugee women were recruited through a Houston based non-profit IMPACTs (coordinator: Ms Farzana Ahmad). Dr. Fatin Atrooz, post-doctoral fellow working on this project provided Arabic translations and Ms. Ghalya Elrousan, the student intern provided help conducting breast cancer awareness survey. The Syrian refugee women attendees who have consented to be part of this study were provided \$25 gift card as compensation. The luncheon event was held at *Bijan Persian Grill* restaurant hall (Hillcroft, Houston, TX). Breast cancer awareness promotional items, and lunch were sponsored by generous donors Salma Rizvi, Parvin Rizvi and Naghma Ahmad.















