**CV Maria Kristiansen**

Position: Associate Professor of Public Health, Department of Health Sciences/Public Health Program, College of Arts & Sciences, Qatar University, Qatar.

Honorary Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, Centre for Population Health Sciences, United Kingdom.

Associated Researcher, Research Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Health, Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Education**

2011-2014 Continuing professional development courses: Course Portfolio Development (Qatar University), Blackboard 9.1 Training level 1 and 2 (Qatar University), Making Online Exams (Qatar University), Health Emergencies in Large Populations (International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and University of Calgary), Professional Grant Development Workshop (US Grant Training Centre and Qatar University).

2011 Higher Education Teaching and Teaching Practice Program, Centre for Clinical Education, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

2011 Ph.D., Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

# 2005 MSc. Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

2002 BA Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Employment since 2002**

2013- **Associate Professor of Public Health**, Department of Health Sciences/Public Health Program, College of Arts & Sciences, Qatar University

Key roles and responsibilities: planning, implementation and marketing of the first BA program in public health in Qatar; responsible for the Health Promotion track of the program; responsible for program learning outcome assessment and program development including e-learning, practicum and internship elements; Chair of Research Committee; member of committee overseeing admission of pharmacy students at the College of Pharmacy; designing and teaching the following courses: “International Health and Global Society”, “Health, Behavior and Society”, “Environmental Health and Disease” at Qatar University. Community participation and research collaboration with Novo Nordic Global (Cities Changing Diabetes), Weill Cornell Medical College (colorectal cancer screening, diabetes complications and management among Qataris, qualitative research in clinical trial settings), Virginia Commonwealth University (occupational health and safety for migrant construction workers), Traffic and Road Safety Center (traffic behaviors, interventions), Qatar Red Crescent (health behaviors and living conditions for migrant workers), and Hamad Bin Khalifah University (bioethics). Fundraising including two ongoing grants: “Diet during pregnancy: a review and interview study” and “Challenges and opportunities for colorectal cancer screening in Qatar: a mixed-methods, multi-perspective study” and three proposals submitted. Dissemination of research findings in the shape of papers, reports, oral and poster presentations at national, regional and international conferences, and radio/television interviews.

2013- **Honorary Research Fellow**, Centre for Population Health Sciences, College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh

Key roles and responsibilities: research collaboration with the research group headed by professor Aziz Sheikh. Main focus on palliative care for ethnic diverse populations, and allergy epidemiology.

2013- **External examiner**, BA and MSc Programs in Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Aarhus University, University of Southern Denmark

2013- 2014 **Associate Professor**, Section for Social Medicine, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen (since September 2013, this has been a 20% position).

Key roles and responsibilities: design, data collection, analysis and reporting of a mixed-methods cancer rehabilitation study using clinical audits, surveys, interviews and field work; collaboration and advisory in the CIRE (Integrated Rehabilitation for Cancer Patients) research program; teaching and supervision of students (cand.scient.san.publ., MPH).

2011- 2013 **Assistant Professor**, Section for Health Services Research, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

Key roles and responsibilities: fund applications; research planning, management and reporting; teaching, supervision and examination of students at the following programs: Cand.scient.san.publ., MPH, MIH, Cand.scient.san, Human Nutrition Program, Danish Institute for the Study Abroad (health psychology courses), MPH program at Lund University, continuing learning courses for healthcare professionals at hospitals in the Capital Region and guest lecturer at seminars arranged by the National Board of Health. Constituted research leader at Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Health (MESU) for 10 months. Completion of the Higher Education Teaching and Teaching Practice Program (adjunkt pædagogikum).

2007- 2011 **Ph.D. Fellow**, Section for Health Services Research, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

Key roles and responsibilities: research design and fund applications; data collection and analysis covering a register-study, survey and qualitative interviews; teaching and supervision of students at the cand.scient.san.publ. and MPH programs; PhD courses (including Advanced social epidemiology, How to write a successful grant application, Nvivo8, Use of SAS statistical software, Humanistic research methods, Systematic review techniques, Good medical writing, Writing articles from a qualitative study, Introduction to university teaching, and Nordic register-based research, PhD supervision). Collaboration with internal and external partners including hospitals, municipalities, patient associations and governmental bodies. I was on maternity leave for 1 year. The thesis was defended May 2011.

2005-2007 **Research Assistant**, Section for Health Services Research, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

Key roles and responsibilities: design, data collection, analysis and oral/written dissemination of ad-hoc research projects funded by and conducted in collaboration with WHO Europe, Danish regions and municipalities, and the National Board of Health. Applications for PhD fellowship. Teaching and advisory mainly within the field of ethnicity and health.

2004-2005 **Project Manager**, Hovedstadens Oplysningsforbund.

Key roles and responsibilities: Responsible for design, recruitment and management of courses targeting ethnic minority women in Copenhagen including physical activity programs.

2004-2005 **Student Assistant**, Knowledge Centre for Social Psychiatry, Copenhagen.

Key roles and responsibilities: literature review and best practice identification within social psychiatry care for ethnic minorities.

2002- **Co-founder**, the humanitarian organization, DanSom Organization, working with emergency and development aid to rural areas of Somalia.

# Peer-reviewed publications

1. Nørredam ML, Hansen OH, Kunst AE, Petersen JH, **Kristiansen M,** Krasnik A, Agyemang C.  *Remigration of severely ill migrants to their countries of origin: myth or reality? A register-based cohort study*. European Journal of Public Health, in press, 2014.
2. **Kristiansen M**, Sheikh A. *The health of low-income migrant workers in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries*. Health and Human Rights: An International Journal, Epub ahead of print, 2014.
3. Kaae S, Sahdia S, **Kristiansen M**. *How do individual community pharmacies vary in engaging customers in medicine dialogues at the counter – an observational study*. Pharmacy Practice, vol. 12:3, 2014.
4. **Kristiansen M**, Sheikh A. *The debate on male infant circumcision in Europe: a challenge for Islamic biomedical ethics*. CILE Publications, 2014.
5. Cantarero-Arevalo L, Holstein BE, Andersen A, **Kristiansen M**, Hansen EH. *Immigrant background and medicine use for aches: national representative study of adolescents*. Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice, vol 7:1, 2014.
6. **Kristiansen M**, Lue-Kessing L, Mygind A, Razum O, Norredam M. *Migration from low- to high-risk countries: a qualitative study of perceived risk of breast cancer and the influence on participation in mammography screening among migrant women in Denmark*. European Journal of Cancer Care, vol. 23(2):206-13, 2014.
7. Gaveras E, **Kristiansen M**, Worth A, Irshad T, Sheikh A. *Social support for South Asian Muslim parents with life-limiting illness living in Scotland: a multi-perspective study.* BMJ Open, 4(2):e004252, 2014.
8. **Kristiansen M**, Irshad T, Worth A, Bhopal R, Lawton J, Sheikh A. *The practice of hope: a longitudinal, multi-perspective qualitative study among South Asian Sikhs and Muslims with life-limiting illness in Scotland*. Ethnicity & Health, vol 19:1-19, 2014.
9. **Kristiansen M**, Adamsen L, Hendriksen C. *Readiness for cancer rehabilitation in Denmark: protocol for a cross-sectional mixed methods study*. BMJ Open, vol 3:e003775, 2013.
10. Kessing LL, Norredam ML, Kvernrod A-B, Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**. *Contextualising migrants’ health behaviour – a qualitative study of transnational ties and their implications for participation in mammography screening*. BMC Public Health, vol 13:431, 2013.
11. **Kristiansen M**, Sheikh A. *Legislation on male infant circumcision in Europe: a call to avoid paternalism and to promote evidence-based, patient-centred care*. Global Discourse: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Current Affairs and Applied Contemporary Thought, vol 3: 342-347, 2013.
12. Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**, Wittrup I, Nørgaard LS. *Patient perspectives on type II diabetes during Ramadan: medicine use, reasons for fasting and experiences with counselling on medicines.* International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy, 35(2):281-8, 2013.
13. **Kristiansen M**, Sheikh A. *Understanding faith considerations when caring for bereaved Muslims*. Journal of Royal Society of Medicine, 105:513-517, 2012.
14. Kahler L, **Kristiansen M**, Rudkjøbing A, Strandberg-Larsen M. *What do physicians expect from their employment? A qualitative study on important motivation factors for surgeons’ choice of employment in the Danish health care system.* Danish Medical Journal, 59(9):A4508, 2012.
15. **Kristiansen M**, Thorsted BL, Krasnik A, Von Euler-Chelpin M. *Participation in mammography screening among migrants and non-migrants in Denmark.* Acta Oncologica, 51(1): 28-36, 2012.
16. **Kristiansen M**. *Migration and Social Support in Relation to Cancer Screening and Cancer Care – A Comparative Multiple-Methods Study.* PhD Thesis, University of Copenhagen, 2011.
17. Biswas D, **Kristiansen M**, Krasnik A, Norredam M. *Access to healthcare and alternative health-seeking strategies among undocumented migrants in Denmark.* BMC Public Health, 11:560, 2011.
18. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A. *Sundhedsadfærd influeres af psykosocial sårbarhed – en kvalitativ undersøgelse blandt migrantmænd i Danmark (Effect of psychosocial vulnerability on health behaviour – a qualitative study among migrant men in Denmark).* Nordisk Tidsskrift for Helseforskning (Nordic Journal of Health Research), 2:60-69, 2010.
19. **Kristiansen M**, Tjørnhøj-Thomsen T, Krasnik A. *“Sometimes you just have to walk alone” - meanings of social support among Danish-born and migrant cancer patients*. Journal of Psychosocial Oncology, 28:699-717, 2010.
20. **Kristiansen M**, Tjørnhøj-Thomsen T, Krasnik A. *The benefit of meeting a stranger – experiences with emotional support provided by health care professionals among Danish-born and migrant cancer patients*. European Journal of Oncology Nursing, 14: 244-252, 2010.
21. **Kristiansen M**, Hassani A, Krasnik A. *A qualitative assessment of implementing a cross-cultural survey on cancer wards in Denmark – a description of barriers.* BMC Medical Research Methodology, 10:4, 2010.
22. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Krasnik A. *Health effects of migration*.Danish Medical Bulletin, 54: 46-7, 2007.
23. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Krasnik A. *Sundhedsmæssige konsekvenser af migration (Health effects of migration)*. Ugeskrift for Læger, 168: 3006-8, 2006.

# Peer-reviewed publications (under review or submitted)

1. Norredam M, Sheikh A, Dynnes Svendsen K, Holm Petersen J, Garvey LH, **Kristiansen M**. *Differences in Hospital Attendance for anaphylaxis between immigrants and non-immigrants: a cohort study*. Under review, Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, 2014.
2. **Kristiansen M**, Adamsen L, Kjaer Brinkmann F, Krasnik A, Hendriksen C. *Cancer rehabilitation in Danish municipalities: results from a national baseline survey*. Under review, BMC Health Services Research, 2014.
3. Lue-Kessing L, Krasnik A, Norredam M, **Kristiansen M**. *Migrants’ perceptions of aging and access to healthcare in Denmark: remigration or adaption of healthcare services to meet the needs of elderly migrants?* Under review, BMC Public Health, 2014.
4. **Kristiansen M**, Younis T, Hassani A, Sheikh A. *Lost and Found: Finding Meaning in Bereavement through Islam*. Under review, Religion&Health, 2014.
5. Michaelsen J, **Kristiansen M**. *Men and coping with cancer: a qualitative study*. Under review, Journal of Science and Nursing, 2014.

# Book chapters

1. **Kristiansen M**. *Etnisk ulighed i sundhed (Ethnic inequality in health)*. In: “Patient. Grundbog i sygepleje”, N. Tvistholm and D. B. Danbjoerg (eds), chapter 8, pp. 189-208, Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 2014, ISBN 9788762811706.
2. **Kristiansen M**, Krasnik A. *Sundhedsprofessionelles udfordringer i mødet med etniske minoritetspatienter ( Challenges for health care professionals in encounters with ethnic minority patients).* In: Etniske minoriteter i det danske sundhedsvæsen – en antologi (Ethnic minorities in the Danish healthcare system – an anthology), National Board of Health, 2010.

# Reports, research communication and debate

1. **Kristiansen M**, Nørredam M, Krasnik A. *Brugerbetaling for tolkning i sundhedsvæsenet – hvad er konsekvenserne? (User payment for translation within health care services – what are the consequences?).* Debate article in Ugeskrift for Læger, 24:1856-57, 2010.
2. **Kristiansen M**, Munch-Petersen M, Diderichsen F, Krasnik A. *Borgerrettet forebyggelse og lighed i sundhed – planlægning af forebyggende indsatser til socialt udsatte grupper (Primary prevention and equity in health – planning primary prevention for socially vulnerable groups)*. National Board of Health and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2007.
3. Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**. *Mødet med etniske minoriteter – hvordan kan vi gøre det bedre? (Encounters with ethnic minorities – how can we improve?).* Diætisten (The Dietitian), 86: 5-9, 2007.
4. Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**, Krasnik A*. Muligheder og barrierer for etniske minoriteters brug af motions- og kostinterventioner – en interviewundersøgelse blandt etniske minoriteter i Københavns Kommune (Possibilities and barriers for use of exercise and diet interventions among ethnic minorities – an interview study among ethnic minorities living in Copenhagen)*. Municipality of Copenhagen and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2006.
5. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Krasnik A. *Muligheder og barrierer for etniske minoriteters brug af motions- og kostinterventioner – en litteraturgennemgang (Possibilities and barriers for use of exercise and diet interventions among ethnic minorities – a literature review)*. Municipality of Copenhagen and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2006.
6. Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**, Krasnik A, Nørredam M. *Etniske minoriteters opfattelse af sygdomsrisici – betydningen af etnicitet og migration (Risk perception among ethnic minorities – the influence of ethnicity and migration).* National Board of Health and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2006.
7. Mygind A, **Kristiansen M**, Krasnik A. *The encounter between ethnic minority patients and the health system*. Nasjonal Kompetanseenhet for Minoritetshelse (NAKMI), Norway, 2006.
8. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Krasnik A, Nørredam M. *Forebyggelse og sundhedsfremme for etniske minoriteter – målgruppeinddragelse og organisatorisk forankring (Health promotion and disease prevention among ethnic minorities – target group involvement and organizational anchorage)*. National Board of Health and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2006.
9. Krasnik A, **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Nørredam M, Nielsen AS, Bistrup ML. *Migrant Health in the Urban Context*. Working paper prepared for the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Healthy Cities Network, 2006.
10. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind A, Krasnik A, Nørredam M. *Kortlægning af aktiviteter om forebyggelse og sundhedsfremme tilrettelagt for etniske minoriteter i Danmark (Mapping of health promotion and disease prevention interventions targeting ethnic minorities in Denmark)*. National Board of Health and Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2005.
11. **Kristiansen M**. *Ethnic majority attitudes to Female Genital Mutilation and consequences for prevention*. Proceeding from the 3. FOKO conference, Copenhagen, 2005.
12. **Kristiansen M**. *How do we handle the important issues?* Report from the conference “Preventing Cancer Across Cultures”, Nordic Cancer Union, 2005.
13. **Kristiansen M**, Mygind Nielsen A. *Complex encounters. Hospital staffs’ experiences with encounters with ethnic minority patients at a children ward*. Master thesis, Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2004 (Grade: A).
14. Mygind Nielsen A, Nielsen JE, **Kristiansen M**. *Discrimination and health – a quantitative study among ethnic Danes and ethnic minorities.* Bachelor assignment, Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2002 (Grade: A).

###### **Selected oral and poster presentations**

1. *Migration from low to high risk countries: a qualitative study of perceived risk of breast cancer and the influence on participation in mammography screening among migrant women in Denmark*. Oral presentation at the 5th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Spain, 2014.
2. *The practice of hope: a longitudinal, multi-perspective qualitative study among South Asian Sikhs and Muslims with life-limiting illness in Scotland*. Poster presentation at the 5th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Spain, 2014.
3. *Ethnic inequalities in health: a comparative study of Qatar and the United Kingdom*. Poster presentation at the 5th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Spain, 2014.
4. *Exploring migrant status as a variable in epidemiological register-based research*. Poster presentation at the Ethnicity & Health Conference, Scotland, 2012.
5. *Mammography screening among migrants and Danish-born women: a mixed-methods study*. Poster presentation at the Ethnicity & Health Conference, Scotland, 2012.
6. *Ramadan and type II diabetes: Patient perspectives on medicine use, reasons for fasting and experiences with counseling on medicines.* Poster presentation at the European Public Health Conference, Malta, 2012.
7. *Migrating from low to high risk countries - perceived susceptibility to breast cancer and the influence on participation in mammography screening programmes among migrant women.* Oral presentation at the 4th Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health in Europe, Italy, 2012.
8. *Exploring ethnicity and migration: categories, identities and resistance.* Oral presentation at the ESA Research Network 20. Qualitative Methods Midterm Conference, Sweden, 2012.
9. *Participation in mammography screening among migrants and non-migrants: do household size, socioeconomic position, and use of other healthcare services explain the differences?* Oral presentation at the European Public Health Conference, Denmark, 2011.
10. *Researching social determinants of migrants’ health and improving access to healthcare*. Oral presentation at Migrant Health and Imported Diseases Conference, Spain, 2011 (invited speaker).
11. *Ethnicity and cancer – differences and similarities in access to emotional support among Danish-born and migrant cancer patients*. Oral presentation at the Nordic Cancer Rehabilitation Symposium, Denmark, 2010.
12. *The benefit of meeting a stranger: experiences with emotional support provided by nurses among Danish-born and migrant cancer patients*. Oral presentation at the 3rd Conference of Migrant Health in Europe, Hungary, 2010.
13. *Access to social support among Danish-born and migrant cancer patients.* Oral presentation at the 2nd Conference of Migrant Health in Europe, Sweden, 2008.
14. *Risk perception among ethnic minorities – the influence of ethnicity and migration.* Oral presentation at the European Public Health Conference, Finland, 2007.
15. *Migration and health – potentials for health promotion and disease prevention*. Oral presentation at the WHO European Healthy Cities Networks Annual Business and Technical Meeting, Finland, 2006.
16. *Conducting culturally competent research – lessons learned from a qualitative research project in two multiethnic communities in Copenhagen, Denmark*. Poster presentation at the ESRC Research Seminar, UK, 2006.
17. *Ethnic majority attitudes to Female Genital Mutilation and consequences for prevention*. Oral presentation at the 3rd FOKO Conference, Denmark, 2005.
18. *How do we handle the important issues?* Oral presentation at the Nordic Cancer Union Conference, Sweden, 2005.
19. *Health promotion for ethnic minorities*. Oral presentation at the European Public Health Conference, Austria, 2005.

###### **Committee Memberships (current)**

1. Program Learning Outcome Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
2. Population Health & Wellness Research Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
3. Research & Scholarly Committee (head), College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
4. Public Health Program Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
5. External Relations & Marketing Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University
6. Pharmacy Undergraduate Admission Committee, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University
7. Ad hoc member of Advisory Committee, Biomedical Ethics, Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics, Hamad Bin Khalifah University, Qatar
8. Advisory Committee, Cities Changing Diabetes, Novo Nordic Global, Qatar
9. Advisory role, Construction Worker’s Clothing Project, Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar

###### **Professional memberships**

2011- Member of European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

2012- Member of daily leader board, Centre for Integrated Cancer Rehabilitation, Institute of Public Health, and the University Hospital Centre for Health Research

2011-2012 Member of Committee, Cancer Plan III, Danish National Board of Health

2008-2010 Member of Board of Advisors, Cross-Over, AIDS Foundation

**Review activities**

Peer-reviewer for a number of international journals including BMJ Supportive&Palliative Care, International Journal of Pharmacy, Journal of Cancer Care, Journal of Family Studies, Psycho-Oncology, and Journal of Cancer Education.

**Selected grants**

1. Name of Key investigator: Maria Kristiansen/Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Title of the proposal: Organization of Integrated Cancer Rehabilitation in Denmark: A combined Survey, Clinical Audit and Interview Study

Performance period: 2012-2015 – 4 years

Name of Funding Agency: Novo Nordic Foundation in combination with Danish Cancer Society

Funded amount: 201,461 EUROs for our substudy (total for the overall study 4.1 million EUROs)

1. Name of Key investigator: Maria Kristiansen/Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Title of the proposal: Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Position and Rehabilitation following Breast Cancer Treatment: A Longitudinal Study.

Performance period: 2012-2014 – 3 years

Name of Funding Agency: Danish Cancer Society

Funded amount: 94,015 EUROs