

Exploring Canadian Veterans' Priorities regarding Chronic Pain Research: A Qualitative Study

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

chronic pain

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - Canada

Why was it conducted at all?

The prevalence of chronic pain among Canadian Armed Forces Regular Force Veterans released from service between 1998 and 2007 is twice as high as the general population, often co-presenting with a mental health condition. In 2020, the Canadian Federal Government launched the Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence for Canadian Veterans (CPCoE). In this study, Canadian Veterans living with chronic non-cancer pain shared their perspectives on research priorities for the Centre

What was the objective?

to engage Canadian Veterans living with chronic pain to identify research priorities for the Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence for Canadian Veterans (CPCoE)

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 8 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

October 2019 - May 2020

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

interview

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: 11 semi-structured one-on-one interviews with veterans, interviews over phone, lasted between 30-45 minutes. Step 2: data analysis: thematic analysis

Which stakeholders took part?

11 veterans living with chronic non-cancer pain.

How were stakeholders recruited?

A database of 707 Canadian Veterans living with chronic noncancer pain that signed up for a CPCoE email list was used to acquire participants for this study.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.