

# 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.