

CLSA Webinar Series



They are older now: a snapshot of self-identified Veterans in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging

Presented by Dr. Christina Wolfson

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It is estimated that 600,000 Canadian Forces Veterans are alive today. However, little is known about the physical and mental health of older Veterans released from military service prior to the 1990s, or whether the trajectory of aging is different for these Veterans than amongst those who did not serve in the military.

In 2009, a partnership was struck between the CLSA and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) to create the CLSA-Veterans' Health Initiative (CLSA-VHI). As a result of this partnership, a set of VAC-approved Veteran Identifier questions and a four-item Post Traumatic Stress Disorder screening tool were included in the baseline interview of all CLSA participants.

At the time of CLSA baseline data collection, more than 3,500 participants self-identified as Canadian Forces Veterans (including 466 women), and 900 participants identified as Veterans of other countries (including 39 women). In this webinar presentation, Dr. Wolfson will describe the CLSA participants who are part of the CLSA-VHI and share preliminary information about their physical and mental health status at baseline.

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