

Veteran Voices

Learning from Veterans about Firearm-related Injuries

What is this project about?

- Oregon Health & Science University is leading a research project about Veteran experiences with firearm related injuries. The goal of the project is to develop resources that will improve the lives of Veterans.
- You will decide how information from your interview will be shared. Because your confidentiality is important to us, we will only share the information you are most comfortable sharing, requiring your explicit permission.

Veterans Helping Veterans

- Community organizations are helping us reach Veterans with a variety of perspectives on firearm ownership who might be interested in sharing their experiences with firearm injuries.
- We are especially interested in hearing from Veterans representing diverse groups, such as racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ groups, different economic backgrounds, and rural locations.
- We will interview between 30-40 Veterans who have experienced a firearm injury outside of active military service.

What if I choose to participate in the project?

- Veterans selected for this study will participate in a remote (video) interview for about an hour.
- Questions will focus on past experiences with firearms, firearm injuries, and thoughts about how these injuries can be prevented.
- Your story will help other Veterans understand how and when firearm injuries occur and help the VA develop a more Veteran-centered approach to firearm injury prevention.
- Participants will receive a \$75 gift card for their time.

What is the Health Experiences Research Network?

- This project is a part of the Health Experience Research Network (HERN) whose primary goal is to improve health and health care by understanding patients' diverse experiences.
- HERN is a non-commercial, non-profit group, and part of an international movement ([DIPEX International](#)). They have created an online resource for patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and health systems, etc.

What if I have questions or want to take part in the project?

- If you have questions about the project, please reach out to the OHSU Health Experiences team, healthexperiences@ohsu.edu, by phone 503-418-0898.