

MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE SERVICE MEMBERS, AND VETERANS

Particularly at risk are service members and veterans who have experienced combat-related injuries and conditions such as post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, as well as those who have been exposed to Agent Orange.

Veterans die by suicide at higher rates compared to civilians. Among veterans, pain conditions are associated with an increased risk of suicide. Certain conditions such as PTSD, depression, and anxiety are also associated with an increased risk of suicide.

As a Nation, we should be doing more to address the needs of our veterans and improve the quality of life of our Nation's Veterans.

PREGNANT WOMEN

Maternal and fetal deaths account for the pregnant mother and the developing fetus.

Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) accounts for a significant number of newborn deaths.

WOMEN

Research suggests that women experience more pain than men, and gender inequality is associated with higher rates of pain, depression, and anxiety.

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Chronic pain affects 5% to 38% of children and adolescents. The most common causes are congenital diseases (e.g., cerebral palsy), developmental disabilities (e.g., autism spectrum disorder); chronic noncongenital diseases (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy); and trauma (e.g., PTSD, TBI).

CONCLUSION

Conclusions are drawn from the findings of the study, which indicate that the current state of pain management in the United States is suboptimal. The study highlights the need for a coordinated, multi-agency approach to address the complex challenges of pain management. Key findings include the need for improved data collection and analysis, enhanced communication and collaboration among agencies, and the development of standardized protocols and best practices. The study also identifies the need for continued research and evaluation to assess the effectiveness of interventions and to identify areas for further improvement. The findings of this study provide a foundation for the development of a comprehensive pain management strategy that addresses the needs of patients, providers, and the healthcare system as a whole.