



Anonymous Veteran's Survey Data Report 1

C3RN has designed a survey focusing on the veteran population to collect data to determine what conditions and symptoms people report having, and how they perceive the usefulness of cannabis in improving their health and quality of life compared to other treatments.

Treatment of medical conditions and symptoms, especially those reported more frequently within veterans populations, is often addressed with the use of prescription drugs. The treatments offered, while providing necessary relief, are correlated with severe and long-term consequences. Recently the prescription of opioids especially has been speculated to be a major cause of the severity and prevalence of opioid use disorder and opioid overdoses in Massachusetts and the United States as a whole.

Currently these treatments are considered best practice due to the available evidence gathered through clinical trials despite the potentially severe negative consequences on both society and the individual. While the quality of life of those treated is often improved and these treatments have proved effective, it would be in the public interest to explore all potential alternative treatments that have minimal or relatively minor consequences.

What Conditions Do Our Veteran's Report Having?

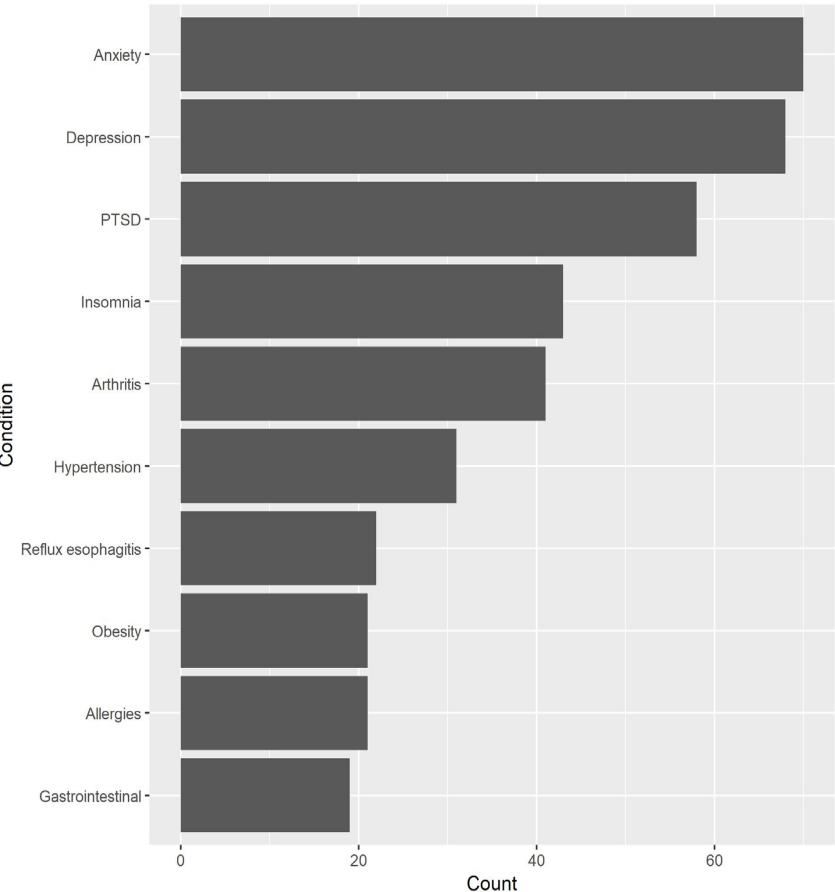


Figure 2: Q39 (Primary health condition for which you find cannabis to be helpful? (Select one)

Or: Q38: Which health conditions do you find cannabis to be helpful in treating? (Check all)



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Despite cannabis' long-time status as an illegal narcotic and its lack of study in clinical trials, it has been advocated by some who have found it useful as a therapeutic and medicinal tool. The legalization of cannabis and the resulting increase in access to the public has made investigating the effectiveness of cannabis for medical and therapeutic use absolutely critical.

An important first step in beginning to understand how effective cannabis can be in treating medical conditions and symptoms is gathering data which can help clinical researchers form hypotheses to test with an increased degree of scientific rigor. The study C3RN designed is collecting information regarding the reported effectiveness of cannabis in treating symptoms and as a replacement for traditionally prescribed drugs.

How can cannabis help?

Figure 3: Q40 What symptoms do you find medical cannabis is most helpful in treating? (Check all)

Figure 4: Q45: What prescription meds are you taking that you are actively trying to reduce the use of by using cannabis? (Check all)