STOP! Revictimization - The Perspective of Experience Experts

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Pending
Health condition type	Psychiatric disorders NEC
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON56770

Source
ToetsingOnline

Brief title
STOP! Revictimization

Condition

- Psychiatric disorders NEC

Synonym
repeated victimization; multiple stressful life events

Research involving
Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Arkin (Amsterdam)
Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Fonds Slachtofferhulp

Intervention

Keyword: Experience Experts, Focus Groups, PTSD, Revictimization

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

The primary study parameter are the themes that will emerge during the focus group session. These themes will be used to identify the targets for the novel intervention aimed at decreasing revictimization after trauma treatment.

Secondary outcome

The secondary study parameters are the interpersonal (re-)victimization histories of people who have been/are in treatment at the specialized trauma center. We will differntiate between interpersonal (re)-victimization during childhood (up until 17 years of age) and in adulthood (starting at 18 years of age).

Study description

Background summary

Previous exposure to a potentially traumatic event such as physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, and physical or emotional neglect, is associated with an increased risk of re-experiencing one of these traumatic events in the future, a phenomenon called revictimization (Fereidooni et al., 2023). Revictimization can in itself be a traumatic experience and has additionally been associated with adverse mental health outcomes (Balsam et al., 2011). Most literature has focused on college women in the community and (sexual) revictimization in adulthood as a result of childhood maltreatment (Risser et al., 2006; Walker et al., 2019). Therefore, a majority of the studies on revictimization are conducted in college or veteran samples, leading to an underrepresentation of clinical samples. Given the high prevalence of revictimization in people who experience PTSD symptoms, we will conduct the current study in a sample that has been/is in treatment at a specialized trauma treatment center. This approach allows us to explore the rate of revictimization and the factors

associated with it in a high-risk clinical sample.

Therefore, the aim of the current study is to gain insight into the rates of revictimization in clinical populations, specifically patients at a specialized trauma treatment facility. Moreover, we are interested in the patients* perspective on which factors may put them at risk/ protect them from revictimization so we may co-create targets for an intervention aimed at decreasing the risk for revictimization after trauma treatment.

Study objective

To determine the targets for an intervention aimed at reducing revictimization after trauma-treatment by means of a co-creation session. A secondary objective is to gain insight into the interpersonal revictimization history of people currently in treatment in a trauma expertise center .

Study design

We will send out questionnaires to all clients who have been in treatment at a specialized trauma center since october 2022 and invite them to fill out a questionnaire. A subset of people (who meet de inclusion criteria) will be invited to participate in focus groups.
At the same time, the therapists at the specialized trauma center will also be informed of the research and will be asked to approach clients that are approaching the end of their treatment trajectory and that have a history of interpersonal (re-)victimization.
Finally, all eligible participants who have indicated that they would like to participate will be invited for a focus group session that will last 2 a 2.5 hours.

Study burden and risks

Filling out the questionnaire(s) about a history of childhood maltreatment and/or interpersonal victimization in adulthood may elicit negative feelings in the participants. Participating in the focus groups may elicit negative feelings as well, due to the nature of the events that we will talk about. We expect these feelings to be transient and not harmful for the participants.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age
Adults (18-64 years)

Inclusion criteria

- Given consent to be approached for participation in scientific research during their treatment as
well as for follow-up after treatment
- Fluency in Dutch (written and spoken)
- Older than 18 years of age
- Having had at least 1 trauma treatment session at the Sinai center
Additionally for the focus groups:
- Having experienced at least one type of interpersonal victimization
- If it concerns a client currently in treatment, then they need to indicate that they are stable enough for participation in the focus group

Exclusion criteria

- Acute psychotic disorder
- Intoxication at the time of the focus group (will be based on our observation of the participant). If someone comes to the focus group while intoxicated, we will let them know that they cannot participate in their current state.

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Prevention

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	02-09-2024
Enrollment:	58
Type:	Anticipated

Medical products/devices used

Registration:	No

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date:	30-05-2024
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL86321.018.24