



Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain



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BACKGROUND

- Budget 2019 announced the creation of a new Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain.
- The Michael G. DeGroote Institute for Pain Research and Care at McMaster University was named as the organization to set up the Centre of Excellence.
- This institute was chosen due to its relationship to the Michael G. DeGroote National Pain Centre for its role as coordinating centre for CIHR's Chronic Pain Network and for its collaboration with the Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic based at Hamilton Health Sciences Centre.
- The Centre of Excellence will be funded through Veteran Affairs Canada's Research Funding Program via contributions.



CURRENT STATUS

- Veterans Affairs Canada has issued a grant of \$500,000 to McMaster University for the creation of the Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain.
- The Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain will open on April 1, 2020 and will receive \$17.9 million over the next four years starting in 2020-21, with \$4.66 million per year ongoing.
- The Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain will focus on the creation and dissemination of knowledge and research on chronic pain, one of the most prevalent health concerns among the Veteran population.



NEXT STEPS: CRITICAL TIMELINES

- January/February 2020 – Contribution Agreement signed by VAC and the Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain.
- April 1, 2020 – The Centre of Excellence on Chronic Pain opens.