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The Role of OT Assisting our varied Veteran clients

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Today's Outline

1. VAC client services / demographics
2. OT role within VAC
3. Equipment funding delivery: POC 1, 13
4. Questions

Mandate:

Veterans Affairs Canada
Anciens Combattants Canada



"...the care, treatment, or re-establishment in civil life of any person who served in the Canadian Forces or merchant navy or in the naval, army or air forces or merchant navies of Her Majesty, of any person who has otherwise engaged in pursuits relating to war, and of any other person designated ... **and the care of the dependents or survivors** of any person referred to ..."



Veteran Affairs Canada: 3 Key Roles



1. Disability Compensation & Financial Support



2. Funding for Healthcare & Re-establishment



3. Catalyst for Remembrance

Changing Needs of Veterans

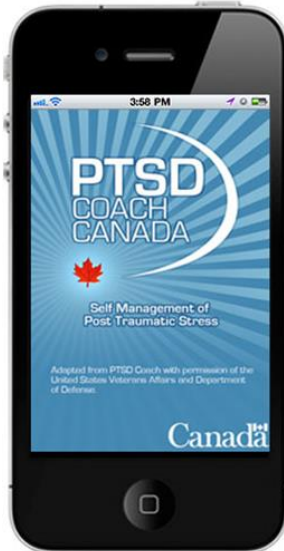
Seniors Health



Changing Needs of Veterans

Vets deployed in Afghanistan (example):

- TBI, PTSD, chronic pain



WWI Vets in Rehab

Occupational Therapy
started with Veterans

INS&EWING



Occupational Therapy - today



Field Nurses & OTs provide In-home Assessments



Occupational Therapy Assessment/Recommendations

Physical, cognitive, mental health status:

- ADL/IADL functioning
- Home safety, accessibility
- Personal care needs
- Mobility, transfers, skin integrity
- Community access needs

→ **EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**



Program of Choice (POC)

Categories of Equipment Funded by VAC:

POC 1: ADL aids

POC 3: Audio – hearing aids

POC 4: Dental

POC 9: Oxygen

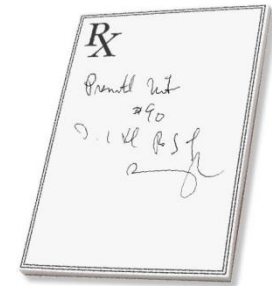
POC 11: Prosthetics, Orthosis

POC 13: Special Equipment – mobility aids, lifts, ramps, etc

Program of Choice (POC) 1 Aids



- Prescribed by Health Professional



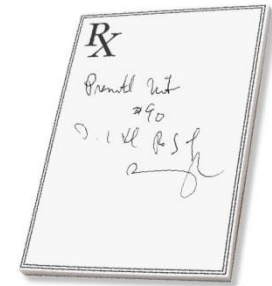
- Veteran uses K-card



Program of Choice (POC) 13 Aids



- Prescribed by Health Professional



- Decision for Approval via District Office:

< \$5000 = CSA, CM

> \$5000 = CSTM

(POC) 13 Aids: Interdisciplinary Team

Veterans Needs + Policy + Safety + Cost Effectiveness



Equipment Challenges

Need vs. Want



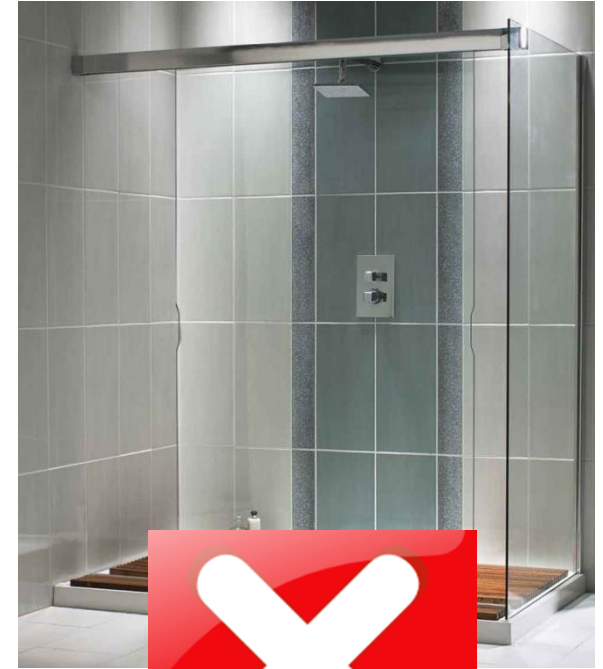
Equipment Challenges

Current needs + sustainable solutions



Equipment Challenges

Basic Functional Needs / Materials



Equipment Challenges



Questions?



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Thank You!

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