



Research Consultant Opportunity: Measure Administration



The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) seeks a research study measure administrator.

Research Study Measure
Administrator

One-Year Contract, up to 15
Hours/Week

\$25.00 - \$30.00/Hour

Organization

The Center for Victims of Torture works toward a future in which torture ceases to exist and its victims have hope for a new life. We are an international nonprofit dedicated to healing survivors of torture. We provide direct care for those who have been tortured, train partners around the world who can prevent and treat torture, and advocate for an end to torture. We are headquartered in Minnesota with offices in Africa and the Middle East.

Purpose and Scope of the Study

The purpose of this research study is to assess the acceptability and efficacy of a trauma-informed and culturally-responsive approach to massage therapy for torture survivors. The goal of the study is to define, test, and disseminate a model of massage therapy that is appropriate for trauma survivors from diverse cultural backgrounds. The study will use a hybrid implementation-effectiveness design to assess the following:

Effectiveness:

- Reduction of chronic pain
- Improvements in mental health
- Improvements in key cardiovascular health indicators

Implementation:

- Acceptability of the intervention to massage therapists and torture survivors
- Appropriateness of the intervention for torture survivors from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Sustainability of the intervention in real-world conditions

This study has the potential to develop and validate a new model of massage therapy that is specifically tailored to the needs of torture survivors. This model could then be disseminated to massage therapists and torture survivors around the world, providing them with access to a safe and effective treatment for the physical and emotional effects of torture.

Description of Work

The measure administrator will be responsible for administering self-report measures (chronic pain, sleep quality, interoceptive awareness) and cardiovascular assessments (blood pressure, and heart rate) variability to a culturally diverse population of asylum seekers and refugees who have experienced torture and war trauma. Measures will be administered at three clinic locations in St. Paul, MN. The majority of measure administration sessions will be completed in collaboration with a language interpreter. The consultant will receive training and ongoing support on measure administration with this population.



Contract Requirements

- Conduct measure administration sessions at three clinic locations in St. Paul, MN, up to 15 hours per week
- Coordinate and schedule measure administration sessions
- Collaborate with an interpreter before, during, and after measure administration sessions
- Participate in measure training and support, up to 1 hour per week
- Consult with the principal investigator, up to 1 hour per week
- Conduct interviews and focus groups, as needed
- Travel to and between three clinic sites in St. Paul
- Manage protected health information (PHI) according to study protocols and legal requirements

Required Experience:

- College/university coursework in medicine, nursing, or the social sciences with an emphasis on research methods, statistics, and/or program evaluation

Preferred Experience:

- Bachelor's or master's degree in a field relevant to this study with an emphasis on research methods, statistics, and/or program evaluation
- Experience with quantitative methods
- Experience administering measures or evaluation tools
- Experience working on a clinical setting
- Experience working with interpreters
- Experience with qualitative methods
- Previous experience working or volunteering with organizations that serve refugees and/or survivors of torture or other gross human rights violations

Location and Required Travel:

This work will be conducted at three clinical sites in St. Paul, Minnesota. Must be able to provide your own transportation reliably within St. Paul.

To Apply:

To jesala@cvt.org: Send resume and a statement of interest, which must include the following: details on relevant experience, availability, requested hourly rate, and contact information for two professional references.

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