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The editors of Best Practices in Mental Health are seeking manuscripts for a Special Issue on Military/Veteran-Connected Populations. Consistent with the journal’s aims, this special issue seeks manuscripts in four areas of mental health practice with military-connected populations: 1) best practices, 2) emerging practices, 3) practice-based evidence, and 4) evidence-based practice.

1) **Best practices** for mental health can be described as a method or technique that has consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means and is often used as a benchmark for others to base their practices on. Additionally, best practices guidelines are determined through a thorough process that includes research findings, clinical experience, and implementation guidelines which are then debated and discussed by panels of specialists including clinicians, researchers, program administrators, and client advocates.

2) **Emerging practices** are defined as treatments and services that are promising, are less thoroughly documented than evidence-based practices, and have a strong research foundation but fewer than five scientifically rigorous published studies. Emerging practices are often administrative or clinical practices that have proven effective at achieving a specific aim, hold promise for other organizations, and show effectiveness in small-scale projects where research designs are less rigorous or self-reporting measures are used.

3) **Practice-based evidence** is defined as evidence of real-world data collection and focuses heavily on improving practice. Descriptions are focused on effectiveness and practice, and studies often describe routine practices that have high external validity but little inferential generalizability.

4) **Evidence-based practices** are those interventions for which there is consistent scientific evidence showing that they improve client outcomes, with one or more replications of the original studies.


Authors should indicate on submission that the manuscript is for the Special Issue on Military/Veteran-Connected Populations. **Submissions must be received by July 31, 2016.**