

Military Epidemiology – what can we learn from the past to help and support future generations of military personnel?

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This mini-symposium will build on mini-symposia with a similar focus that we have presented at previous EPICOH conferences and will provide EPICOH delegates with an overview of current issues in military epidemiology, focusing on how past conflicts can influence how we support current and future service personnel and veterans. Taken together, the armed forces and veterans are a significant proportion of the workforce in many countries. This mini-symposium will have representation from three of the nations in the 'Five Eyes' alliance, which over the years have been involved in a number of major conflicts. It will show that lessons from the long-term effects of the Vietnam and First Gulf War conflicts can be learned to the benefit of those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, thus enabling comparisons within and across nations and conflicts.

	Speaker	Title
Introduction	Prof Nicola Fear King's College, London, UK	Overview and introduction
Presentation 1	Prof David McBride University of Otago, New Zealand	The intergenerational effects of the Vietnam conflict
Presentation 2	Prof Malcolm Sim Monash University, Australia	Long term physical and mental health impact of deploying to the First Gulf War
Presentation 3	Dr Sharon Stevelink King's College London, UK	The mental health impact of deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan: what does the current data show?
Presentation 4	Prof Nicola Fear King's College, London, UK	The ADVANCE study – focusing on the impact of being a battle casualty from the Afghanistan conflict
Discussion	Prof Kate Venables University of Oxford, UK & Prof Nicola Fear King's College, London, UK	Panel Q&A and general discussion