

# SPRINT

Suicide Prevention Research Impact NeTwork  
VA HSR&D Consortium of Research

On September 5, 2019, SPRINT convened a working meeting in Portland to synthesize an initial SPRINT research agenda and develop a set of initial project ideas to be supported by SPRINT via communications to stakeholders, pilot funding, and infrastructure.

Topics identified from this meeting as a high priority for SPRINT to facilitate in FY2020:

1. Risk Factors, in particular, understanding and addressing how risk varies over time and how risk factors can be incorporated into personalized approaches to suicide prevention.
2. Outcomes, in particular, identification and validation of useful proxy outcomes for suicide behaviors (e.g., all-cause mortality, mental health symptoms, well-being or other quality of life indicators).
3. Special populations, in particular, Veterans not connected to VA or other healthcare services; rural Veterans; Veterans recently separated from the military.
4. Community approaches, in particular, engaging families and close supports in suicide prevention for Veterans; application of promising community and non-VA systems interventions to the Veteran population; understanding public and media impacts and testing messaging to decrease stigma and increase engagement.
5. Other interventions, in particular, studies of technology application (including telehealth/mobile solutions) to at-risk Veterans; larger-scale effectiveness and/or hybrid effectiveness-implementation studies of psychotherapy for Veterans at risk; means safety interventions.