

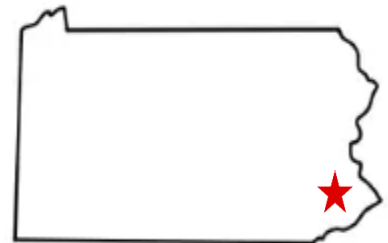
Vietnam-Era Twin (VET) Registry 2019 Focus Group Summary

A key part of the management of the Vietnam-Era Twin (VET) Registry is to ensure retention of members like you. To help us improve our operations and services, the Seattle Epidemiologic Research & Information Center (ERIC) holds in-person focus groups to get direct feedback from VET Registry members about their experiences. Below is a summary of the 2019 focus group findings.

The 2019 focus groups were held in **Philadelphia, PA**. VET Registry members who lived within 50 miles of the focus group locations were invited to participate. A total of 24 VET Registry members attended the focus groups. Members participated with and without their twins.

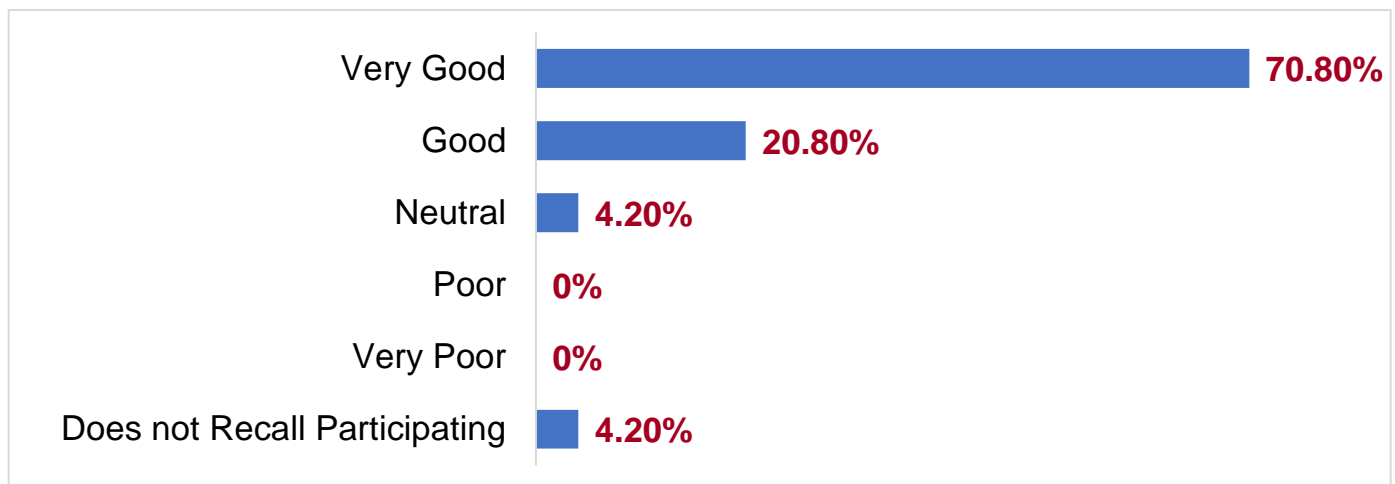
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE VET REGISTRY?

Based on a poll administered at the focus groups, **70.8%** of participants believed the VET Registry collaborates with other institutions and **29.2%** were unsure.



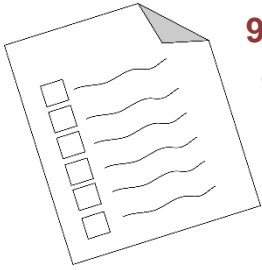
The VET Registry partners with VA and non-VA institutions to conduct high-quality research. We have recently worked with academic institutions including Boston University, University of California, San Diego, and Emory University.

HOW YOU RATED YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE WITH THE VET REGISTRY:



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH?

Poll results show that pen and paper surveys are favored over web-based studies.



91.6% of focus group attendees said they are either very likely or likely to complete a mailed paper and pencil survey, while **45.8%** of participants said they are either very likely or likely to complete a web-based survey.



Participants reported they are willing to participate in a variety of studies. **83.5%** of focus group attendees said they are very likely or likely to participate in studies that request a muscle biopsy, and **87.5%** said they are very likely or likely to give a sample for a fat biopsy. All of the focus group participants reported they are very likely or likely to participate in studies that require a urine or saliva sample.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE VET REGISTRY?

The members who attended the focus groups were interested in learning more about the findings of the studies they participate in, and how their contributions to research may help others.

More information about VET Registry studies, and a full list of all VET Registry Publications can be found on the Seattle ERIC website:

<https://www.seattle.eric.research.va.gov/VETR/Home.asp>.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued membership in the VET Registry. If you have any questions about focus groups or other VET Registry studies, you may reach us toll-free at **1-800-329-8387 ext. 61964**.