Explore interviews in Montreal: many thanks to all of the teams of the intensive care units of the CHUM (University Hospital of Montreal).

The exploratory interviews were very successfully at the three CRIOF sites in Montreal (Hôpital Saint-Luc, Hôpital Notre-Dame, L’Hôpital Louis-H. Lafontaine). Laurence Aubert (PhD student in psychology) and I met with 40 professionals (20 nurses and 20 physicians) in July. The exploratory interviews were very successful at the three sites. The professionals who work in intensive care are not necessarily have the same availability and do not favor the socio-professional category as the doctors and nurses do not confront the specific stressors, and this study aims to identify these stressors and to discuss and inform themselves about the interest and the feasibility of the research.

The success of the research depends on the information about the professionals who will be the target of the questionnaire and the interviews. This information must be clear and the professionals must feel concerned. The psychologist must be available and the interview must be conducted outside of work, but this solution is not always easy for the professionals and therefore they can organize their time.

Before beginning the interviews, it is essential to meet with the professionals who will agree to be interviewed. The staff lounge, reception room, and offices are meeting places where professionals allow themselves to take more time to discuss and inform themselves about the interest and the feasibility of the research.

We are currently transcribing the interviews conducted in Montreal. The qualitative analysis of the interviews will allow us to draw up a coding framework showing all of the stressors reported by the professionals (in terms of frequency and intensity). This coding framework will then be used by all of the research teams involved in order to enrich and/or modify it on the basis of their own interviews.

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