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Individuals declared not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder:
Dispositions, resources and service trajectories.

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Project summary:

In Quebec there are approximately 50 hospitals designated to hold hearings of Quebec Review Board (RB). A professional forensic expertise is not guaranteed in all of these institutions. The quality and systematization of evaluations and risk management plans presented to the RB vary from one region to another. Furthermore, the capacity of the RB to orient individuals declared NCRMD depends on accessibility, continuity, expertise and efficiency of services available for this clientele in each region, information which is not always available. The geographic and judicial trajectories, as well as use of health services for individuals declared not criminally responsible on account of mental disorders are still unknown. Do these individuals return to their region to receive services, or do they migrate more or less permanently in big centers like Montreal? How is this decision affected by mental health resources availability in their region? These questions have important implication for training that should be offered in hospital that have to present evaluation to the RB, administration of services, and in budget allocations.

Objectives: 1) Evaluate systematization of risk of violence evaluations presented to the RB. 2) Evaluate motives of RB decision. 3) Establish rates of criminal recidivism and psychiatric hospitalization of individual unconditionally released. 4) Identify factors associated with criminal recidivism and rehospitalization. 5) Describe migration trajectories of individuals declared NCRMD. 6) Identify individual and organizational factors associated with these trajectories. 7) Describe utilization and cost of mental health services for this clientele before, during and after a verdict of NCRMD.