

## UPDATED LIST OF DISEASES CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED BY VA AS RELATED TO HERBICIDE EXPOSURE

The following diseases are those officially recognized by VA as related to herbicide exposure. To win benefits, VA law and regulations also require that some of these conditions appear (or "become manifest") within a deadline that began to run the day you left Vietnam. If there is a deadline, it is listed in brackets after the name of the disease. If your condition is not listed below, ask your doctor whether what you have is similar to any of these. There may be room to argue that your condition is the same as one of these:

- Prostate cancer
- Peripheral neuropathy (acute and sub-acute)
- Spina Bifida in children of Vietnam Veterans
- Chloracne [one year]
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, including any diagnosis of a lymphoma [except Hodgkin's lymphoma], mycosis fungoides, and old terms such as lymphosarcoma, reticulum cell sarcoma and Sternberg's sarcoma. Porphyria cutanea tarda [one year]
- Respiratory cancers [30 years], including cancer of the
  - lung
  - bronchus
  - larynx
  - trachea
- Multiple myeloma
- Hodgkin's disease
- chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) –PENDING PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas, including:
  - Adult fibrosarcoma
  - Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
  - Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
  - Liposarcoma
  - Leiomyosarcoma
  - Epithelioid leiomyosarcoma (malignant leiomyoblastoma)
  - Rhabdomyosarcoma
  - Ectomesenchymoma
  - Angiosarcoma (hemangiosarcoma and lymphangiosarcoma)
  - Proliferating (systemic) angioendo- theliomatosis
  - Malignant glomus tumor
  - Malignant hemangiopericytoma
  - Synovial sarcoma (malignant synovioma)
  - Malignant giant cell tumor of tendon sheath
  - Malignant schwannoma, including malignant schwannoma with rhabdomyoblastic differentiation (malignant Triton tumor), glandular and epithelioid
  - malignant schwannomas
  - Malignant mesenchymoma
  - Malignant granular cell tumor
  - Alveolar soft part sarcoma
  - Epithelioid sarcoma
  - Clear cell sarcoma of tendons and aponeuroses
  - Extraskkeletal Ewing's sarcoma
  - Congenital and infantile fibrosarcoma
  - Malignant ganglioneuroma

Under the VA rule, soft tissue sarcoma does not include osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma.

### NOT BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN INCURRED AS THE RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDE

Published in the Federal Register was a list of conditions that the VA has determined will not be presumed to have been incurred as the result of exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam during the Vietnam era. These conditions unrelated to herbicide exposure include hepatobiliary cancers, nasal/nasopharyngeal cancer, bone cancer, breast cancer, urinary bladder cancer, renal cancer, testicular cancer, leukemia (except CLL), abnormal sperm parameters and infertility, motor/coordination dysfunction, chronic peripheral nervous system disorders, metabolic and digestive disorders (other than diabetes mellitus), immune system disorders, circulatory disorders, respiratory disorders (other than certain respiratory cancers), skin cancer, cognitive and neuropsychiatric effects, gastrointestinal tumors, and any other condition for which the VA Secretary has not specifically determined that a presumption of service connection is warranted. The VA's decision in this regard is based upon scientific findings.

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