

Agent Orange: Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as associated with exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides during military service or as associated with military service.

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Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure

Veterans may be eligible for [disability compensation](#) and [health care benefits](#) for diseases that VA has recognized as associated with [exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides](#).

Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died as the result of diseases associated with Agent Orange may be eligible for [survivors' benefits](#).

- [Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy](#)
A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides and resolve within 2 years after the date it began.
- [AL Amyloidosis](#)
A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs.
- [Chloracne \(or Similar Acneform Disease\)](#)
A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, chloracne (or other acneform disease similar to chloracne) must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides.
- [Chronic B-cell Leukemias](#)
A type of cancer which affects white blood cells. VA's regulation recognizing all chronic B-cell leukemias as related to exposure to herbicides took effect on October 30, 2010.
- [Diabetes Mellitus \(Type 2\)](#)
A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin.
- [Hodgkin's Disease](#)
A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia.
- [Ischemic Heart Disease](#)
A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain. VA's regulation recognizing ischemic heart disease as related to exposure to herbicides took effect on October 30, 2010.
- [Multiple Myeloma](#)
A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow.
- [Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma](#)
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.

- [**Parkinson's Disease**](#)
A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement. VA's regulation recognizing Parkinson's disease as related to exposure to herbicides took effect on October 30, 2010.
- [**Porphyria Cutanea Tarda**](#)
A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to herbicides.
- [**Prostate Cancer**](#)
Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.
- [**Respiratory Cancers**](#)
Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.
- [**Soft Tissue Sarcoma \(other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma\)**](#)
A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

Agent Orange: Birth Defects in Children of Vietnam and Korea Veterans

VA has recognized that certain birth defects among Veterans' children are associated with Veterans' exposure to Agent Orange, or are associated with qualifying service in Vietnam.

- [**Spina Bifida \(Except Spina Bifida Occulta\)**](#)
A neural tube birth defect that results from the failure of the bony portion of the spine to close properly in the developing fetus during early pregnancy.
- [**Birth Defects in Children of Women Vietnam Veterans**](#)
Covered birth defects include a wide range of conditions associated with women Veterans' service in Vietnam.

The affected child must have been conceived after the Veteran entered Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the qualifying service period.

VA Benefits

Children with spina bifida or covered birth defects who are biological children of Veterans with qualifying service may be eligible for:

- Compensation
- Health care
- Vocational training

Learn more about [benefits for Veterans' children with birth defects](#).