

Gulf War Registry (Formerly Persian Gulf Registry)

As of September 2002 the combined programs of the VA and DoD Gulf War clinical evaluation programs had seen more than 100,339 Gulf War veterans. The program that led to this was both called the Persian Gulf Registry and the Clinical Comprehensive Evaluation Program. This was from the initial 697,000 troops that had deployed during Operation Desert Shield / Desert Storm.

The program had three phases, and in the old days you would be sent to a Gulf War Referral Clinic if you were sick enough. That changed with Operation Iraqi Freedom, and now the whole issue falls under Gulf War Era. So now the Persian Gulf Coordinator you would have walked into to see in 1994 is now the Environmental Health Coordinator who would send you to the War Related Illness and Injury Clinic in Washington DC or East Orange, New Jersey.

Quote from Deployment Health website:

The Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf War Registry offers a free, complete physical examination with basic laboratory studies to every veteran who served in the Gulf War. The VA has named a physician at every VA medical center to coordinate the special examination program, which elicits information about symptoms and exposures and directs baseline laboratory studies. The VA is also inviting spouses and children of Gulf War Veterans who have received a Registry examination to take advantage of the special health examinations. To schedule an examination you should contact the VA at 800-PGW-VETS (800-749-8387).

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/>

The VA Persian Gulf War Health Examination Registry, was authorized in November 1992 by the "Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Status Act" (Public Law 102-585).

The U.S. began deploying troops to the Gulf region in late 2002. As of May 19, 2004, among 139,778 veterans of OIF who have separated from active military duty, 15 percent (21,021) have sought health care from VA.

VA must provide a GWR examination to veterans who request the examination and who served on active military duty in Southwest Asia during the GW which began in 1990, and continues to the present {per 38 U.S.C. § 101(33)} including OIF. There is a new location for the GW Registry web page information.

http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/registry_exam.asp