

Gulf War Veterans' FAQ

- Q:** How can I participate in GWI Clinical Studies?
- A:** Scan the QR Code under Gulf War Illness Clinical Research Opportunities or email the RACGWVI.
- Q:** How will my participation in research help other GWV?
- A:** Clinical research identifies ways to diagnose, prevent, treat, and cure disease for all GWV.
- Q:** Could I lose my VA benefits if I participate in GWI clinical research?
- A:** No. Participation in VA research is not connected to your VA benefits.

Additional Gulf War Veteran Resources

PACT Act

<https://tinyurl.com/PACTAct1>



Provider Training on Military Toxic Exposures

<https://tinyurl.com/WRIISCTraining>



War Related Illness and Injury Center (WRIISC) Referral Process for your Healthcare Provider

<https://tinyurl.com/WRIISCrefferal>



Or Call MyVA411 information line:
800-698-2411 (TTY: 711)



Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

DESERT STORM

VETERAN

Are you a
1990–91 Gulf War Veteran
suffering with Gulf War
Illness?

Do you know a
Gulf War Veteran who suffers
with Gulf War Illness?

Do you want to know more
about Gulf War Illness?

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

The 1990-91 Gulf War

Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm

- The United States and coalition forces campaigned together to liberate Kuwait from Iraq's invasion.
- After the 43 day air campaign and 100 hour ground operation, the U.S. led coalition expelled Iraq from Kuwait.

However, a new battle was starting...

- Approximately 35% of returning troops were experiencing new and debilitating health concerns without explanation.
- Health concerns experienced by Gulf War service members encompassed a variety of symptoms and disorders including (but not limited to): Brain fog, fatigue, widespread pain, respiratory issues, skin rashes, irritable bowel syndrome, and sleep disorders.
- These health issues remain in Gulf War Veterans (GWV) and are known as Gulf War Illness (GWI).

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RACGWVI)

Public Law 105-368 required the VA to establish a research oversight committee to make recommendations on proposed research studies, plans and strategies related to understanding and treating the health consequences from the 1990-91 Gulf War. The RACGWVI is a Congressionally mandated committee established and operated in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Causes and Treatments for GWI

- The cause of GWI remains unknown; however, the role of military toxic exposures remain an active research topic.
- VA supports research to evaluate new and effective treatment options for GWV with GWI.

Share Your Voice!

The Gulf War Veteran Community is an essential partner for success.

Join Us!

- Attend RACGWVI committee meetings.
- Attend Veteran Engagement Sessions.
- Participate in Gulf War Illness research.

Help us fight Gulf War Illness!

RACGWVI Committee Meetings

Listen to leading clinical experts, GWV, caretakers, policy makers, and community leaders discuss healthcare concerns and research findings related to GWI.

Veteran Engagement Sessions

Listen and share experiences with other GWV as we explore guided questions related to past and present health concerns, treatments in managing a better quality of life, and the burden that GWI has brought to your life.

E-mail: varacgwvi@va.gov
www.va.gov/RAC-GWVI



All meetings are free and open to the public.

Gulf War Illness Clinical Research Opportunities

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9ase4n>

