

Directory of Deployment Health and Medically Unrelated Symptoms Websites



This directory is an expanded list of government agencies, voluntary associations, and private organizations that provide diabetes information and resources.

These organizations and related websites offer educational materials and support to people with deployment health issues and the general public. Other sites are specific to health care professionals.

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Air War College Gateway to Military Medicine

www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/awc-medi.htm

The Air War College Gateway to Military Medicine is a virtual library that contains a wide range of information on medical topics including, among others, Combat Medicine, Deployment Medicine, Special Ops Medicine, NBC and First-Aid. Under these topics are documents such as a GAO's Wartime Medical Care report; a speech on medical force protection and medical surveillance; Nuclear, Biological, Chemical bibliographies; and the Textbook of Military Medicine on War Psychiatry.

American Academy of Family Physicians

<http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000601/tips/3.html>

This site provides a journal article addressing Medically Unexplained Symptoms.

Armed Forces Epidemiology Board

www.ha.osd.mil/afeb/

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) serves as a continuing scientific advisory body to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the military Surgeons General. The AFEB provides timely scientific and professional advice concerning operational programs, policy development, and research needs for the prevention of disease and injury and the promotion of health. Three levels of information is addressed: the military health system, beneficiary and provider. This site offers reports, recommendations, calendar of events, forms and links to other related sites.

Army Medical Surveillance Activity

http://amsa.army.mil/AMSA/amsa_home.htm

AMSA is the only organization in the Army that performs comprehensive medical surveillance and routinely publishes background rates of diseases and injuries for the Army population. Committed to provide preventive medicine and health promotion leadership, direction, and services for America's Army, AMSA aspires to be a recognized leader in providing timely, useful, and reliable information needed to optimize the health, fitness, and performance of America's warfighters and the Total Army community. This web site is an excellent resource for military documents, forms, surveillance activities and more.

Army One Source

www.armyonesource.com

AOS is a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week toll-free information and referral telephone service available to active duty, National Guard and Reserve soldiers, deployed civilians, and their families worldwide. AOS provides information ranging from every day concerns to deployment/reintegration issues. Additionally, if there is a need for face-to-face counseling, AOS will provide referrals to professional civilian counselors for assistance (up to 6 visits). OCONUS, face-to-face counseling is provided via existing Medical Treatment Facility-contracted marriage and family counselors. There is no cost

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to callers, going on-line, ordering educational materials or for counseling services. Telephone numbers are: CONUS: 1-800-464-8107 and OCONUS: (country access code) plus 800-464-81077 (dial all eleven digits).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/

The Centers for Disease Control serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States. CDC Campaigns, programs, conferences, events, publications and products, data and statistics, health and safety topics, and more are available from this site. Of specific interest is the deployment related topics at:

www.cdc.gov/search.do?action=search&queryText=deployment&x=14&y=6 and CDC's travel-related information at: www.cdc.gov/travel/

CHAMPVA

www.va.gov/hac/champva/champva.asp

Under CHAMPVA, VA shares the cost of covered health care services and supplies with eligible beneficiaries. CHAMPVA is a health care benefits program for the spouse or widow(er) and for the children of a veteran who: 1) is rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability by a VA regional office, or 2) was rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition at the time of death, or 3) died of a service-connected disability, or 4) died on active duty **and** the dependents are not otherwise eligible for DoD TRICARE benefits. Comprehensive information available on this site.

Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov/

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides information on VA programs, veterans benefits, worldwide VA facilities, and VA medical automation software. Main topics and informational links include health, education, compensation, home loan, appeals, life insurance, Iraqi Freedom, vocational rehab, VA Kids, burial and more.

Deployment Health Clinical Center

www.pdhealth.mil

The objective of this site is to support busy clinicians who are charged with following the post-deployment evaluation and management of the clinical practice guideline with a web-based information repository. This repository aims to keep clinicians representing a wide range of specialties practicing in a broad array of highly unique military and civilian practice settings abreast of new health knowledge pertaining to all United States Armed Forces deployments. Information on new policies related to deployment, assessment forms, medical threat debriefing and more found here. Excellent resources for families, especially the medical threat information brochures on redeploying and the medical guide for missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Important numbers include: DHCC Helpline for providers: 1-866-559-1627 or DSN 642-0907. The DHCC Helpline for service members, reserve component, veterans, families and deployed DoD civilians is:

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1-800-796-9699 or DSN 662-6563/3577. Other telephone numbers are provided on the web site for overseas toll free access.

Deployment Link

www.deploymentlink.osd.mil/

This website supports the missions of the Office of the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments to ensure that Veterans of the Gulf War are appropriately cared for, DoD is doing everything possible to understand and explain Gulf War Illnesses. DoD puts into place all required military doctrine, personnel and medical policies and procedures to minimize any future problem from exposure to biological and chemical agents and other environmental hazards. This site contains links to information about pre-deployment tips, pre-deployment immunizations, travel and health advisories throughout the world, as well as current and past military deployments around the world. It has a helpful section on family support for children.

Disabled Soldier Support System

www.ArmyDS3.org

Initiated April 30, 2004, the Department of the Army introduced a Disabled Soldier Support System Program which provides its severely disabled Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up with personal support to assist them as they transition from military service to the civilian community. The Army's goal for DS3 is for it to work in concert with other key organizations to ensure that our disabled Soldiers and families are given the care, support and assistance they so rightly deserve.

Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom

www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/

VA offers a wide range of benefits and information for returning veterans. This site includes links to other federal agencies and organizations that offer related benefits and services. Helpful "Quick Tips" to get started.

Environmental Agents Service

<http://www1.va.gov/EnvironAgents/>

The Environmental Agents Service provides strategic direction for clinical, research, education and outreach programs on behalf of veterans who have health problems or concerns possibly related to potential environmental hazards, including, but not limited to, Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam or elsewhere, a variety of environmental agents or hazards encountered in the Gulf War, and ionizing radiation from the detonation of atomic weapons or through other means.

Global Emerging Infections System Deployment Health

www.geis.ha.osd.mil/

This site provides information on immunizations for deployments and other useful military unique, government educational and online publications links. The mission of GEIS is to detect and monitor emerging pathogens, the diseases they cause, and the factors influencing their emergence to protect military readiness, the health of DoD

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beneficiary populations and other national interests. This is the official web site of the DoD GEIS central hub.

Gulflink: Gulf War Illnesses Home Page

www.gulflink.osd.mil/

Many veterans of the Gulf War have expressed concern that their unexplained illnesses may have resulted from their experiences in that war. In response to veterans' concerns, the Department of Defense established a task force in June 1995 to investigate those incidents and circumstances relating to possible causes.

"Environmental Exposure Reports" are reports of what the Department of Defense knows today about certain events that took place during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm of 1990 and 1991. This environmental exposure report focuses on the use of pesticides by US military personnel and the resulting exposures to these compounds. The Department published the initial report on January 12, 2001. This web site makes available the final report.

Hooah 4 Health

www.hooah4health.com/environment/deployment.htm

The U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the Army National Guard, and the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, sponsor this web site. Unlike other health-related web sites, this one is specifically designed to address the force health protection and readiness requirements of the ARMY, particularly its Reserve Component. In 1998 the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine was tasked by the U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General to devise a health promotion partnership that allows individuals to assume the responsibility to explore options and take charge of their health and well being. This web site offers numerous tips, guides and other sources of information in an easy to read and navigate format.

Institute of Medicine – Health of Veterans and Deployed Forces

<http://veterans.iom.edu/>

The Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council are part of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), a private, non-profit, self-perpetuating society of distinguished scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research. They have produced and continue to produce reports on the health and protection of deployed military forces and veterans. These reports build on the Academy's long history of addressing scientific and medical issues related to past and current military conflicts. This site provides information about the Institute of Medicine's work in this area, including summaries and recommendations from past reports, as well as explanations of chemical and biological agents, and links to ongoing projects.

National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeployment.asp

The VA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCHPDP) was developed to "promote the expansion and improvement of clinical, research, and educational activities of the Veterans Health Administration" with respect to preventive

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services for the veteran population. The mission of NHCPDP is to develop a central, coordinated, preventive medicine effort for the veteran population through development of patient and staff educational programs, and improving clinical outcomes focusing on healthy behaviors (Primary Prevention) and secondary Preventive measures. NCHPDP functions as a Prevention leader are in the domain of Preventive Medicine practice, including evaluation and recommendation of screening programs, maintaining current information on clinical activities, and disseminating appropriate, current and relevant information to VA providers and patients. This deployment related web page offers extensive information and resources.

National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

www.ncptsd.org/index.html

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was created within the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989, in response to a Congressional mandate to address the needs of veterans with military-related PTSD. Its mission was, and remains: To advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders. This website is provided as an educational resource concerning PTSD and other enduring consequences of traumatic stress. This site makes available "The Iraqi War Clinician Guide, 2nd Edition" as a downloadable document.

Naval Health Research Center

www.nhrc.navy.mil/

The Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) is a strategically positioned forward Bureau of Medicine and Surgery laboratory to support fleet operational readiness through research, development, test, and evaluation on the biomedical and psychological aspects of the Navy and Marine Corps. Most of the work conducted at this facility is in the advanced development stage of the research or evaluation process and requires close and continuous interaction with operational units of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Special Operations. The Center's mission includes conducting epidemiological studies to investigate the longitudinal health experience of previously deployed military personnel and the development and evaluation of appropriate health surveillance strategies. Research includes studies of symptoms, hospitalizations, reproductive outcomes, mortality, and other health outcomes among DoD beneficiary populations, both military and civilian.

Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards

www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov

The Office was established in 1990 as the Office of Environmental Health and acquired its current name in 1994. The focus of the office has been to improve the health of veterans through professionally developed policies relating to surveillance, prevention and treatment, energetic outreach, and special attention to the unique healthcare needs of special populations, including women veterans, veterans with AIDS, Hepatitis C, and veterans exposed to environmental hazards. Numerous issues including Agent Orange, the Gulf War, radiation, depleted uranium, women veteran's health, terrorism, veteran's health initiative and more are addressed on this web site.

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Readjustment Counseling, Bereavement Counseling (Vet Centers)

www.va.gov/rcs

This VA program welcomes home with honor the war veteran by providing quality readjustment services in a caring manner assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their respective communities. Bereavement Counseling is now being offered to parents, spouses and children of Armed Forces personnel who died in the service of their country. Also eligible are family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty.

Reserve Affairs-Mobilization and Demobilization

www.defenselink.mil/ra/mobil/

This Guide is designed to provide Guard and Reserve members with information that will assist them in preparing for their military duties. Topics include: Presidential Executive Orders, DoD policy documents, pay and allowances, healthcare options, family support resources, financial assistance, demobilization, reemployment rights, assistance for students, small business owners, and more.

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Deployment Health

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/deployment/>

This site provides access to numerous guides on health and performance during military operations to include practicing good personal protective measures. Of special interest may be the Deployment Medication Information Sheets (DMIS) that provide information on vaccines and other preventive medications soldiers receive in preparation for movement and/or during their deployment. In addition there are deployment related publications such as Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of Tactical Importance to USCENTCOM (October 2001). Publications are available directly from the website at: <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/contactus/docrequest.asp>

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

www.apgea.army.mil/

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command provide support in three main areas of defense: research, development and acquisition; emergency preparedness and response; and safe, secure chemical weapons storage, remediation and demilitarization. SBCCOM provides defense capabilities by fostering partnerships with communities, industry and other government agencies in developing and implementing soldier, chemical, and biological defense systems to ensure maximum protection for the United States.

U.S. Navy Deployment Medical Surveillance

www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/epi/depsurv.htm

The Navy's Deployment Medical Surveillance program seeks to ensure a fit and healthy force and to prevent illness, disease, adverse stress responses, and injuries from degrading mission effectiveness and war fighting capabilities through medical surveillance of all service members before, during and after military deployments. As the BUMED designated site for deployment medical surveillance, this site provides the DoD Directives, Instructions and Policy Memorandums regarding surveillance and

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general guidance on the reporting of medical events. Provides useful internet resource links to the World Health, the Navy's Global Emerging Infectious Diseases site and the Pan American Health Organization.

Veterans Benefits Administration

www.vba.va.gov

This site makes available the "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents (2004 Edition)" handbook which lists the variety of federal benefits available to veterans and their dependents. Surveys, benefit and workload reports, reference manuals and regulations, explanation of benefits, on-line forms and numerous other topics are linked from this web page.

Veterans Service Organizations

<http://www1.va.gov/vso/>

This site contains a directory of both chartered and non-chartered service organizations. This information is provided as an informational service by the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. This up-to-date, database driven website allows you to [View](#) VSO information in a variety of ways. You may also [Search](#) through the VSO database to find information that suits your needs.

War Related Illness and Injury Study Center

www1.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/

The mission of WRIISC-DC is to provide service to combat veterans through clinical care, risk communication and research addressing potential environmental exposures and adverse health outcomes. Achievement of this mission relies upon educational and outreach activities to veterans and health care professionals, research on deployment-related health concerns, advances in clinical care, and risk communication. This web site addresses research, clinical care, risk communication, education and training and the latest news items.

Women's Veterans Health and Benefits Information

www.va.gov/wvhp

While supporting the overall mission of Department of Veterans Affairs, and in collaboration with VA's Center for Women Veterans established in 1994, the Women Veterans Health Program specifically addresses the health care needs of eligible women veterans, providing appropriate, timely and compassionate health care at the facility level. The "Frequently Asked Questions" page is an excellent overview of services and programs.