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Agent Orange: Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems associated with exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides:

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Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is not associated with Agent Orange exposure. However, VA has recognized ALS diagnosed in veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military was caused by their military service. Learn about VA benefits for ALS, including [health care services](#) and [disability compensation and other non-health benefits](#).

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:

- **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 Agent Orange 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.
- **B Cell Leukemias**
Cancers which affect B cells, such as hairy cell leukemia.
- **Chloracne (or Similar Acneform Disease)**
A skin condition that occurs soon after dioxin exposure 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 Agent Orange.
- **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia**
A disease that progresses slowly with increasing production of excessive numbers of white blood cells.
- **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.
- **Multiple Myeloma**
A cancer of specific bone marrow cells that is characterized by bone marrow tumors in various bones of the body.
- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.
- **Parkinson's Disease**
A motor system condition with symptoms that include trembling of the limbs and face and impaired balance.
- **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 Agent Orange.
- **Prostate Cancer**
Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.
- **Respiratory Cancers**

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