

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses  
Department of Veterans Affairs**

**LOCATION: Intercontinental Mark Hopkins in the California & Powell Room  
(999 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108)**

**Call-in: (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#**

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**Agenda  
Monday, June 25th, 2018**

<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>9:15 – 9:45</b>	<b>Neurological Health in Gulf War Veterans</b>	<b>Dr. Lawrence Steinman Stanford University</b>
<b>9:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>GWI Patient Case Series</b>	<b>Dr. Wes Ashford and Dr. Steve Hunt VA Palo Alto and VA Puget Sound</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	<b>Roundtable Discussion on Treatments for Gulf War Veterans</b>	<b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>	<b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:30 – 2:15</b>	<b>Placebo Analgesia: Understanding How Expectations Become Self-Fulfilling</b>	<b>Dr. Howard Fields UCSF</b>
<b>2:15 – 3:00</b>	<b>Emerging Technology in Rehabilitative Medicine</b>	<b>Dr. Karunesh Ganguly San Francisco VAMC</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:15</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:15 – 4:00</b>	<b>VA Updates on GW Program and RAC Recommendations</b>	<b>Dr. Karen Block VA Office of Research and Development</b>
<b>4:00 – 4:30</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>	<b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b>
<b>4:30 – 5:00</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	
<b>5:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

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**Agenda  
Tuesday, June 26th, 2018**

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| <b>8:45 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Introductory Remarks</b>   | <b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman<br/>Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b> |
| <b>9:00 – 9:45</b>   | <b>Discussion with VA Leadership</b>  | <b>Peter M. O'Rourke<br/>Dept. of Veterans Affairs</b>                         |
| <b>9:45 – 10:30</b>  | <b>Autoimmune Diseases and Diagnostics</b>  | <b>Dr. Michael Wilson<br/>UCSF</b>   |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| <b>10:45 – 11:30</b> | <b>Preliminary Report of Post-deployment<br/>Health Services Needs Assessment</b> | <b>Dr. Drew Helmer<br/>VA East Orange, NJ</b>                                  |
| <b>11:30 – 12:00</b> | <b>Committee Discussion</b>   | <b>Dr. Stephen Hauser, Chairman<br/>Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses</b> |
| <b>12:00 – 12:30</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>   |  |
| <b>12:30</b>         | <b>Adjourn</b>  |  |