TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING AT A GLANCE

WHAT IT IS

A CONVERSATION STARTER
The screening asks Veterans if they believe they experienced toxic exposures while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A CONNECTION
Veterans will be offered connections and information on benefits, registry exams, and clinical resources, as appropriate.

A RECORD
Veterans’ responses are added to the VA medical record to be included as part of their care.

EXPOSURE-INFORMED CARE
This approach includes exposure concerns as a cornerstone of Veteran care across their lifetime.

WHAT IT IS NOT

A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM
No specific diagnostic tests or physical exams are indicated to screen for illness based solely on self-reported exposure to toxins.

A PATH TO BENEFITS
The screening does not play a role in determining disability compensation, but Veterans who report exposures will receive information about filing a claim.

A VERIFICATION OF EXPOSURE
The screening provides no legal or medical verification.

A REGISTRY EVALUATION
The screening is not part of VA’s environmental health registries and does not serve as a registry evaluation.

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