

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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