Vietnam War Exposures

Vietnam War (Nov. 1, 1965-April 30, 1975)

Vietnam Veterans may have been exposed to a variety of environmental and chemical hazards that carried potential health risks. VA offers eligible Veterans a free Agent Orange Registry health exam for possible long-term health problems related to herbicide exposure. For more information about these exposures or the registry, visit https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp



Agent Orange or
Other Herbicides
Herbicides used to destroy foliage
and crops



Noise

Harmful sounds from guns,
equipment, and machinery that is
often experienced during service



Hepatitis C
Vietnam-era Veterans are at risk
for hepatitis C. Talk to your
provider about getting tested.



Occupational Hazards
Exposures from working with chemicals, paints, and machinery during service



Liver Fluke Infection
Researchers are exploring a
possible but unproven link
between Veterans who ate raw fish
and a rare bile duct cancer.