

April 21, 2015

Subject: VA RAC Public Comment Period

Re: Gulf War Illnesses, Returning Veterans, Non-Deployed and Families

Dear Committee Members,

- 1). WR11SC – Referrals are not being done. PCP cannot find the websites. – GWI isn't uniform in all 22 Visn's and the Hospital's or clinics nationwide.
- 2). Environmental and Neurological Doctors should be Gulf War Illnesses PCP so they could help other veterans that have multiple issues. We need these types of doctors for primary care and consults. This tool could be our first round of treatment.
- 3). Primary care doctors are not trained on GWI, this needs serious adjusting. The Doctors need to refer patients out to Environmental / Alternative medicine / Natural Medicine. There is over 400,000 plus Gulf War veterans that can benefit from treatment when they become available. These issues should be further looked into – MS – ALS – ALZ – MRI's – FMRI's and spec-scans. We are now in our 25th year after the war ended.
- 4). Presumptions law needs to be updated and expanded.
- 5). Compensation issues – 80% denial rate. The VA Doctors need to research the health effects for GWI or CMI.
- 6). Death count is very high – Approximately 80,000 plus. As a result of the war.
- 7). No GWI Training. Learning Curve. We need evidence based treatments, we have to stop looking for effective treatments because there is none. We need to be referred out to Environmental / Alternative medicine / Natural Medicine.
- 8). We are in our 9th care cycle from 1990. When is VA going to refer GWI to the Huntsman Institute or equal to ?
<http://www.huntsman.com/corporate/a/About%20us/Social%20responsibility/Huntsman%20Cancer%20Institute>
- 9). The VA Move program is never mentioned with research ?

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