

# Agent Orange

Approximately 20 million gallons of herbicides were used in Vietnam between 1962 and 1971 to remove unwanted plant life and leaves which otherwise provided cover for enemy forces during the Vietnam Conflict. Shortly following their military service in Vietnam, some veterans reported a variety of health problems and concerns which some of them attributed to exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has developed a comprehensive program to respond to these medical problems and concerns. The principal elements of this program include quality healthcare services, disability compensation for veterans with service-connected illnesses, scientific research and outreach and education.

Related Agent Orange News and Information Links:

[Ischemic heart disease, Parkinson's disease and chronic B-cell blood cancers including hairy cell leukemia added to the list of presumptive diseases.](#)

[IOM Identifies Link with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Principi Extends Benefits](#)

[Veterans Benefits for those exposed to Agent Orange](#)

[Agent Orange Handbook 1302.1 - 2006](#)

[Veterans Health Initiative \(VHI\) Agent Orange](#)

[DoD Report on Herbicides Used Outside of Vietnam](#)

[VA Clinical Programs and Initiatives Information](#)

*(We would encourage any veteran with in-country Vietnam service and diagnosed diabetes mellitus to contact his or her local VA office (1-800-827-1000) for information and assistance on applying for benefits. Or you may apply on-line) <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>*

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- [Veteran's Health Care Overview](#)
- [Overview of VA Medical Programs](#)
- [CDC: Herbicides Didn't Harm Maine Soldiers](#)
- [VA Health Care Enrollment Process](#)
- [Military Sexual Trauma](#)

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- [Combat Related Special Compensation](#)

- [VA Disability Compensation Rates](#)
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