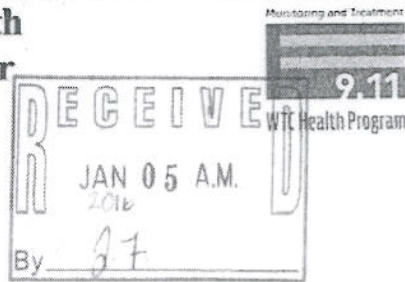


Petition for the Addition of a New WTC-Related Health Condition for Coverage under the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health



General Instructions

Any interested party may petition the WTC Program Administrator to add a condition to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions (List) in 42 C.F.R. Part 88 (see <http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/faq.html#hlthcond> for the complete list).

Please use this form to petition the Administrator to add a health condition (any recognized medical condition requiring treatment or medication) to the List. Please use a separate form for each health condition.

Use of this petition *form* is voluntary, but any petition must include all of the information identified below, as required by 42 C.F.R. Part 88. Petitions that do not provide the required information will not be considered by the WTC Program Administrator. Additional supporting materials may be submitted and are encouraged.

Please note, however, the petition and all supporting materials submitted to the WTC Health Program are part of the public record and may be subject to public disclosure. Personal information will be redacted prior to public disclosure.

Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly on the form.

If you need more space to provide the required information, please attach additional pages to this form.

Mail or email this form to: World Trade Center Health Program
395 E. Street, S.W., Suite 9200
Washington, D.C. 20201
WTC@cdc.gov

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A. Interested Party Information

A1. Do you represent an organization (are you submitting this petition on behalf of an organization)?
 Yes (Go to A2) No (Go to A3)

A2. Organization Information:

Name of organization

A3. Name of Individual Petitioner or Organization Representative:

First name

Last name

Position, if representative of organization

A4. Mailing Address:

Street

City

State

Zip code

A5. Telephone Number: _____

A6. Email Address: _____

B. Proposed WTC-Related Health Condition Information

B1. Health Condition Information:

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Name of health condition you wish to petition to add to the List of covered conditions

If the name of the condition is not known, please provide a description of the condition or the name of the diagnosis provided by a physician or other healthcare provider.

C. Basis for Proposing that the Condition Be Added to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions

C1. Describe the reasons the WTC Program Administrator should consider the addition of this health condition. Explain how the health condition you are proposing relates to the exposures that may have occurred from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Your explanation must include a medical basis for the relationship/association between the 9/11 exposure and the proposed health condition. The medical basis may be demonstrated by reference to a peer-reviewed, published, epidemiologic study about the health condition among 9/11 exposed populations or to clinical case reports of health conditions in WTC responders or survivors. First-hand accounts or anecdotal evidence may not be sufficient to establish medical basis. If you need more space, please attach additional pages to this form.

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY DEVELOPS AS A RESULT OF SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO NEUROTOXINS. FIRST RESPONDERS TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ATTACKS, AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS, RECOVERY WORKERS, RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS WERE EXPOSED TO NUMEROUS NEUROTOXINS ON 9/11/01 AND CONTINUED TO BE EXPOSED FOR EIGHT MONTHS THEREAFTER. NEUROTOXINS WERE INHALED, INGESTED AND ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN AND EYES. I DEVELOPED PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY IN 2001 AT THE SAME TIME I DEVELOPED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER COUGH, ASTHMA, AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS. MY PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY WAS CONFIRMED BY AN ELECTROMYOGRAPHY / NERVE CONDUCTION STUDY. I RESPONDED ON 9/11/01 AS A FIRE FIGHTER FOR THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CONTINUED TO WORK THERE DOING IDENTIFICATIONS AT THE TEMPORARY MORGUE ON SITE UNTIL 2002. MY PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY CONTINUES TO SPREAD AND WORSEEN AND IS NOW CLASSIFIED AS SEVERE IN MY FEET AND LEGS AND MODERATELY SEVERE IN MY HANDS.

TWO STUDIES HAVE ESTABLISHED A CAUSAL LINK BETWEEN WORLD TRADE CENTER DUST AND NERVE DAMAGE

1. ANALYSIS OF SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF WORLD TRADE CENTER DUST ON RAT SCIATIC NERVE
STELKER M, SEGEL NIKUS, WILKENFELD M
JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE
OCTOBER 2014

OBJECTIVE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY WAS TO INVESTIGATE THE SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF RESIDUAL DUST FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON RAT SCIATIC NERVE.

RESULTS: THERE WAS A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE CONDUCTION VELOCITY OF NERVES EXPOSED TO A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF THE DUST FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WHEN COMPARED WITH CONTROLS.

C. Basis for Proposing that the Condition Be Added to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions

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2. NEUROPATHIC SYMPTOMS IN WORLD TRADE CENTER SURVIVORS AND RESPONDERS

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JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE JANUARY 2016

OBJECTIVE: TO DETERMINE WHETHER RESPONDERS AND SURVIVORS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS OF NEUROPATHY AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THOSE NOT EXPOSED

RESULTS: INDICATE THAT PEOPLE EXPOSED TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ENDORSE NEUROPATHIC SYMPTOMS MORE FREQUENTLY THAN PATIENTS WHO WERE NOT EXPOSED. MOREOVER, THE NEUROPATHIC SYMPTOMS WERE MORE SEVERE IN PEOPLE WITH GREATER EXPOSURE.

IN CONCLUSION THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE EXPOSED BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM TO MANY NEUROTOXINS. MANY PEOPLE THUS EXPOSED, INCLUDING MYSELF, HAVE DEVELOPED SEVERE PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY, THE LARGE EXTENT OF WHICH IS NOW BECOMING CLEARLY APPARANT. PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF CONDITIONS COVERED UNDER THE WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM.

D. Signature of Petitioner

Sign your name below to indicate that you are petitioning the WTC Program Administrator to consider adding a health condition to the list of WTC-related health conditions identified in 42 C.F.R. Part 88.

Signature

1-4-16

Date

Privacy Act Statement

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. § 552a), you are hereby notified of the following:

Title I of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 amended the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) to establish the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. Sections 3311, 3312, and 3321 of Title XXXIII of the PHS Act require that the WTC Program Administrator develop regulations to implement portions of the WTC Health Program established within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The WTC Health Program is administered by the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The information provided with this form and supporting documentation will be used by the WTC Program Administrator to consider the disposition of a petitioned-for health condition. Disclosure of this information is voluntary.

Records containing information in identifiable form become part of an existing NIOSH system of records under the Privacy Act, 09-20-0147, "Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEO/ICPA Program Records and WTC Health Program Records, HHS/CDC/NIOSH." These records are treated in a confidential manner, unless otherwise compelled by law.

Information submitted to WTC Health Program which may be considered "protected health information" pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (Pub. L. 104-191; 42 U.S.C. § 1320d) and the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules (45 C.F.R. pts. 160, 162, and 164) will be maintained in accordance with all applicable laws.

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