

Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Ave. N.W. (Room 819) Washington, D.C.

Agenda *Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

7:30 – 8:00	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:00 – 8:15	Meeting called to order Welcome, introductions, opening remarks	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:15 – 8:45	Overview: Multisymptom Illnesses in Gulf War veterans	Dr. Lea Steele, RAC-GWVI
8:45 – 9:45	Multiple Chemical Sensitivity: Research on Characteristics, Pathophysiology, and Treatments for MCS	Dr. Bill Meggs, East Carolina University School of Medicine
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 11:00	Sensitization in Chemical Intolerance and Gulf War Illnesses	Dr. Iris Bell, University of Arizona School of Medicine
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion	
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 2:00	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Research on the Occurrence, Definition, and Pathophysiology of CFS	Dr. William Reeves, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2:00 – 3:00	Fibromyalgia: An Overview of Research on the Diagnosis, Characteristics, and Pathophysiology of Fibromyalgia	Dr. Daniel Clauw, University of Michigan School of Medicine
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 4:15	Treatment Research on Multisymptom Illnesses; The Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Program	Dr. Daniel Clauw, University of Michigan School of Medicine
4:15 – 5:00	Discussion	
5:00 – 5:30	Public Comment Period	
5:30	Adjourn for the day	

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Agenda **Thursday, April 7, 2005**

7:30 – 8:00	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:00	Meeting called to order	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:00 – 9:30	Estimating Depleted Uranium Aerosol Doses and Risk: USACHPPM's Capstone Report	LTC Mark Melanson, USACHPPM Health Physics Ms. Mary Ann Parkhurst, Battelle Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
9:30 – 9:45	Overview of DU Research of Particular Relevance to Multisymptom Illnesses in Gulf War Veterans	Dr. Lea Steele, RAC-GWVI
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 10:45	Behavioral Changes and Brain Lipid Oxidation Following Uranium Exposure	Dr. Wayne Briner, University of Nebraska
10:45 – 11:30	Neurological and Behavioral Effects Following Co-exposure to Uranium and Stress	Dr. David Barber, University of Florida Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30	Gulf War Illness and Vaccines: An Overview of Issues and Epidemiological Findings	Dr. Lea Steele, RAC-GWVI
1:30 – 2:30	Evaluation of Adverse Events Following Anthrax Immunization	COL John Grabenstein, PhD Military Vaccine Agency, U.S. Army Medical Command
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:45	Health Effects of Receipt of Multiple Vaccines: Completed and Ongoing Studies	Dr. Phillip Pittman, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
3:45 – 4:30	Remaining Questions Relating to Immunizations Received by Gulf War Veterans	Dr. Beatrice Golomb, School of Medicine, Univ. of California at San Diego
4:30 – 5:00	Discussion	
5:00 – 5:30	Public Comment Period	
5:30	Adjourn for the day	

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Agenda *Friday, April 8, 2005*

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30	Meeting called to order	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:30 – 9:15	VA Office of Research and Development Update on Gulf War Illness-related Research Activities	Dr. Brian Schuster, VA Office of Research and Development
9:15 – 10:00	RAC-GWVI briefing and discussion with Secretary James Nicholson	
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 – 11:45	Highlights of Recently-Published Research Relevant to Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses	Dr. Beatrice Golomb, School of Medicine, Univ. of California at San Diego
11:45 – 12:30	Committee Business	Mr. Jim Binns Dr. Lea Steele
12:30 – 1:00	Public Comment Period	
1:00	Adjourn	