

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses**  
**August 14-15, 2006**  
**VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Room 230**  
**Washington, D.C.**

***Agenda***  
**Monday, August 14**

<b>8:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Informal gathering, coffee</b>	
<b>8:30 – 8:45</b>	<b>Welcome, introductory remarks</b>	<b>Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman</b> <b>Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:45</b>	<b>Overview: Gulf War illnesses in relation to central proinflammatory processes and autonomic dysregulation</b>	<b>Dr. Lea Steele</b> <b>Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:30</b>	<b>The cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway in the inflammatory reflex</b>	<b>Dr. Kevin Tracey</b> <b>Feinstein Institute for Medical Research</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>Immune abnormalities associated with chronic fatigue syndrome</b>	<b>Dr. Nancy Klimas</b> <b>Univ of Miami School of Medicine,</b> <b>Miami VAMC</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Overview: Research on autonomic and neuroimmune dysregulation associated with Gulf War exposures</b>	<b>Dr. Lea Steele</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Autonomic dysfunction following low-level sarin exposure</b>	<b>Dr. Mariana Morris</b> <b>Wright State Univ Boonshoft School of Medicine</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Summary: Alterations in cholinergic receptors, cytokines, glucocorticoids, and immunity following low-level exposure to cholinergic agents</b>	<b>Dr. Mohan Sopori</b> <b>Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:00</b>	<b>Summary: Persistence of regional indicators of CNS inflammation following Gulf War-related exposures</b>	<b>Dr. Mohamed Abou-Donia</b> <b>Duke University Medical School</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:45</b>	<b>Microglial activation following neurotoxic exposure: the self-propelling cycle of neuroinflammation in neurodegenerative disease</b>	<b>Dr. John Hong</b> <b>Natl Inst Environmental Health Sciences</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3:00 – 3:30</b>	<b>Noninvasive imaging of inflammation in the central nervous system</b>	<b>Dr. Tomas Guilarte</b> <b>Johns Hopkins School of Public Health</b>
<b>3:30 – 5:00</b>	<b>Discussion: Priority study questions and methods in investigating the potential role of neuroinflammatory processes in Gulf War illnesses</b>	
<b>5:00 – 5:15</b>	<b>Public questions/comments on scientific presentations</b>	

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<b>8:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Informal gathering, coffee</b>	
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Public comment period</b>	
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Remarks, presentation of certificates to new Committee members</b>	<b>Dr. Michael Kussman, VA Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Health</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:15</b>	<b>Immune, genomic studies of Gulf War veterans at Miami VAMC</b>	<b>Dr. Nancy Klimas</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<b>Gulf War-related research at Wright State University</b>	<b>Dr. Mariana Morris</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:45</b>	<b>2006 Gulf War illness research initiative at the Department of Defense</b>	<b>COL Janet Harris, Ph.D. Director, U.S. Army Congressionally-Mandated Medical Research Program</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:00</b>	<b>Update: Gulf War research program at University of Texas Southwestern</b>	<b>Dr. Robert Haley Univ of Texas Southwestern Medical School</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:45</b>	<b>Overview and Update: VA Gulf War Illness Research</b>	<b>Dr. Joseph Francis Dr. William Goldberg VA Office of Res and Development</b>
<b>1:45 - 2:30</b>	<b>RAC Business</b>	
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	