

# ARE YOU A VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE GULF WAR? DO YOU ALSO HAVE AN UPCOMING MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AT THE VA?

## *Purpose*

Many Gulf War Veterans experience problems with fatigue, trouble concentrating, and muscle/joint pain (also known as Gulf War Illness). We are conducting a communication study to learn how health care providers and Gulf War Veterans think and talk about Gulf War Illness.



## *Study Details*

Seeking Veterans who served in the Gulf War who have an upcoming appointment with a health care provider at the primary care clinic or at the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC).

If you qualify and choose to take part in the study, you will be asked to complete questionnaires before and after one of your upcoming medical appointments. With your permission and the permission of your provider, that appointment will be audio-recorded. The recording may be stopped at any time during the visit. You will also complete questionnaire packets 1 week, 1 month, and 6 months after your medical appointment. Compensation will be provided for completion of study visits and surveys. To verify that this is a valid study, you may contact the VA Central Institutional Review Board at (877) 254-3130 and reference Study Number: 15-02.

## *Location*

War Related Illness and Injury Study Center  
VA Palo Alto Health Care System  
3801 Miranda Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94304



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