

THE WAR RELATED ILLNESS AND INJURY STUDY CENTER (WRIISC) ANNOUNCES VETERAN EDUCATION CLASSES VIA TELEHEALTH



The War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC), is a national VHA Post Deployment Health program. The WRIISC fulfills its mission to develop and provide post-deployment health expertise to Veterans and their health care providers through:

- ✓ CLINICAL CARE - an interfacility consultation service for VA Providers to assist them in addressing COMPLEX post deployment health issues and environmental exposure concerns of combat Veterans
- ✓ RESEARCH – a program of studies focused on the health concerns of Veterans
- ✓ EDUCATION - post deployment health and environmental exposures awareness for Veterans and clinicians

EDUCATION CLASSES FOR VETERANS:

The WRIISC site located in East Orange, NJ is pleased to partner with other VISNs to offer educational classes to Veterans via *Clinical Video Technology (CVT)*. These classes assist Veterans in exploring what is currently known about exposures and health concerns in general and offers veterans a key opportunity to get answers for some of their lingering questions. During them, the WRIISC shares available resources and techniques to help Veterans manage their symptoms and improve their quality of life.

FEBURARY 27, 2020

“AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND BURN PITS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,” discusses: 1) deployment-related airborne hazards - their identification and potential health concerns; 2) medical surveillance and health effects; and 3) health education.

MAY 28, 2020

(POSTPONED Due to COVID-19- NEW DATE TBD- Stay Tuned for Updates!)

“GULF WAR EXPOSURES & HEALTH CONCERNS: A CLASS FOR VETERANS,” covers: 1) deployment related exposures and their corresponding research findings; 2) health effects and the knowledge needed to identify relative symptoms; and 3) available resources and techniques for Veterans.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

“AGENT ORANGE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,” educates on: 1) the Agent Orange exposure; 2) the importance of deployment related exposure assessment and steps for determining deployment related environmental exposures; and 3) supporting resources for Veterans.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU!

This is a great way to provide your Veterans with exposure related concerns the prime opportunity to learn directly from our WRIISC Occupational and Environmental Exposure experts. To maximize this opportunity, we are looking for VA facility dedicated “champions” to partner with us. The “champion” will serve as the lead point of contact. He/she will obtain assistance from their Facility Telehealth Coordinators, Public Affairs Officers and the Computer Applications Coordinator to facilitate and host the classes. WRIISC’s expert staff facilitate and provide all class materials. Further questions on Telehealth and our classes can be forwarded to: Debbie Skeete-Bernard, MSN, RN at debbie.skeete-bernard@va.gov or call 973-676-1000 ext. 2714.

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