**How to Enroll in the Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center**

**What: Enrollment in the Toxic Embedded Surveillance Center**

**Service Officer Notes:** VA's Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center at the Baltimore VA Medical Center offers medical surveillance for Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) with embedded fragments as the result of injury received while serving in an area of conflict.

**Web Sites:**

[**https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/toxic\_fragments/surv\_center.asp**](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/toxic_fragments/surv_center.asp)

**Who Qualifies:** VA requires active duty service in any of the conflicts below to qualify for the Toxic Embedded Fragments Registry:

Operation Enduring Freedom

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Operation New Dawn

The Veteran must have, or likely have, an embedded fragment as the result of injury received while serving in an area of conflict.

**Information:**

The Center:

Provides special testing for chemicals that might be released from the fragments

Maintains a registry of OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who have had a fragment removed or who still have a fragment in their body.

Uses information from the registry to write guidelines for medical care

Provides guidelines for medical care to other VA health care providers across the country

Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator, OEF/OIF Clinical Coordinator, or VA Primary Care Team about getting a registry evaluation. You do not need to enroll in VA's health care system to take part.

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