

***What diseases have been associated with exposure to Agent Orange?***

- Parkinson's Disease
- Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy
- AL Amyloidosis
- Chloracne
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias
- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- Ischemic Heart Disease

***Where can I find more information/apply?***

**Toll-Free Helpline:**

1-800-749-8387; ext. 3

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/)

**Agent Orange Fast Track Claims**

**Processing System:**

<https://www.fasttrack.va.gov/AOFastTrack/>

**VA Health Care Eligibility:**

1-877-222-8387

**Regional Benefits Office:**

1-800-827-1000

**Parkinson's Disease Research  
Education and Clinical Centers  
(PADRECC)**

[www.parkinsons.va.gov](http://www.parkinsons.va.gov)

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# Agent Orange



**PARKINSON'S  
DISEASE**



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### ***What is Agent Orange?***

Agent Orange is a blend of herbicides that was used by the US military in Vietnam to defoliate trees and remove concealment for the enemy.

### ***Could I have been exposed to Agent Orange?***

Agent Orange was used in Vietnam from 1962-1971. An estimated 2.6 million military personnel who served in Vietnam were potentially exposed to sprayed Agent Orange between January 1965 and April 1970.

### ***Who is eligible to receive benefits?***

Veterans with Parkinson's disease who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service may be eligible for disability compensation and health care. For more detailed information go to:

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/parkinsonsdisease.asp>

### ***What is the scientific basis for the connection between Agent Orange and Parkinson's Disease?***

Many studies have looked at risk factors for developing Parkinson's disease and found that exposure to pesticides increases the risk. There are few studies investigating the occurrence of Parkinson's disease in Vietnam Veterans, or testing the specific chemical components of Agent Orange. However, the available evidence guided an Institute of Medicine panel to find "suggestive but limited" evidence of an elevated risk of Parkinson's disease in those exposed to Agent Orange. Therefore, the Department of Veterans Affairs made Parkinson's disease a service connected condition for those exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam.

### ***If I was exposed to Agent Orange and have Parkinson's Disease, what benefits can I receive?***

Veterans exposed to Agent Orange during military service may be eligible for:

- Agent Orange Registry health exam
- Health care benefits
- Disability compensation

Vietnam Veterans with Parkinson's Disease or other diseases associated with Agent Orange may claim these benefits without having to prove that their conditions are connected to Agent Orange exposure.