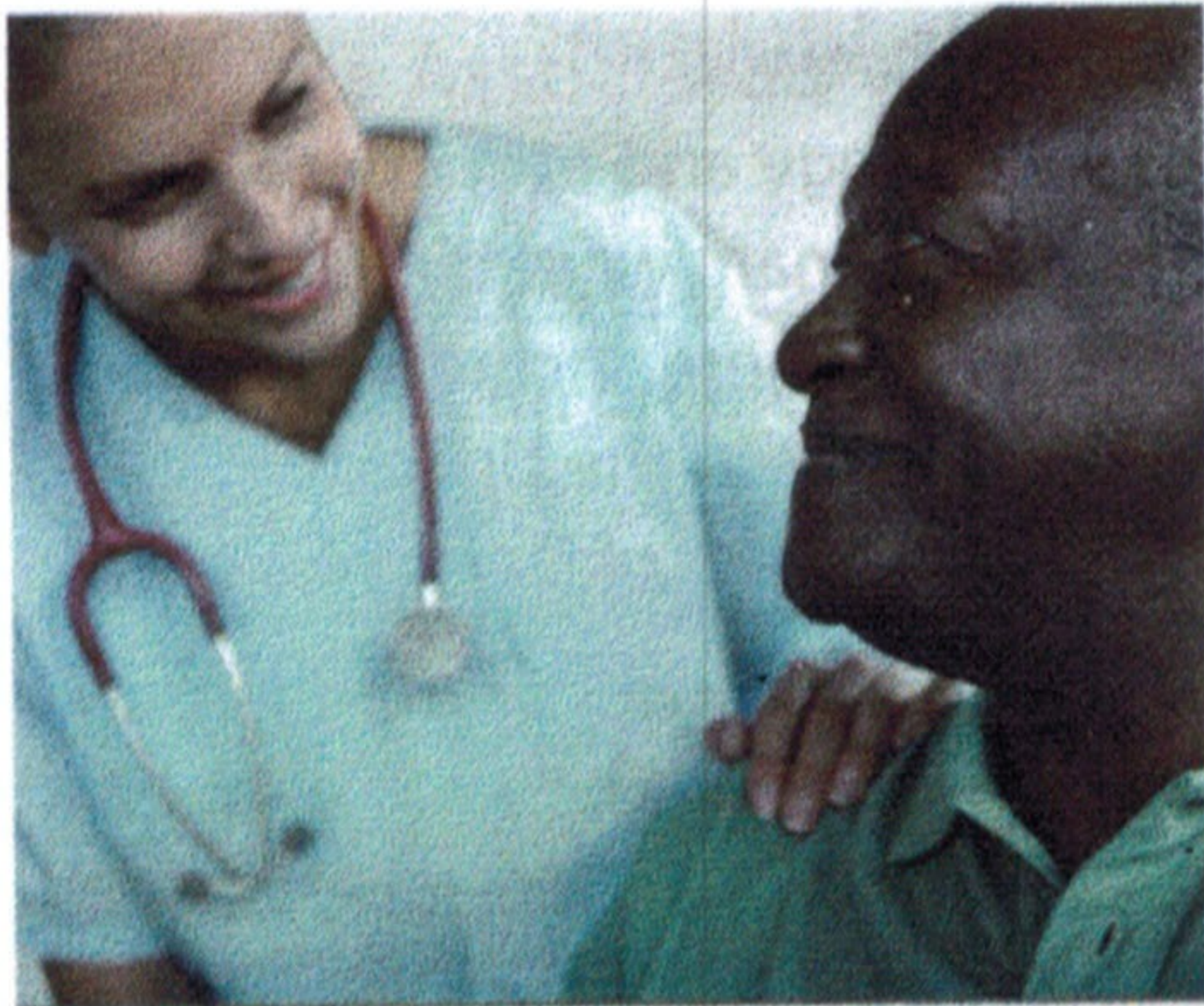


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INFORMATION FOR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

RESEARCH TO IMPROVE VA POLICIES AND HEALTH CARE



Beginning in 1991, as required by public law, VA contracted with the Health and Medicine Division (HMD) (formally known as the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to review scientific and medical information related to the health effects of exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. HMD released the first report of its

findings, entitled "Veterans and Agent Orange," in 1994 and was required to release updated reports every two years through 2016.

For every biennial update, HMD was charged to determine 1) whether there was a statistical association between specific diseases and exposure to herbicides used during the conflict in Vietnam, 2) whether there was an increased risk of disease among individuals exposed to herbicides during service in Vietnam, and 3) whether there was evidence of a causal relationship between herbicide exposure and a disease.

On March 10, 2016, HMD released its tenth report in the mandated series. A technical workgroup of VA subject matter experts has been assembled to review the report and to make recommendations to the Secretary on how

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VA PLANS TO EXPAND BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY FOR CAMP LEJEUNE VETERANS

We are including this article as some of the Agent Orange Veterans (or other Veterans reading this newsletter), may have served at Camp Lejeune. People living at this U.S. Marine Corps Base in North Carolina from the 1950s through the 1980s may have been exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This chemical exposure may have led to various health conditions.

Following discussions between health experts of the Veterans Health Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services' Agency

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Thanks to VA's Exposure Ed mobile app, you can look forward to more informed conversations with your health care provider regarding any exposure-related concerns. The app offers instant information for providers on military exposures, their potential health effects, and related VA programs and benefits. It is currently available for free download from the Apple App Store. Development of an Android version of the app is underway. To learn more, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cuxvB>.