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Welcome to HCVets.com



This site is provided by past and presents members of the United States Military with Hepatitis C (HCV) to assist fellow Retirees/Veterans / Active Military and Dependents with awareness to the Hep C virus exposure methods during military service.

**"Each hour of every day, three people die from
Hepatitis C or it's related conditions!
Two of these people have Military backgrounds"**

The VA Testimony before the Subcommittee on Benefits Committee on Veterans' Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, April 13, 2000, Gary A. Roselle, M. D., Program Director for Infectious Diseases, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, state, **"One in 10 US Veterans are infected with HCV"**, a rate 5 times greater than the 1.8% infection rate of the general population."

A study conducted in 1999, by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and involving 26,000 veterans shows that up to **10% of all veterans in the VHA system tested positive for hepatitis C.**

Of the total number of persons who were hepatitis C antibody positive, and reported an era of service, 62.7% were noted to be from the Vietnam. The second most frequent group is listed as post-Vietnam at 18.2%, followed by 4.8% Korean conflict, 4.3% post-Korean conflict, 4.2% from WWII, and 2.7% Persian Gulf era veterans.[1].

Why are Active/Retired Military & Veterans at such high risk for Hepatitis C (HCV)?

The following list are recognized service connected transmission methods for the Hepatitis C virus and other bloodborne pathogens.

If a veteran applies for benefits and does not have "other" risk factors, or can prove service was a "greater risk" for infection with Hepatitis C, will be eligible for service connection.

Jet "Air Gun" Injections	Blood Transfusions	Blood Base Products/Vaccines
Exposed to Blood/body Fluid	Reusable Needles, Syringes & Vials	Finger Pricks/Lancets
Medical Procedures	Dental Procedures	Kidney/Blood Dialyses
Tissue/bone Transplant	Tattoos In Service	Had a STD/STI or Multiple Partners in service
Used Tooth Brush	Used Razors	Prostate/Scope Exams 22,000 + vets who had prostate biopsies at veterans' hospitals across the country are warned that improperly sterilized equipment

The World Health Organization State:

"The only means of protection from the Hepatitis C virus are the implementation **universal precautions** and safe injection practices."

* [Blood Transfusions & Vaccine Contamination -Pandora's box ...](#)

The Hepatitis C epidemic is discovering what was. In 1988, 242,000 Hepatitis C infections were reported annually. These high figures were reported from the 1960s and throughout 1980s, and declining after 1992.

* [History of Syringes](#) and their reuse during military service [More](#)

* [Recommended Practices for Multiuse Vials](#) It's a no-no now, but was standard procedure till recently!

Jetgun Vaccinator

(old style)

Click on the Pictures to enlarge



Headquarters

Departments of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard
Washington, DC
29 September 2006

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Army Regulation 40-562 BUMEDINST 6230.15A AFJ1 48-110
CG COMDTINST M6230.4F
Medical Services Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis

2-8. Jet-injection immunization devices

a. The DOD and USCG withdrew needle-free multi-use nozzle jet injectors (MUNJIs) capable of 600 or more injections per hour, formerly identified within DOD supply systems as "hypodermic injection apparatus jet automatic: 115 volt or foot operated," in 1997 due to safety concerns. **Their use of the same unsterile nozzle and fluid pathway to inject consecutive patients could allow transmission of bloodborne pathogens.** The MUNJIs are known by the trade names **Ped-O-Jet®**, **Med-E-Jet®**, **Hypospray®**, and **DermoJet®**, among other brands, and were usually refilled quickly from attached multidose vaccine vials. These devices remain unapproved and will not be used.

b. A new generation of needle-free disposable-cartridge jet injectors (DCJIs) **avoid the safety concerns for MUNJIs** by their use of a new, disposable, sterile fluid pathway for each patient. Several are FDA-approved for distribution in the United States and approved for military use (<http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/251800z.txt>) in accordance with the manufacturer's current recommendations, especially with regard to infection control.

Active Duty- ALERT!

(1998-11-25) [Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery authorizes military use of new disposable-cartridge jet injector](#) Preventive Medicine Directorate
Study show 8.2% contamination for newer "improved" model now used in service
So how bad were the old ones? [Read More](#)

The information provided at this site will assist you in determining eligibility for filing a military service connected claim for Hepatitis C.

It is our mission to: Maintain reliable and comprehensive information on:

- [Hepatitis C Transmission Documentation & Surveillance Alerts](#) -Risk Factors: How the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Transmits
- [Prevalence of Hepatitis C Among Military Retirees and Veterans](#)- "Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop also called for an HCV screening program for all U.S. military personnel.
- [The Statistics](#)- The Veterans Administration statistics for 2004 show, **25,470,700** veterans are alive in the United States and the **HCV infection rate among veterans** in the VA system is about **10%** . Veterans comprise the majority of infected people in the United States.
- [Understanding The Hepatitis C Liver](#)- The liver is one of the most complex organs in the human body. It is the body's largest organ and responsible for more than 5,000 life-sustaining functions
- [VA Treatment Protocol flow sheet for patients with cirrhosis](#) Cirrhosis represents the end stage of any chronic liver disease... Two major syndromes result from cirrhosis: portal hypertension and hepatic insufficiency
- [VA Information and Forms](#) Get the forms needed to file a claim
Federal Benefits for Veterans & Dependents 2008
- [Research Links for Information and Support](#)
- [HCVets Data References](#)

● [Join the Message Boards](#)

A Message Board for People with Past/Present
Military Backgrounds & Hepatitis C.

Click on the links below to enter Delphi forums.

- [Learn what to do-](#)
- [Are you at risk?](#)
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- [Explore options-](#)
- [Discover secrets-](#)
- [The latest on-](#)
- [Have a question?](#)

- [Am I Eligible To File A Claim?](#)
- [Hep C Transmission Methods](#)
- [Scientific Studies/ Research](#)
- [Hep C Treatments & Lifestyles](#)
- [Military Experiments Unleashed](#)
- [Legislative Issues](#)
- [Ask NOD](#) our expert on HCV claims

* HCVets.Com Forum
Forum Highlights

Plus other folders of interest with Hep C related information.
Post questions to our moderators.

[Military Service Connection for Hep C](#)

Read Doug's Story- Vet proves
Hepatitis C is service related!

● [Chat with us!](#)

[No Active Chats. Start your own!](#)

● [From One Vet to Another.... \[Recipes for Healthy Living & Healing\]\(#\)](#)- Alternative ways for living with Hepatitis C

● [What's New on HCVets.com](#)

Get Involved!

- [Test the Rest Campaign- Vets with Hepatitis C](#)
Free "In Home test kit" voucher include.
- [Veterans/Active Military or Dependents Survey](#)
Find other vets from your active duty. [View the Survey Results](#)
- [Presumed Service Connection-Vets with Hepatitis C](#)
Sign the Petition

[Plan Backfires-](#)
[VBA Fast Letter Boost Claims](#) The letter works to the Veterans advantage... acknowledges ways previously denied

ADD TO YOUR CLAIM!
1 **[CONCLUSION OF LAW](#)** Hep C incurred in service by jetguns. (2005)

2 **[CONCLUSION OF LAW](#)** Hep C incurred in service by jetguns: it cannot be stated that the preponderance of the evidence is against the claim of service connection. (2008)

RED ALERT: First time since the 105 congress- **NO "Presumed Service Connection"** bill
ACT NOW- [Click here](#)

[Opinions & Statements from Hep C Veterans-](#)

This information will help fellow Veterans with awareness and the VA Claims process.



"Ask NOD"
Guidance for filing
VA Claims

Did This Happen To You?

Since 1990 the VA has secretly tested veterans for Hepatitis C and not informed those with positive test results. We want to hear from you [Click Here](#)

[Click Here for Presentation](#)

FDA: Military Application Of Jet Injection In Relationship To The Transmission Of Bloodborne Viruses.

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Meeting Highlights

- ✖ [Yellow Fever vaccine via a jet injector](#)
- ✖ [WHO- Jetguns Significant Risk](#)
- ✖ [If bleeding nozzle should be resterilize](#)

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[Stop the Hepatitis C Epidemic Act HR2552](#) A Call to Action

Don't let Hep C get lost in the mix of CDC's "EASY FIX" solutions for real pandemics.

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The VA wants proof -Jetguns were used during boot camp-Add your pictures [View Boot Camp Pictures](#)

[Hepatitis C, The Silent Epidemic Among Retired Military And Veterans](#)
View Power Point Facts

[Me, Hep C and the NHS](#)
Jonathan Gems "You Tube" video- Clears up many misconceptions in a most entertaining, informative and alarming reality.

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