



**The World Trade Center (WTC)
Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program**
A Unique NIOSH Funded Program for the Heroes of 9/11



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Photo by Earl Dotter

What is the WTC Medical Monitoring & Treatment Program?

The WTC Medical Monitoring & Treatment Program is a unique program federally funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). It is the only program that provides free health monitoring and focused treatment for workers and volunteers who took part in the rescue, recovery, cleanup, and restoration activities at the WTC site in New York City.

What is the program?

The WTC Medical Monitoring Program was established in 2002 from an \$11.4 million federal grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with the purpose of monitoring the health effects in rescue, recovery, clean-up, and restoration workers and volunteers.

In 2004, an additional \$90 million was awarded by NIOSH to continue the program. This funding enables the program to provide for follow-up visits every 18 months.

The American Red Cross, through philanthropic funding, established the initial treatment program. In 2006, NIOSH continued the treatment component and added an additional \$52 million in federal funding.

What have we found?

As of September 2006, WTC clinics have reported significant patterns of respiratory findings in New York City firefighters and other responders, associated with WTC exposures. Additional findings are available on the NIOSH web site www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/wtc/

How does the program work?

Rescue, recovery, clean-up, and restoration workers and volunteers who worked at the WTC site are eligible for enrollment in the program.

Active and retired FDNY Firefighters and emergency medical service professionals should call 718-999-1858 for enrollment information.

All other responders, rescue, recovery, and restoration workers should call 888-702-0630 for enrollment information or visit www.wtcexams.org.

What are the benefits of the program?

- Baseline medical screening to help detect any current or future symptoms
- Thorough medical exams every 18 months
- A confidential, full report on the test results from each visit, providing detailed health information
- Early detection of potential WTC-related health problems, enabling individuals to receive more effective treatment
- Expert treatment from health care professionals experienced in addressing WTC-related health concerns
- Help with identifying trends and understanding the health needs of rescue, recovery, clean-up, and restoration workers
- Information about benefits that may be available to eligible participants
- Preparing for future health needs by monitoring individuals health now

Who is eligible for the program?

The WTC Medical Monitoring & Treatment Program is open to:

- Workers and volunteers who took part in the rescue, recovery, cleanup, and restoration activities at the WTC site in New York City
- Individuals who participated in the WTC Worker & Volunteer Medical Screening Program

How do I get more information?

Visit: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/wtc

E-mail: wtc@hhs.gov

Clinics:

Manhattan: Mount Sinai, I. J. Selikoff Center for Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Manhattan: Bellevue Hospital Center/NYU Occupational & Environmental Medicine Clinic

Queens: Queens College Center for the Biology of Natural Systems

Long Island: SUNY Stony Brook/Long Island Occupational & Environmental Health Center

New Jersey (Piscataway): UMDNJ Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences Institute

For more information:

Current and retired New York City Fire Department employees:

www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/html/home2.shtml
(718) 999-1858

All other responders and volunteers (including those outside the New York City metropolitan area):

www.wtcexams.org/
(888) 702-0630

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