



9/11 and Beyond

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Registry Research Findings

Links Between 9/11 and Breast Cancer: Learn How to Get Treatment

If you were exposed to the 9/11 disaster and have breast cancer, you may be eligible for care at the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. Learn more here.



*Li J, Brackbill R, Liao T et al. Ten-Year Cancer Incidence in Rescue/Recovery Workers and Civilians Exposed to the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks on the World Trade Center. American Journal of Industrial Medicine. 2016 Sep;59(9):709-21. https://doi.org/10.1002/ajim.22638

PTSD and Dust Cloud Exposure Increase Risk of Stroke

Exposure to the 9/11 dust cloud and having a diagnosis of PTSD increases the risk of having a stroke. Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States. Watch the video titled *Higher Risk of Stroke and PTSD* on our <u>News Videos</u> page.



Looking Ahead

Upcoming Wave 5 Survey

In a few months we will send out the Registry's next major health survey, referred to as the Wave 5 survey. We urge you to complete the survey. Your responses help provide a more complete understanding of 9/11 health impacts and determine how enrollees get care.



Watch Testimonials



Watch enrollees talk about why the Registry matters.

The Continued Health Impacts of 9/11

Catch Skin Cancer Early

Melanoma is a type of skin cancer, and recovery is possible when caught early. Visit <u>nyc.gov/911health</u> and search for **health materials** to read the Registry's fact sheet about melanoma.

Go Paperless!

Receive Registry surveys and communications including our new quarterly e-newsletter via email.You can provide an email address by calling **866-692-9827**, emailing <u>WTCHRELetter@health.nyc.gov</u> or visiting <u>nyc.gov/911health</u> to select the **Enrollees** tab, then **Update Contact Information.**



Mail's Here



A quick but big thank you!

"Just wanted to send a quick thank you for the WTC Health Registry continuing to shine a light on what too many of us feel is a dark secret: PTSD. I was at Ground Zero when 9/11 happened and it's something I will never forget. For years, I could not figure out the root of my depression. As an enrollee I finally took advantage of the services offered, and although my life isn't perfect (but whose is?) I am definitely in a better place. Thank you so much." — T.T.



To learn more about PTSD and its connection to 9/11, visit our <u>News Videos</u> page and look for **PTSD** in the video descriptions.

Resources

The federal <u>WTC Health Program</u> provides monitoring and treatment, including medications for physical and mental health conditions related to 9/11. Services are offered at no cost to you, no matter where you live now. Apply online at <u>cdc.gov/wtc</u> or call **888-982-4748** and we will mail you an application.

Need Care?

If you're a WTCHR enrollee and think you may have a 9/11-related health condition, <u>email</u> the Registry's Treatment Referral Program and one of our multilingual staff members will respond. Depending on your needs, eligibility and how you were affected by 9/11, we will refer you to the WTC Health Program for Survivors or the WTC Health Program for Responders.

To find the Health E-newsletter in English, Simplified Chinese, Spanish and Traditional Chinese, visit <u>nyc.gov/911health</u> and click on the **Research** tab, then <u>Publications</u>, and select the **E-newsletter** drop-down to find PDFs.