



FDNY WTC Health Program

Monitoring and Treatment



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In Remembrance ...

Did You Know? The Difference between Monitoring and Treatment

1. When you are enrolled in the WTCHP all there is to it is attending your annual company medical or yearly medical monitoring exam. T___ F___
2. If you have a WTC related illness that has been certified, you go to your private doctor for treatment and use your insurance to pay for medications. T___ F___
3. Once you have your WTC related illness certified, you can make a FDNY WTCHP treatment appointment at any of our five locations. This appointment will be shorter then your monitoring appointment and focuses on the treatment of your current health issue. T___ F___

The FDNY WTC Health Program consists of two major healthcare services. The first is your yearly in-depth WTC health evaluation which you can share with your personal physician. Among the results are cholesterol and glucose levels, liver and kidney functions, blood cell counts and if indicated-PSA testing. You may also receive referrals depending on your individual circumstances for further screenings i.e. colonoscopy, mammography, chest CT scan, etc.

The second healthcare service offered at the FDNY WTCHP is WTC treatment. WTC treatment is available for all WTC certified health issues. FDNY WTCHP doctors and nurses are available at any one of our five locations in the metropolitan area. The treatment occurring at the FDNY WTCHP is at no cost to you including all the medications prescribed by the WTCHP doctors to treat your health condition. Treatment appointments are substantially shorter interactions with WTCHP medical staff then your yearly health evaluation.

Please call FDNY WTCHP Member Services 718-999-1858 to make an appointment.

1.False 2. False 3. True

Patient Profile: Firefighter Danny Mugan



Firefighter Danny Mugan worked most of his career at Engine 33 and was assigned to Engine 206 on 9/11. He arrived at the WTC site on the evening of 9/11 and worked as part of the rescue and recovery effort. Danny, an ironworker as well, has always been physically strong, playing volleyball and doing weight training throughout the years.

One day Danny noticed a lump in his groin and went to BHS where he was referred for an ultrasound and a consultation with a surgeon. Soon after, he began experiencing flu like symptoms including fevers and cold sweats and ended up in the ER. During his hospital stay he was given an antibiotic for infected lymph nodes and was informed that he might have lymphoma. After being discharged, he saw Dr. Kelly who immediately ordered a biopsy that confirmed the cancer diagnosis. Dr. Koffler and the FDNY WTCHP cancer team then began to arrange Danny's care at Sloan Kettering for the Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma aggressive treatment.

Danny reflected that if he was an ironworker alone, he would not have had access to the whole team of extremely attentive doctors and case management nurses at the FDNY WTCHP. He wonders if the cancer would have progressed without the prompt treatment.

After the six month treatment regimen, Danny is now focusing on regaining his strength and mentioned that he is happy. "Happy because they caught the cancer early?" I asked. "I am happy", he said with a twinkle in his eye, "because I have grandkids."

Staff Profile: Ana Collado

Ana Collado began working at FDNY in September 2007 on a temporary assignment where she was assisting with the annual medicals. In January of 2012, Ana moved into her current position where she assists the FDNY WTCHP Nurses.

On a typical day, Ana arrives at work to find the results of several CT scans reviewed by Dr. Prezant on her desk. Ana makes sure the nurses review them as well, before she mails them out to members. Ana finds herself busy throughout the day, scheduling treatment appointments for members, helping with authorizations for providers, and troubleshooting problems. In fact, the most satisfying part of the job for her is being able to help a member who isn't feeling well get the prescription they need or to expedite an authorization for a provider in a crunch who needs one in order to provide treatment to a member on the way to their office. Ana admits that if she could eliminate filing from her list of duties she gladly would.

A native of the Dominican Republic, Ana enjoys her work at the FDNY WTCHP and aspires to get a nursing degree in the future in order to further develop her career in healthcare.



Victims Compensation Fund Deadlines Approaching

There are two separate Victims Compensation deadlines approaching:

1) The first deadline applies to registration. It is still possible to register for the VCF, if:

⇒ ***You learned of your 9/11 related physical harm or illness after October 3, 2011.***

If so, you have two years from the date you learned (or reasonably should have known) of the harm to register. For example, if you learn of a 9/11 related physical harm or illness on June 1, 2013, you must register by June 1, 2015.

If you learn of a condition on or after October 3, 2014, you must register by October 3, 2016.

⇒ ***You were diagnosed on or before October 12, 2012 with one of the cancers that was made eligible on October 12, 2012.***

If so, you have until October 12, 2014 to register.

If you are diagnosed with such a cancer after October 12, 2012, then you have two years from the diagnosis date to register.

⇒ ***The condition you are claiming was added to the list of eligible conditions after October 12, 2012.***

You have two years from the date the condition was added to the list of qualified injuries to register (if you learned of your condition before it was added to the list), but **you must register no later than October 3, 2016.**

2) The second VCF deadline is the date by which you must file your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents (including medical records). The deadline is **October 3, 2016 and is the **same for all claimants**. Please note that no matter when you register, your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms **must be submitted by October 3, 2016.****

For more information contact www.vcf.gov

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When was the last time you came for your WTC Medical?

Call **718-999-1858** to make your appointment.

WTC Medicals

**are available annually to active members in Brooklyn (Metrotech)
and retired members at all 5 locations.**

Not all testing is done On-Site at every location.

Retirees, please use table below to find your location and testing information:

	Brooklyn HQ	Fort Totten	Orange County	Staten Island	Brentwood
Address	9 MetroTech Center Brooklyn, NY 11201	Building 413A Bayside, NY 11364	2279 Goshen Turnpike Middletown, NY 10941	1688 Victory Blvd Staten Island, NY 10314	Suffolk County Community College 1001 Crooked Hill Rd. Brentwood, NY 11717
Days	Tuesday — Friday & Occasional Sundays	Monday — Thursday	Monday , Thursday & Friday	Monday— Wednesday Thursday Treat- ment Only	Monday & Friday Occasional Sundays Tuesday Treatment Only
Hours	8:00AM to 2:00PM	8:30AM to 3:30PM	9:00AM to 1:00PM	8:30AM to 3:30PM	8:00AM to 3:30 PM
Blood Tests	On-Site	On-Site	On-Site	Off-Site	Off-Site
X-Rays	On-Site	Off-Site	Off-Site	Off-Site	Off-Site

Referrals to nearby facilities for off-site tests will be given to you by a WTC nurse on the day of your appointment.