

Are you a veteran of the Gulf War (1990-1991)?

We seek men and women who served in the Gulf region during the first Gulf War (1990 -1991) for a research study. Veterans with or without Gulf War Illness are eligible. This involves one visit to Massachusetts General Hospital during which various tests for nerve injury will be performed, including removal of a small skin-biopsy from your lower leg under local anesthesia. Payment for participation is offered. For more information, please contact Siena Napoleon (snapoleon@partners.org) at 617-726-9391.

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Patient Information Sheet

DOD Sponsorship and Access to Research Records

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Study Title: Undiagnosed Small Fiber Polyneuropathy: Is It a Component of Gulf War Illness?

Investigator: Anne Louise Oaklander, MD, PhD

Research Site: Massachusetts General Hospital

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide additional information to the Research Consent Form(s) you are being asked to read and sign before starting this study.

We want you to know that this specific study is being funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) under a grant. Representatives of the DOD, specifically the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), may review your research records as part of their responsibility to protect human subjects in research. You have the right to decline participation in this study based on the source of the funding.

If you have any further questions about the DOD funding or the USAMRMC access to research records, please contact the Office of Research Protections, Human Research Protection Office in Fort Detrick, Maryland at 301-619-2165. For any other questions related to the study, please contact Dr. Oaklander at 617-726-9391.

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