

3. Defining Gulf War Illness—New—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)—This study will characterize and compare alternative classifications for symptoms and functional disability which remain medically unexplained in Gulf War veterans. This will be accomplished in three phases. Phase I will assess persistence and stability of symptoms over time, as well as compare the performance of data-driven case definitions derived from two samples: (1) The New Jersey Center for

Environmental Hazards Research sample of Gulf War veterans participating in the Department of Veterans Affairs Gulf War Registry; and (2) a cohort of Air Force members from a previous CDC study of Gulf War veterans and Gulf War-era controls from Pennsylvania and Florida. In addition to assessing data-driven case definitions for illness among Gulf War veterans, existing definitions for medically unexplained symptoms, such as chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivity, and fibromyalgia will be

evaluated. Phase II will attempt to assess the generalizability of both derived and existing case definitions in a random sample of deployed and non-deployed Gulf War era veterans. Phase III will consist of a standardized telephone interview for the assessment of psychiatric conditions. This will be administered to a sample of Phase I and Phase II participants who are identified through their responses to paper-and-pencil questionnaires as having high levels of psychological distress. The total annual burden hours are 4,761.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden/ response (in hrs.)
Initial Address Confirmation .....	50	1	.0333
Introductory Script .....	7,000	1	.05
Main Questionnaire .....	5,361	1	.75
Mail Survey .....	387	1	.05
Refusal Conversion .....	150	1	.0333
Address Confirmation .....	200	1	.0333
Third-Party Contact .....	25	1	.0333
Recontact Script .....	25	1	.0333
Follow-up Letter .....	500	1	.083
Follow-up Care .....	804	1	.10
Request for Medical Records (letter) .....	1,340	1	.05
Request for Medical Records Follow-up Call .....	750	1	.0333
Medical Care Providers:			
Request for Medical Records (letter) .....	140	1	1
Request for Medical Records Follow-up Call .....	42	1	0.0333

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[Program Announcement 99115]

**Cooperative Agreement for Strategies to Prevent Genital Herpes Infections: Building a National Prevention Program; Notice of Availability of Funds; Amendment**

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year 1999 funds for the Strategies to Prevent Genital Herpes Infections: Building a National Prevention Program was published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 1999, (Vol. 64 FR No. 95). The notice is amended as follows:

On page 26983, second column, paragraph G., sub-paragraph titled "Application," replace second sentence: On or before July 26, 1999, submit application to: Sharron Orum, Grants

Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 99115, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Rd., Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341.

Dated: May 25, 1999.  
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**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III (NHANES) DNA Specimens: Guidelines for Proposals To Use Anonymized Samples and Proposed Cost Schedule**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is a program of periodic surveys conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) of

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Examination surveys conducted since 1960 by NCHS have provided national estimates of health and nutritional status of the United States civilian non-institutionalized population. To add to the large amount of information collected for the purpose of describing the health of the population in the most recent survey, white cells were collected in NHANES III in anticipation of advances in genetic research.

The cells have been stored and maintained at the Division of Environmental Health Laboratory Sciences (DEHLS) at the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC. The collection of white cells was begun because of the significant advances in the rapidly evolving field of molecular biology that were occurring during the planning phase of this survey.

Technical advances now make it possible to use these samples for genetic analysis. NCHS and NCEH, CDC are making anonymized DNA samples from these specimens available to the research community for such analyses. No cell lines will be made available.

The purpose of this notice is to request comments on this program and cost schedule. After consideration of comments submitted, CDC plans to