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Registry Research Findings

Social Support and Experiencing Confusion or Memory Loss Among Enrollees*

The findings are based on enrollees’ answers to the following question: “During the last 12 months, have you experienced confusion or memory loss, other than occasionally forgetting the name of someone you recently met?” About one in five enrollees between the ages of 36 and 64 responded “Yes.”

We found that enrollees who had more social support were less likely to experience confusion or memory loss than enrollees who had less social support.


The Art of Remembrance

9/11 Memorials From Around the World

In addition to the thousands of rescue and clean-up workers who toiled on the “pile” for months after the 9/11 disaster, almost 350 Search and Rescue dogs worked side by side with people in a desperate effort to recover victims. In West Orange, New Jersey, in a park that has a breathtaking view of Manhattan from across the Hudson River, sits a four-foot-tall bronze dog standing at the top of a 5,000-pound slab of granite and steel.

Jay Warren, a sculptor from Oregon, designed the statue of the dog, which was commemorated in the park’s Essex County Eagle Rock Sept. 11 Memorial in 2016, and the statue and installation was paid for by corporate sponsors.

In a press release for the commemoration, Newark Public Safety Director Anthony Ambrose said, “Search dogs covered 16 acres of land at Ground Zero covered with metal and debris, and went where humans could not go. This is a fitting way to remember how many families gained some sort of closure because of the work by dogs.”
If you're a WTCHR enrollee and think you may have a 9/11-related health condition, email the Registry's Treatment Referral Program at trp@health.nyc.gov. When you reach out, one of our multilingual staff members will respond with questions about your health conditions. 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.

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is a cancer that originates in the lymph system, which is the body's immune system. In non-Hodgkin lymphoma, tumors develop from lymphocytes — a type of white blood cell — and spread in a non-orderly manner.

World Trade Center (WTC) Health Registry studies show that non-Hodgkin lymphoma is more frequent in survivors exposed to the 9/11 disaster as residents, passersby and area workers, when compared with the general population.* Non-Hodgkin lymphoma treatment may be covered by the WTC Health Program if a person is eligible and certified.

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is one of 52 health conditions covered by participating in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's WTC Health Program. The program provides medical monitoring and treatment for responders of the WTC disaster and related sites in New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, PA. It also serves survivors who were in the New York City disaster area. To find out if you are eligible for assistance, apply to the program online at cdc.gov/wtc/apply.


This health material is provided by the NYC Health Department WTC Health Registry. If you have questions about the Registry, email wtchr@health.nyc.gov.

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis at any time, call NYC Well at 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355) or visit nyc.gov/nycwell. NYC Well is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and in multiple languages.

In the United States, non-Hodgkin lymphoma occurs in over 200,000 people each year and is more common than Hodgkin lymphoma. The best way to find lymphoma early is to be alert for signs and symptoms. The most common early symptom is swelling of one or more lymph nodes, which can cause a painless lump under the skin (in places such as the neck, armpit or groin).

Other common symptoms include:

- Fever and night sweats
- Weight loss
- Feeling tired

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