

CANCER SERVICE CONNECTION PATHWAYS

A presumptive diagnosis still requires qualifying service and exposure facts.

EVIDENCE PLATE

CLAIM FILE

PACT	Burn pits and toxic exposure Current VA guidance includes broad cancer categories for qualifying Gulf War era and post-9/11 service.	AO	Tactical herbicides Match the cancer to 38 CFR 3.309(e) and verify qualifying service or exposure.
CL	Camp Lejeune water Use the listed diseases and the service-duration requirements in 38 CFR 3.307 and 3.309(f).	RAD	Ionizing radiation Separate presumptive radiation-risk activities from claims developed as radiogenic diseases under 38 CFR 3.311.
DIRECT	Direct proof Show diagnosis, in-service event or exposure, and a reasoned medical nexus when no presumption applies.	SECONDARY	Treatment or metastasis Distinguish a primary cancer, metastatic disease, recurrence, and separate treatment residuals.

