

# Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

## Mesothelioma and Asbestos-Related Diseases

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### American Cancer Society

[www.cancer.org/cancer/malignant-mesothelioma.html](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/malignant-mesothelioma.html)

1-800-227-2345 (Toll Free)

Offer a detailed guide on mesothelioma including causes, risk factors, prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, treatment and research, and information on clinical trials. Live chat is available online.

### Johns Hopkins Medicine – Lung Cancer Program – Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center

[www.hopkinsmedicine.org/kimmel\\_cancer\\_center/centers/lung\\_cancer\\_program](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/kimmel_cancer_center/centers/lung_cancer_program)

410-955-5864 (V)

Offer information on mesothelioma and lung cancer including screening and diagnosis, treatment, clinical trials, and their second opinion program.

### MedlinePlus - NIH: National Cancer Institute – U.S. National Library of Medicine

<https://medlineplus.gov/mesothelioma.html>

Information on mesothelioma including symptoms, treatment, prevention, disease management, research, and clinical trials.

### War Related Illness and Injury Study Center

[www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/education/exposures/asbestos.asp](http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/education/exposures/asbestos.asp)

Information on asbestos exposure while serving in the military. Military roles including mining, milling, shipyard work, insulation work, demolition of old buildings, and others were at high risk for this type of exposure. Whether a service member develops health effects as a result of their asbestos exposure depends on several factors such as how much substance an individual was exposed to and for how long or whether or not that person had a pre-existing condition. Being exposed to asbestos does not mean that a Veteran will develop health problems. If you are a Veteran concerned about health effects from exposure to asbestos, you should contact your primary care provider to discuss your concerns.