

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses
July 18-19, 2007**

**Wednesday, July 18: Meeting Held in Simmons Biomedical Research Bldg (NIB), Room 11.120
University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
6000 Harry Hines Blvd. (North Campus)
Dallas, Texas**

[Please Note: The meeting will be held in a different location Thursday, July 19]

***Wednesday, July 18
Agenda***

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome, introductory remarks	Jim Binns, Chairman Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
8:35 – 10:05	Research on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS): a disease characterized by neuroimmune features and virus infection	Dr. Jonathan Kerr St. George's University of London
10:05 – 10:20	Break	
10:20 – 12:00	University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) School of Medicine Gulf War Illness Research Program	Dr. Robert Haley Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30	UTSW Gulf War Research: Neuropsych testing, neuro projects, and research on word retrieval and emotional memory circuits	Dr. John Hart Univ. of Texas at Dallas
1:30 – 2:00	UTSW Gulf War Research: Studies of attention and executive function	Dr. Bart Rypma Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine / Univ. of Dallas
2:00 – 2:30	UTSW Gulf War Research: Frontostriatal systems in depression and Gulf War illness: Material-specific memory in the medial temporal lobes	Dr. Wendy Ringe Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
2:30 – 3:00	UTSW Gulf War Research: Visual-auditory memory conjunction	Dr. James Bartlett Univ. of Texas at Dallas
3:00 – 3:15	Break	

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3:15 – 3:20	UTSW Gulf War Research: Introduction and overview of neuroimaging studies	Dr. Richard Briggs Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
3:20 – 3:35	UTSW Gulf War Research: Electroencephalography and electrical impedance tomography	Dr. Tom Ferree Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
3:35 – 3:45	UTSW Gulf War Research: Magnetic resonance spectroscopy	Dr. Sergey Cheshkov Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
3:45 – 3:55	UTSW Gulf War Research: Diffusion tensor imaging	Dr. Roderick McColl Dr. K.S. Gopinath Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
3:55 – 4:05	UTSW Gulf War Research: Perfusion and regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) using MRI arterial spin labeling (ASL)	Dr. Richard Briggs Univ. of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
4:05 – 4:10	UTSW Gulf War Research: Image registration	Dr. Nasser Kehtarnavaz Ali Gholipour Univ. of Texas at Dallas
4:10 – 5:00	Discussion regarding University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine Gulf War Illnesses Research Program	Committee
5:00 – 5:30	Public Comments	

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8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30 – 9:10	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) reveals evidence of structural brain changes in Gulf War veterans	Dr. Roberta White Boston University School of Public Health
9:10 – 10:30	Environmental Medicine and Gulf War Illnesses: Does the Map Fit the Territory?	Dr. William Meggs East Carolina University School of Medicine
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Update on recently published research relevant to the health of Gulf War veterans	Dr. Beatrice Golomb University of California at San Diego School of Medicine
11:30 – 12:00	Committee business: Report discussion and update	Dr. Lea Steele Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:15	University of Michigan conference on multisymptom illnesses	Dr. Daniel Clauw University of Michigan School of Medicine
1:15 – 1:45	Update on VA Gulf War research programs	Dr. Bill Goldberg VA Office of Research and Development
1:45 – 2:15	Public comments	
2:15	Adjourn	