Your participation in the Research Program at the World Trade Center Health Program plays a vital role in the treatment of your condition and improves care for all members.

Findings of the WTC Health Registry

Potential Impact: The WTC Health Registry, based in the NYC Dept. of Health, tracks the physical and mental health of 71,000 people directly exposed to the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster. During 2003-2004 people could choose to enroll in the Registry and complete a baseline health survey. Since then, findings from the Registry have been in more than 80 publications, which has helped improve health care and inform the public about 9/11 health. Our findings also help with planning and response for future emergencies. Finally, the Registry helps spread the word about the WTC Health Program (which is a different program from the Registry). Since 2013, the Registry’s Treatment Referral Program has reached nearly 23,000 people and helped almost 10,000 apply for the WTC Health Program.

Research: The Registry has done three follow-up health surveys and several in-depth studies to understand 9/11 health impacts and new 9/11 conditions. We also work with WTC Health Program doctors and researchers. The Registry does not provide direct health care, but we support members by helping them get care for 9/11-conditions through the WTC Health Program. Population Members of the Registry live in every state and more than 15 countries. They include rescue/recovery workers and volunteers, passers-by, and people who lived, worked or went school in Lower Manhattan, including tower survivors, pregnant women and children.

Findings: Our findings show that the 9/11 disaster has had short and long-term harmful impacts on physical and mental health, quality of life and how people function. The most common health outcomes are PTSD, depression, asthma and heartburn/reflux. Many people have more than one mental health or physical health condition or a mix of both. For example, PTSD often occurs with depression and with asthma. Children had the same types of health outcomes as adults. To learn more about Registry findings visit nyc.gov/911HealthInfo

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