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Considering New World Trade Center (WTC)-related Conditions

Potential Impact: Doctors typically focus on identifying what disease a person might have and how it might be treated. Doctors do not usually address the cause of the disease and provide few answers for people who become ill and wonder why. Research studies can provide useful information about human diseases. Results of diverse research studies, when viewed together, can provide insights into causes of human diseases.

Research: NIOSH used four methods to examine whether WTC exposures cause cancer. NIOSH reviewed studies of WTC-exposed populations; cancers that are known to occur as a result of the WTC covered conditions; known human carcinogens present at the disaster sites; and other factors recommended by the NIOSH Scientific and Technical Advisory Board.

Findings: Completing studies of large numbers of WTC-exposed people compared to people who did not have WTC exposures is key to determining what additional health conditions may be related to WTC exposures. A problem with this approach is that these studies cannot provide clear answers until sufficient numbers of people develop the health problem of concern. A timely disease surveillance system for WTC-exposed populations will improve this research.

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