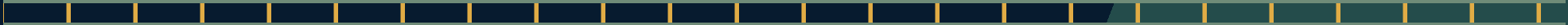


PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE

TERA MEDICAL EXAMINATION ROADMAP

A field guide to presumptions, exposure evidence, TERA development, and claim pathways.



FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

1

EVIDENCE OF A DISABILITY

The record must indicate a current disability or persistent or recurrent symptoms.

2

TOXIC EXPOSURE PARTICIPATION

VA considers the veteran's toxic exposure risk activity and individual exposure record.

3

POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION

The evidence must indicate the disability may be associated with the exposure, unless an exception applies.

4

EXAM AND OPINION

The examiner should consider total potential exposure and the combined effect of all toxic exposure risk activities.

Apply the exact current law to the individual record. Exposure, screening, health-care eligibility, and disability compensation are related but distinct.