

Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee

Recommendations to the WTCHP Research Program

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Number	Recommendations for Research	Is the Recommendation a High Priority?
1	Investigate whether there are newly emerging health conditions or previously unrecognized health conditions not covered by the WTCHP among WTC populations.	Yes
2	Characterize the disaster-related exposures that are associated with the development of specific psychiatric disorders.	No
3	Determine the value of biomarkers for early detection of pre-cancerous conditions, early cancers, or other WTC-associated diseases.	Yes
4	Assess health effects of WTC exposure on gestation and early life (childhood and adolescence).	Yes
5	Improved assessment of WTC exposure: inhaled, topical, ingested, or other.	Tied
6	Evaluate and improve the utility and use of WTCHP data and activities for the purpose of active surveillance of health conditions in WTC-exposed populations and/or develop improved surveillance methods.	Yes
7	Differentiate psychiatric disorders from symptoms and distress in relation to disaster exposure, and develop efficient and effective methods for diagnosis of disaster-related psychopathology in populations and individuals.	Yes
8	Examine patterns of health care utilization and delivery in the WTCHP and the value and efficacy of the medical monitoring activities of the WTCHP.	Yes
9	Study the side-effects of drugs administered for treatment of WTC-related diseases.	No
10	Investigate the effectiveness and utility of specific PTSD treatments in WTC-affected groups or individuals	Tied