

8. VETERANS WITH OTHER THAN HONORABLE DISCHARGES

The requirements of VHA Manual M-1, Part I, Chapter 4, Paragraph 38, apply to veterans with less than honorable discharges applying for IRR examinations (see the Publications website at: <http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications/>)

9. CONDUCTING THE IRR EXAMINATION

a. It is essential that a complete medical history, physical examination, and interview be performed and documented on appropriate medical record standard forms, by/or under the direct supervision of the Environmental Health Clinician, or alternate.

b. The person actually performing the physical examination must be identified with the signature and title (Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Physician's Assistant (PA), Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), etc.). An examination completed by someone other than a physician must be completed by medical personnel privileged to do physical examinations.

c. When an IRR examination is done as part of a compensation and pension examination, the physical examination must be done by/or under the direct supervision of the Environmental Health Clinician, or equivalent.

d. Special attention must be given to the following diagnoses that VA has recognized, by statute or regulation, as being associated with radiation exposure:

- (1) Leukemia, Lymphoid (except chronic lymphatic leukemia);
- (2) Leukemia, Myeloid;
- (3) Leukemia, Monocytic;
- (4) Leukemia, Hairy Cell;
- (5) Leukemia, other;
- (6) Leukemia, unspecified cell type;
- (7) Thyroid Cancer;
- (8) Breast Cancer;
- (9) Lung Cancer (malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus, and lung);
- (10) Bone Cancer;
- (11) Primary Liver Cancer;