



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Medical Report - Inhaling A Specified Substance Chronic Sinusitis

The information you provide on this form will assist in deciding eligibility for benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 and/or Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004. In the event of an appeal against a decision, this information may be provided to the Veterans' Review Board, Administrative Appeals Tribunal or Federal Court.

Veteran's Details

Surname	Given Names	DVA File Number

Report Detail

A claim for service related compensation in respect of the abovenamed leads the Department to consider whether inhalation of certain substances could be a factor in the development of chronic sinusitis.

The Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA), has determined that inhalation of certain substances may contribute to chronic sinusitis, but **only** where the inhalation results in:

- (i) rhinorrhea, or irritation, inflammation, oedema, ulceration or haemorrhage of the nasal mucosa occurring **within 48 hours** of the inhalation, **and**
- (ii) scarring or erosion of the nasal or sinus mucosa.

1. Would you please indicate whether there is a history of inhaling any of the substances specified below, where that inhalation resulted in the symptoms and signs described above.

Substance	Date/s of inhalation	Date acute upper respiratory symptoms commenced
ammonia gas		
chlorine gas		
sulphur dioxide		
nitrogen dioxide		
cocaine		
mustard gas		
lewisite		

2. When was the clinical onset of chronic sinusitis?/...../.....

3. Did the chronic sinusitis permanently worsen? **Note:** For the purposes of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* (1986), permanent worsening requires an increase in the gravity of the disease beyond its natural progression. It excludes temporary exacerbations or any deterioration which is part of the normal course of the disease.

No

Yes – Please provide details, including date(s) of permanent worsening

Details of Medical Practitioner providing advice:

Stamp

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Signature

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