

We Help Patients and Grieving Families Who Are Coping with the Effects of Lung Cancer Caused By Exposure to the Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune

Lung cancer is a devastating disease. While the American Lung Association [reports](#), “[t]he five-year survival rate for lung cancer is 56 percent for cases detected when the disease is still localized,” it also notes that “only 16 percent of lung cancer cases are diagnosed at an early stage.” In other words, many lung cancer diagnoses don’t come until it is already too late. Sadly, many individuals have been diagnosed with lung cancer as a result of exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with lung cancer, you should speak with a lawyer about your family’s legal rights. In many cases, lung cancer results from dangerous exposure that could have been avoided. . Medical literature supports an association between lung cancer and contaminated water exposure, such as those exposed to contaminants at Camp Lejeune.

What Are the Early Signs of Lung Cancer from Exposure at Camp Lejeune?

With lung cancer, prompt diagnosis can be the key to preventing long-term and fatal consequences. As a result, if possible, individuals should seek treatment at the first sign of a potential problem. As outlined by the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), early signs of lung cancer may include:

- Chronic fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss
- A cough that doesn’t go away

- Coughing up blood
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing

As the CDC also notes, “[o]ther changes that can sometimes occur with lung cancer may include repeated bouts of pneumonia and swollen or enlarged lymph nodes (glands) inside the chest in the area between the lungs.” While these can be symptomatic of other health conditions as well, when dealing with the possibility of lung cancer, it is important not to take any chances.

What Are the Treatment Options for Lung Cancer?

Treatment options for lung cancer resulting from exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune vary depending on the specific type of cancer a patient develops and the stage at which the patient’s cancer is diagnosed. If diagnosed early enough, it may be possible to treat lung cancer with the following:

- **Surgery** – In some cases, doctors can physically remove cancerous tissue from the lungs through surgery. Typically, in order for this to be effective, cancer must still be localized within the lungs.
- **Chemotherapy** – Chemotherapy involves administering highly potent medications that attack the cancer cells in the lungs. With chemotherapy, the goal is typically either to kill cancer entirely or shrink it to the point that it can be surgically removed.
- **Targeted Therapy** – Targeted therapy is similar to chemotherapy in that it involves medication, but with targeted therapy, the focus is on stopping cancer’s growth and preventing it from spreading further throughout the body.
- **Radiation Therapy** – Radiation therapy involves attacking the cancer cells in the lungs with targeted rays (similar to X-rays) that damage the DNA within the cells, either killing them or causing them to replicate less rapidly. This form of therapy can have various side effects, but it will be lung cancer patients’ best option in some cases.

What is the Prognosis for Lung Cancer Patients?

The prognosis for patients with lung cancer varies, with one of the primary determining factors being the stage at which a patient’s cancer is diagnosed. For example, while the five-year survival rate with early detection is 56 percent, the overall five-year survival rate is just 18.6 percent. According to the American Lung Association, “[f]or distant

tumors (spread to other organs) the five-year survival rate is only 5 percent,” and “[m]ore than half of the people with lung cancer die within one year of being diagnosed.”

What Financial Compensation is Available for Lung Cancer?

Due to lung cancer’s devastating effects, individuals who have been diagnosed with lung cancer and families that have lost loved ones to the disease will often be entitled to significant financial compensation if caused by exposure to dangerous compounds, such as those found in the water at Camp Lejeune from the 1950s through the 1980s. Compensation awards are determined case-by-case—taking into account the patient’s or family’s losses as well as the specific claim (or claims) they have available.

Contact Us for a Free, No-Obligation Consultation

If you have questions about filing a claim for lung cancer caused by exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, we encourage you to contact us for more information. To speak with an experienced lawyer about your legal rights in confidence, please call 855-941-1975 or [get in touch with us online](#) to arrange a free, no-obligation consultation.