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RESUMING MEDICAL SCREENING EXAMS AND CT SCANS

BTMed has resumed medical screening exams and CT scans at most locations. If you have any questions or are due for an exam, call us at **1-800-866-9663** or email us at btmed@btmed.org.

Sherry Gosseen, Hanford Outreach Coordinator, retires from BTMed



After a long and exceptionally successful career with BTMed, Sherry Gosseen has retired from serving as the Hanford outreach coordinator. From the time she started with BTMed in 2006, Sherry set the highest standard for work history interviews and assistance to BTMed participants. For much of her time with the program she focused solely on outreach and became the face of BTMed in the Hanford area. She is highly respected and has maintained excellent rapport with the Central WA Building Trades Council and its unions, the Hanford Worker Engagement Center, the local EEOICPA office, the Beryllium Awareness Group, home healthcare agencies, organizations serving seniors and local claims advocates. Sherry has always been passionate about helping former DOE construction workers and her work will have a lasting influence. She has been an important part of BTMed for the last 15 years and will be greatly missed. The team at BTMed thanks Sherry for her hard work and dedication and congratulates her on her much-deserved retirement!

Check out our new website!

We are excited to announce the launch of our redesigned and expanded website. The new website is easier to navigate, provides more information on program benefits, features testimonials from BTMed participants, and has a responsive design that works across all devices. Visit us at www.btmed.org.

Building Trades National Medical Screening Program

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The Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed) provides free medical screening exams to construction workers formerly employed at Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons research and production sites, who may be at increased risk for occupational illnesses. The medical screening exams are designed to identify work-related health conditions at an early, more treatable stage and contribute to the health and well-being of these workers. [Learn more.](#)



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Randy Anderson joins BTMed at the Oak Ridge Outreach Office



BTMed welcomes Randy Anderson to the Oak Ridge Outreach Office. Randy is excited about joining the BTMed team because she has “seen first-hand of the different types of hazards we were exposed to”. She comes from a long line of union trades family that “helped build these buildings at Oak Ridge and fast forward to many of us now are taking them down”. Randy is a retired member of Laborers Local 818 with over 18 years in. She spent 13 years working in the union hall and 5 years in the field at Oak Ridge, alongside of her sister and sister-in-law. They were involved in D&D projects taking down historic buildings with legacy waste at the K-25 Site and Randy also worked on the UPF Project at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Her father was an ironworker for over 30 years and her husband and brother are currently members of Iron Workers Local 384. “It is personal to me,” she says about being able to help workers out there. Randy encourages workers to prioritize their health and emphasizes that it’s never too early to get a screening exam.

She looks forward to helping others and getting the information out that “this program is here for a reason and how important that reason is”. You can reach her at **865-813-2288** and rdanderson@zenith-american.com.

Savannah River Rite Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Update

The Savannah River Site (SRS) class of all construction trades workers of Department of Energy subcontractors (excluding DuPont and Westinghouse during specific time periods) who worked at the Savannah River Site from October 1, 1972 through December 31, 1990 was designated for addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). This designation became effective on September 17, 2021. More information is available at www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas/srs.html.

Gordon Rowe, the original petitioner, was part of the BTMed family. Gordon spent 16 years at the Savannah River Site working as an electrician out of IBEW Local 1579 before he joined BTMed for over 18 years helping countless former DOE construction workers. He passed away in 2018.



Gordon Rowe
July 6, 1933 - October 9, 2018



CT Scans now offered in the Kansas City area

Former DOE construction workers at high risk for lung cancer may be eligible for BTMed's Early Lung Cancer Detection (ELCD) Program. BTMed now offers annual lung cancer screening to eligible participants in the Kansas City area. BTMed uses low-dose CT scans to detect lung cancer at an early stage, when treatment is most effective.

Are you eligible for a CT scan?

- Age 50-79
- Current or former smoker with significant smoking history (20 pack years)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or pleural plaque on spirometry
 - Eligible with fewer than 5 years of construction work
- Asbestosis-related findings on chest x-ray
 - Eligible without regard to smoking history or years of construction work

BTMed's ELCD Program is currently available at the following locations:

- Augusta, GA
- Savannah, GA
- Columbia, SC
- Denver, CO
- Paducah, KY
- Oak Ridge, TN
- Cincinnati, OH
- Portsmouth, OH
- Kansas City, MO
- Hanford, WA
- Seattle, WA

For more information on the ELCD program, call us at **1-888-464-0009** or visit www.btmed.org/program-benefits.

BTMed exam helps detect former GE Evendale pipefitter's exposure to beryllium

Michael Avery spent over 34 years working as a pipefitter out of UA Local 392. During that time, he worked on and off at the GE Evendale facility in Evendale, OH. GE Evendale was used for working with a variety of radioactive materials and processing beryllium. Michael worked on running pipe and installing new equipment in many different areas of site saying that "I didn't know what the equipment was or had any idea what it did". He also performed piping and welding work on the site and recalls having to do a job in an attic area where there may have residual beryllium dust that he could have been exposed to.



A few years ago, Michael received a union letter about BTMed and since he worked at GE Evendale and didn't know if he may or may not have been exposed to anything, he thought, "Why not?". He's glad he decided to get the medical screening exam since "if it wasn't for the program, I wouldn't have known about being exposed to beryllium. Even though I don't have the disease, it's good to know". Michael is grateful for the BTMed expressing that it gives him a peace of mind knowing that he is healthy so he can enjoy his retirement spending time babysitting his grandkids. "From the start my experience with the program and everyone involved has been very positive," he says, "the first people I talked to were Lou and Dan who are also pipefitters from my local union, and they were both really great". He encourages all workers to "go get screened, you never know what might turn up".

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HAS IT BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE YOUR LAST BTMED EXAM?

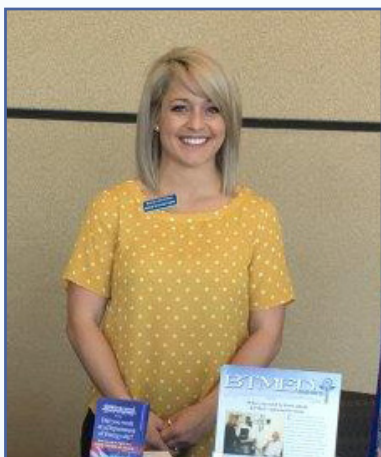
If it has been three or more years since your last BTMed screening exam, you may be eligible for a free re-screen exam. To schedule an exam or to check when your last screening was, call **1-800-866-9663** or email btmed@btmed.org.



"You folks are the best. Thank you for all you do for us. Without this program there's a lot of us folks down here who would not be in the position of health that we are. You guys have been a real blessing to us. Thank you so very much for helping not just me but everyone else. I hope you continue to do that."

Edward Allcock
Pipefitters Local 184
Former Paducah Worker

BTMed thanks Lindzi Caylor for her hard work during her time with BTMed! Lindzi joined the team in 2019 as the Oak Ridge outreach coordinator and interviewer.



She did an outstanding job reaching out to workers and letting them know about the program. We wish Lindzi the best of luck in her future endeavors and thank her for her commitment and dedication to BTMed and former DOE construction workers!

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