

PCB BLOOD TEST AND REGISTERED NURSE MEDICAL INTERVIEW
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1. WHO WILL BE TESTED AND WHAT TYPE OF TEST WILL BE GIVEN?

- A. Every living claimant will be scheduled for a blood test during the next three or four months. If you are one of the approximately 2,700 claimants whose blood has already been tested in this case, you will be tested again. This is because a new test with a different combination of PCBs has been recommended by our Medical Experts. We need everyone's blood to be tested in the same manner so that we can compare your results with other claimants' results.

If a claimant is out of the Country in military service or for other reasons, or is in jail or prison, we will make every effort to have their blood tested, and the details will be provided later.

Q2. HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF MY BLOOD TEST?

- A. Industrial Health Council ("IHC") a company in Birmingham, Alabama, telephone number 1-800-414-7099, will be scheduling blood tests during the next several months. They will be mailing you information on the date and time of your blood test. Please be patient with this process since your blood test may not be scheduled for several weeks.

For claimants living in Alabama, the blood tests will be scheduled roughly in alphabetical order of claimants' last names beginning January 12, 2004. For claimants living outside of Alabama, blood tests will begin in late January. If you are an out-of-state resident, you will be notified, by mail, of the date, time and location of your blood test.

Children under 19 will be scheduled to be tested with their custodial parent or guardian.

Q3. WHAT ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE BLOOD TESTS?

- A. Claimants living in Alabama will receive their scheduling notice letter 3 to 5 days before the blood test, as a general rule. Alabama claimants will be scheduled either for a morning or an afternoon test on a certain day. Morning hours will be 8-11 and afternoon hours will be 2-6, Monday through Friday, and 8-11 and 2-4 on Saturdays. You may appear for your blood test any time during the time frame given.

Claimants living in Georgia will be scheduled for a one week period, and may appear to be tested any time during that week during office hours of 8-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Claimants living in states other than Alabama or Georgia will be scheduled during a two week period, and may appear to be tested any time during office hours of 8-5 during that period.

Q4. WHERE WILL THE BLOOD TESTS BE GIVEN?

- A. Claimants living in Alabama will be tested in Anniston, Alabama at 1200 Noble Street, Suite 120, in Anniston, Alabama.

Claimants not living in Alabama will be tested at a facility within a two hour car ride of their residence, to the extent possible.

Q5. AM I REQUIRED TO BRING IDENTIFICATION WITH ME WHEN I AM TESTED?

- A. If you are fifteen or older, please bring a picture identification with you. If you do not have a picture identification, please bring your Social Security card and a power bill or another bill showing your name and address.

Q6. HOW LONG SHOULD I PLAN TO BE AT THE BLOOD TESTING FACILITY?

- A. Alabama claimants should plan to spend between one and two hours at the testing facility, depending on how many claimants are being tested at that time. Either before or after your blood is drawn, you will also be interviewed by a Registered Nurse for approximately fifteen to twenty minutes to obtain your medical history.

Claimants not living in Alabama should expect to spend approximately the same time at the testing facility, although you will be interviewed by a Registered Nurse about your medical history over the phone when he or she calls you at your residence.

Q7. I CANNOT HAVE MY BLOOD TESTED DURING THE PERIOD GIVEN IN THE SCHEDULING LETTER. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- A. Call IHC at 1-800-414-7099 immediately to reschedule. Every attempt will be made to reschedule you at a more convenient time. Note that rescheduling by a large number of claimants may cause more expense to the Tolbert Qualified Settlement Fund and could delay claimant benefit payments. Also, a limited amount of rescheduling will be allowed for each claimant.

Q8. SHOULD I EAT ON THE DAY OF MY BLOOD TEST?

- A. If you are scheduled for your blood test in the morning, if at all possible do not eat that day before having your blood drawn. If you are scheduled for your blood test in the afternoon, or you are unable to wait to eat until after your blood test, please make sure to eat only fruits or vegetables the day of your blood test - no fried foods and no foods prepared with a lot of butter or other fat substances. These restrictions are to make sure that your actual PCB levels are accurately determined. If you eat fatty foods within 8 - 12 hours before your blood test,

the PCB test results may come out lower than your actual levels.

Q9. WILL I BE INTERVIEWED BY A REGISTERED NURSE WHEN MY BLOOD IS TESTED?

- A. Alabama residents will be interviewed when they go to have their blood tested. A Registered Nurse will briefly interview you about your medical history and symptoms at the blood testing facility. Claimants living outside of Alabama will be interviewed over the phone, instead. These interviews will allow us to determine what diseases you have and their severity, which will also help us to further develop the claimant payment matrix and to staff a medical clinic in Anniston that will best serve your needs. To assist in this process, Alabama residents should bring with you to the blood test the medications you are currently taking. Please do not bring loose pills, but do bring the bottle or container you receive from the doctor or the pharmacy for each medicine you are taking now and, if you have the bottles or containers from the doctor or pharmacy for medicines you took in the past, please bring those as well.

However, please do NOT bring your medical records. The nurse interview will give us the information we need.

Q10. WILL I BE ASKED TO SIGN A RELEASE AUTHORIZING THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TO USE THE RESULTS OF MY PCB BLOOD TEST?

- A. Yes. This will allow consideration of your blood test results by an Expert Panel advising the Claims Administrator on medical issues, the Claims Administrator and the Court, in order to determine how much each claimant should be paid. It will also allow various research facilities to use the results to study the effects of PCB exposure on people in exchange for paying a portion of the expenses of the blood testing program. It will also allow other uses of the data as the Court deems necessary and proper.

Q11. WHEN WILL I BE ASKED TO SIGN THE RELEASE FOR TESTING?

- A. The release will be given to you to sign when you arrive for your blood testing. A representative will be on site to explain the form to you and make sure you complete it correctly.

Q12. CAN I SIGN THE RELEASE FORM FOR ANOTHER PERSON?

- A. You may sign the release form for a minor who is being blood tested, but only if you are legally allowed to do so. You are only legally allowed to sign for a minor if you are that minor's parent or guardian, or if you have a court order allowing you to act as guardian for

that minor. You may only sign for an adult if you have a power of attorney for that adult, or if you have a court order allowing you to act as that person's guardian.

Q13. WHAT MEASURES WILL THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TAKE TO PROTECT MY PRIVACY?

A. Federal law requires the Claims Administrator to provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices at the time your blood is tested. That form explains in great detail under what circumstances your information will be released, and exactly what information can be released. However, unless otherwise allowed by law or in the release you sign, no private personal health information will be released to any person or group by the Claims Administrator.

Q14. CAN I VIEW THE NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AND THE RELEASE BEFORE THE DATE I AM TESTED?

A. Yes. The forms are attached to Judge Clemon's Order of December 31, 2003, which is available on the Claims Administrator's website at www.tolbertqsf.com.

Q15. I live out-of-state. When will the PCB blood testing begin for out-of-state claimants.

A. Blood testing for out-of-state claimants begins the week of March 1, 2004. You will be getting a postcard providing you the date and time of your blood test, and also receiving a letter containing diet instructions prior to the blood test and enclosing and explaining certain release documents you will be asked to sign. See the out-of-state PCB blood test letter on this website, and see the Release Documents on this website.

Q16. I have a relative who is a claimant that is so disabled that she cannot travel to the blood test site. How will her blood be tested?

A. Beginning in March 2004, we will begin to collect the blood from those few claimants in Alabama who were not able to travel to the blood test site in Anniston, Alabama. A similar program will be implemented for out-of-state claimants in the near future.

Q17 I am a claimant in prison. How will my blood be tested?

A. We will be organizing a blood drawing program for claimants incarcerated in Alabama prisons beginning in March 2004. After we determine how many claimants are incarcerated in other states, we will determine the need and scope of such a program for out-of-state claimants.

Q18: I am overseas in the Armed Services. How will my blood be tested?

A. We are arranging with the Armed Services to have your blood drawn and will have the details of this project shortly.

Q19. My relative is a deceased claimant who never had his blood drawn for a PCB blood test before he died. How will he be tested for PCBs?

A. We will use all available medical information to arrive at a fair PCB level for this claimant, such as autopsy results, possibly extrapolating a PCB level from the deceased claimant's Registered Nurse interview given by his family and possibly other means. Our goal will be to be as fair to the deceased claimant as possible.