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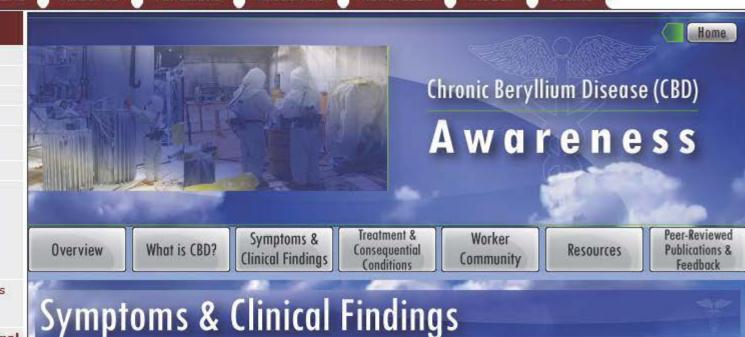
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If you may have been occupationally exposed to beryllium and have a chronic respiratory disorder that has lasted more than three months with any of the following symptoms, you may be at risk for CBD:



Shortness of Breath (While walking, climbing stairs or other physical activities)



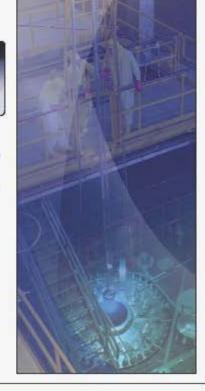


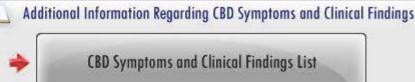
Some individuals may also experience chest and joint pain and loss of appetite as the disease progresses.

Workers who may have been exposed occupationally to beryllium and have any of the symptoms listed above should tell their physicians about their beryllium exposure or seek help from a physician who specializes in occupational lung diseases.

In addition, if you have been diagnosed with any of the following conditions, your physician may determine that an evaluation for CBD is warranted:

- Enlarged lymph nodes (adenopathy) seen on Chest X-ray or CT scan,
- Scarring on both lungs (chronic infiltrates) on Chest X-ray or CT scan, called "chronic bilateral pulmonary infiltrates",
- Lung or skin biopsy reports of granulomatous inflammation, and/or
- Prior diagnosis of chronic skin or pulmonary sarcoidosis.





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