

How to Take Action for More Research for Peripheral Neuropathy

What to do:

Contact the office of your Congressional Representatives and ask that they support “Peripheral Neuropathy” as a condition eligible for study through the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program during the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations process.

How to do it:

- Find the contact for your Representative [here](#).
- Go to your Representative's website pages/online contact forms
- You will be asked to fill out a form with your name, address, and message.
- Where the form asks for your message, copy in:

Dear Representative,

As a constituent from (your state) diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy, I am writing to request your support for including the designation of “peripheral neuropathy” among the disorders and conditions eligible for research funding under the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP).

Affecting an estimated 30 million Americans, peripheral neuropathy refers to the many conditions that involve damage to the peripheral nervous system. The disabling symptoms of peripheral neuropathy include poor balance, numbness in hands and feet, significant mobility problems, pain (sometimes severe), sleep difficulties, tremors, and muscle wasting and weakness. Tell Personal Story.

Peripheral neuropathy is common among the veterans community, particularly those diagnosed with diabetes, hepatitis C, and HIV. Cancer patients who have undergone chemotherapy treatment commonly develop peripheral neuropathy. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) presumes veterans' early-onset peripheral neuropathy is related to their exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during service when the disease appears within one year of exposure to a degree of at least 10 percent disabling by VA's rating regulations.

I urge you to contact the Appropriations Committee and request that they include “peripheral neuropathy” among the eligible PRMRP conditions and have this language included in the fiscal year 2021 Defense Appropriations Act. I deeply appreciate your commitment to fighting this disorder and supporting research that will give the hope our community needs that a cure is within our grasp!

- If you prefer, write a letter directly to your Representative using the wording above.
- Please share your correspondence with us by send a copy of your communication to our g

Questions?

Please contact us at the Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy at 847-883-9942 if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking action! Together, we can make our voices heard!