



**TOXIC EMBEDDED FRAGMENT SURVEILLANCE CENTER
FRAGMENT COLLECTION FORM/CHECKLIST**

Patient's Last Name	Patient's First Name	Social Security Number
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Address	Telephone Number	Date of Birth
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Fragment location(s) in body	Fragment Removal Date
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Location when the veteran received the injury that resulted in shrapnel or fragments being removed from or remaining in the body:

Afghanistan Iraq Unknown

Other (*specify*): _____

Name of VA Medical Center where the veteran is currently receiving care

Address of VA Medical Center where the veteran is currently receiving care	Mail Code
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Referring Surgeon/Care Provider Name

Pager Number	Telephone Number	Fax Number (<i>to receive report</i>)
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Referring Facility Contact Name	Referring Facility Contact Phone
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Call the Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center at **1-800-815-7533** to obtain the fragment collection kit. Each kit includes shipping materials and six containers to be used for the collection of fragments. The materials in the kit conform to IATA packing instructions 650 and courier shipping requirements.

The shipper of the fragments assumes responsibility for complying with these shipping requirements. Using bottles and packing materials supplied by the Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center, and using them according to instructions, assures compliance.

- Place the fragment(s) in the containers and close tightly.
- Label the containers in permanent marker with the patient's name, social security number, date of collection and body part location where the fragment was removed.
- Place all six containers (empty or with fragments) in the cardboard insert.
- Place the cardboard insert with the absorbent material into the plastic bag provided.
- Make sure the plastic bag is sealed tightly. Place the plastic bag in the shipping box.
- Fax this fully-completed form and a copy of the pathology report to the Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center at 410-605-7943, then place both forms in the shipping box and seal the box.
- Date and complete the courier shipping label in its entirety.
- Print "Exempt Human Specimen" on the box and adhere the "UP" labels in the appropriate direction to the outside of the box.
- Please send the box via overnight courier to:

**VA MARYLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
TOXIC EMBEDDED FRAGMENT SURVEILLANCE CENTER (11/TEFSC)
10 N. GREENE STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21201
ATTN: DU/TEFSC ROOM 6B-131**

Date Laboratory Received Specimen: _____