

epidemiological data on the current population of veterans with ALS, as well as the ongoing identification of new cases. The data will help VA to understand how veterans are affected by ALS, assist with early identification of new ALS clusters, provide a mechanism for informing veterans with ALS of new clinical drug trials and other studies, and examine the causes (*e.g.*, genetic and environmental) and course of this disease.

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Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS),

ALS Initial Baseline Screening Form, VA Form, 10–21047—365 hours.

b. VA Research Consent Form, VA Form 10–1086—207 hours.

c. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Registry Phone Interviews, VA Form 10–21047a—1,237 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Initial Baseline Screening Form, VA Form, 10–21047—30 minutes.

b. VA Research Consent Form, VA Form 10–1086—20 minutes.

c. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Registry Phone Interviews, VA Form 21047a—30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS),

ALS Initial Baseline Screening Form, VA Form, 10–21047—729.

b. VA Research Consent Form, VA Form 10–1086—620.

c. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Registry Phone Interviews, VA Form 10–21047a—1,431.

Estimated Number of Responses:

a. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Initial Baseline Screening Form, VA Form, 10–21047—729.

b. VA Research Consent Form, VA Form 10–1086—620.

c. National Registry of Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), ALS Registry Phone Interviews, 10–21047a—2,474.

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