

Risks and Benefits of Participating in the Beryllium Medical Surveillance Program

| Test | Risks | Benefits |
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| BeLPT | False positive results could lead to a psychologically stressful series of subsequent confirmatory BeLPT tests. | <p>Detection of beryllium sensitization and CBD.</p> <p>Helps determine the effectiveness of your employer's Be health effects prevention program.</p> <p>Assists your employer's efforts in identifying opportunities to eliminate or reduce Be related risks to you and your fellow workers.</p> <p>As necessary, provides an opportunity for placement in a job with lower airborne exposure.</p> <p>As necessary, provides information for you to decide on increasing your level of respiratory protection.</p> |
| Physical examination | none | Evaluation of general and respiratory health. |
| Chest x-ray | Radiation exposure could potentially increase the risk of cancer. | More accurate diagnosis of lung diseases, including CBD. |
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| Pulmonary function testing (spirometry, DLCO, plethysmography) | Hypertension during spirometry. | Evaluation of general lung physiology. |
| Bronchoscopy | Pneumothorax | More accurate diagnosis of lung diseases, including CBD. |