Figure S1. Flow of the study participants

**Total Vietnam veterans**
- Personally identified with the help of Ministry of National Defense and then Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs from October 1999 to April 2000
  - n=187,897

**A subset of veterans**
- Whose address was in a city in which collaborating university hospitals for health exams were located.
- For whom all necessary military information (for the original study) such as deployed unit, deployed period, and military rank was collected.
  - n=90,565

**A simple random sample among veterans**
- Whose recent residential status was ascertained as of July 2000.
  - n=20,000

- Those who were alive and had a known residence as of July, 2000 (of them, 17,158 lived in a city in which collaborating university hospitals were located)
  - n=18,263

**Health exam group**
- Those who lived in a city in which university hospitals were located
- Selected by simple random sampling
- Survey and invitation letter for health exam sent out on May 4, 2001
  - n=5,000

**Survey-only group**
- Those who lived (n=12,158) and did not live (n=1,105) in a city in which university hospitals were located
- Survey sent out on July 20, 2001
  - n=13,263

**Final study participants**
- Participated in health exams and questionnaire (n=2,005, 40.1%)
- Returned survey by September 17, 2001 (n=8,233, 62.1%)
  - n=10,238

**Non-participants**
- Did not participate in health exams (n=2,995)
- Did not return survey (n=5,030)
  - n=8,025

- Those who were deceased, or had an unknown residence before health exam or survey,
  - n=158

- Follow-up for death until December 31, 2008
- A complete follow-up on death was made for 10,181 (99.4%) participants and 7,807 (99.2% out of 7,867) non-participants.