



FOOT MISCELLANEOUS (OTHER THAN FLATFOOT/PES PLANUS) DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

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NAME OF PATIENT/VETERAN _____ PATIENT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN - Your patient is applying to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for disability benefits. VA will consider the information you provide on this questionnaire as part of their evaluation in processing the veteran's claim.

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A FOOT CONDITION (*OTHER THAN FLATFOOT*)?

YES NO (*If "Yes," complete Item 1C*) (*If "No," complete Item 1B*)

1B. PROVIDE RATIONALE (*e.g. veteran does not currently have any known foot condition(s)*)

1C. INDICATE DIAGNOSIS/ES (*Check all that apply*) AND COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION(S) OF THE FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MORTON'S NEUROMA | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> METATARSALGIA | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMMER TOES | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HALLUX VALGUS | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HALLUX RIGIDUS | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLAW FOOT (<i>PES CAVUS</i>) | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MALUNION/NONUNION OF TARSAL/METATARSAL BONES | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOOT INJURIES (<i>specify</i>) | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER FOOT CONDITIONS (<i>specify</i>) | ICD CODE - | DATE OF DIAGNOSIS - |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

NOTE - If the veteran has flatfoot, also complete the VA Form 21-0960M-5, Flatfoot (Pes Planus) Disability Benefits Questionnaire.

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (*including onset and course*) OF THE VETERAN'S CURRENT FOOT CONDITION(S) (*brief summary*)

SECTION III - MORTON'S NEUROMA (Morton's disease) AND /OR METATARSALGIA

3A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE MORTON'S NEUROMA?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate affected side(s) Right Left Both

3B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE METATARSALGIA?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate affected side(s) Right Left Both

SECTION IV - HAMMER TOE

4. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE HAMMER TOE(S)?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate which toes are affected on each side?

Right: None Great toe Second toe Third toe Fourth toe Little toe
Left: None Great toe Second toe Third toe Fourth toe Little toe

SECTION V - HALLUX VALGUS

5A. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD HALLUX VALGUS?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate severity: (*check all that apply*)

Mild or moderate symptoms

Indicate side affected: Right Left Both

Severe, with function equivalent to amputation of great toe

Indicate side affected: Right Left Both

SECTION V - HALLUX VALGUS (Continued)

5B. HAS THE VETERAN HAD SURGERY FOR HALLUX VALGUS?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate type of surgery and side

Resection of metatarsal head

Date of surgery: _____

Side affected: Right Left Both

Metatarsal osteotomy/metatarsal head osteotomy (equivalent to metatarsal head resection)

Date of surgery: _____

Side affected: Right Left Both

Other surgery for hallux valgus, describe: _____

Date of surgery: _____

Side affected: Right Left Both

SECTION VI - HALLUX RIGIDUS

6. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE HALLUX RIGIDUS?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate severity: (check all that apply)

Mild or moderate symptoms

Side affected: Right Left Both

Severe, with function equivalent to amputation of great toe

Side affected: Right Left Both

SECTION VII - PES CAVUS (CLAW FOOT)

7. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ACQUIRED CLAW FOOT (PES CAVUS)?

YES NO

If "Yes," complete the Items 7A through 7D

A. Toes (check all that apply)

Great toe dorsiflexed Right Left Both

All toes tending to dorsiflexion Right Left Both

All toes hammer toes Right Left Both

None of the above Right Left Both

B. Pain and tenderness (check all that apply)

Definite tenderness under metatarsal heads Right Left Both

Marked tenderness under metatarsal heads Right Left Both

Very painful callosities Right Left Both

None of the above Right Left Both

C. Effect on plantar fascia (check all that apply)

Shortened plantar fascia Right Left Both

Marked contraction of plantar fascia with dropped forefoot Right Left Both

None of the above Right Left Both

D. Dorsiflexion and varus deformity (check all that apply)

Some limitation of dorsiflexion at ankle Right Left Both

Limitation of dorsiflexion at ankle to right angle Right Left Both

Marked varus deformity Right Left Both

None of the above Right Left Both

SECTION VIII - MALUNION OR NONUNION OF TARSAL OR METATARSAL BONES

8. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE MALUNION OR NONUNION OF TARSAL OR METATARSAL BONES?

YES NO

If "Yes," indicate severity and affected side(s):

Moderate Right Left Both

Moderately severe Right Left Both

Severe Right Left Both

SECTION IX - FOOT INJURIES

9. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER FOOT INJURIES?

YES NO If "Yes," describe: _____

If "Yes," indicate severity and affected side(s):

Moderate Right Left Both

Moderately severe Right Left Both

Severe Right Left Both

SECTION X - BILATERAL WEAK FOOT

NOTE - Bilateral weak foot is a symptomatic condition secondary to many constitutional conditions characterized by atrophy of the musculature, disturbed circulation, and weakness.

10. IS THERE EVIDENCE OF BILATERAL WEAK FOOT?

YES NO

If "Yes," describe: _____

SECTION XI - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS

11. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS?

YES NO

If "Yes," describe: _____

SECTION XII- ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND REMAINING FUNCTION OF THE EXTREMITIES

12A. DOES THE VETERAN USE ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICE(S) AS A NORMAL MODE OF LOCOMOTION, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL LOCOMOTION BY OTHER METHODS MAY BE POSSIBLE?

YES NO

If "Yes," identify assistive device(s) used (*check all that apply and indicate frequency*):

- Wheelchair Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant
- Brace(s) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant
- Crutch(es) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant
- Cane(s) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant
- Walker Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant
- Other: _____ Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

if "Yes," identify and describe each condition(s) causing the need for assistive device(s): _____

12B. DUE TO THE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLING CONDITION(S), IS THERE FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT OF AN EXTREMITY SUCH THAT NO EFFECTIVE FUNCTION REMAINS OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WOULD BE EQUALLY WELL SERVED BY AN AMPUTATION WITH PROSTHESIS?

(Functions of the upper extremity include grasping, manipulation, etc., while functions for the lower extremity include balance and propulsion, etc.)

YES, FUNCTIONING IS SO DIMINISHED THAT AMPUTATION WITH PROSTHESIS WOULD EQUALLY SERVE THE VETERAN
 NO

if "Yes," indicate extremity(ies) (*check all extremities for which this applies*)

Right upper Left upper Right lower Left lower

SECTION XIII - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: The diagnosis of arthritis must be confirmed by imaging studies. Once arthritis has been documented, no further imaging studies are indicated, even if arthritis has worsened.

13A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES OF THE FEET BEEN PERFORMED AND ARE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE?

YES NO

(If "Yes," is arthritis documented in multiple joints of the same foot?)

YES NO

(If "Yes," indicate foot)

Right Left Both

13B. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT DIAGNOSTIC TEST FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS?

YES NO

(If "Yes," provide type of test or procedure, date and results (brief summary)): _____

SECTION XIV - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT AND REMARKS

14. DOES THE VETERAN'S FOOT CONDITION IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES NO (If "Yes," describe the impact of each of the veteran's foot conditions providing one or more examples)

15. REMARKS (If any)

SECTION XV - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION - To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate, complete and current.

16A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE		16B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME	16C. DATE SIGNED
16D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER	16E. PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER	16F. PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS	

NOTE - VA may request additional medical information, including additional examinations, if necessary to complete VA's review of the veteran's application.

IMPORTANT - Physician please fax the completed form to _____
(VA Regional Office FAX No.)

NOTE - A list of VA Regional Office FAX Numbers can be found at www.vba.va.gov/disabilityexams or obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

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RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine entitlement to benefits (38 U.S.C. 501). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete the form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.