



**INTESTINAL DISORDERS (OTHER THAN SURGICAL OR INFECTIOUS)  
(INCLUDING IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME, CROHN'S DISEASE, ULCERATIVE COLITIS, AND  
DIVERTICULITIS) DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE**

**IMPORTANT** - THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) **WILL NOT PAY** OR **REIMBURSE** ANY EXPENSES OR COST INCURRED IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING AND/OR SUBMITTING THIS FORM. PLEASE READ THE PRIVACY ACT AND RESPONDENT BURDEN INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

NAME OF PATIENT/VETERAN	PATIENT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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**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 NOW HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AN INTESTINAL CONDITION (*Other than surgical or infectious*)?

YES  NO

If no, provide rationale (*e.g., Veteran does not currently have any known non-surgical or non-infectious intestinal conditions*):

If yes, select the Veteran's condition (*check all that apply*):

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|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irritable bowel syndrome   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spastic colitis  | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mucous colitis   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic diarrhea   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcerative colitis   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crohn's disease  | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic enteritis  | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic enterocolitis  | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celiac disease   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diverticulitis   | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intestinal neoplasm ( <i>If checked, ALSO complete the Tumors and Neoplasms Questionnaire.</i> )                                 | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peritoneal adhesions attributable to diverticulitis ( <i>If checked, ALSO complete the Peritoneal Adhesions Questionnaire.</i> ) | ICD Code: _____ | Date of Diagnosis: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-surgical or non-infectious intestinal conditions:  |                 |                          |

Other diagnosis #1: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Other diagnosis #2: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO INTESTINAL CONDITION(S) (OTHER THAN SURGICAL OR INFECTIOUS), LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT

**SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY**

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (INCLUDING ONSET AND COURSE) OF THE VETERAN'S INTESTINAL CONDITION (*brief summary*):

2B. IS CONTINUOUS MEDICATION REQUIRED FOR CONTROL OF THE VETERAN'S INTESTINAL CONDITION?

YES  NO

If yes, list only those medications required for the intestinal condition:

2C. HAS THE VETERAN HAD SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR AN INTESTINAL CONDITION?

YES  NO

*If yes, ALSO complete the Intestinal Surgery Questionnaire.*

**SECTION III - SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**

3. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY NON-SURGICAL NON-INFECTIOUS INTESTINAL CONDITIONS?

YES  NO

If yes, check all that apply:

- Diarrhea If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Alternating diarrhea and constipation If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Abdominal distension If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Anemia If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nausea If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Vomiting If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV - SYMPTOM EPISODES, ATTACKS AND EXACERBATIONS**

4. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE EPISODES OF BOWEL DISTURBANCE WITH ABDOMINAL DISTRESS, OR EXACERBATIONS OR ATTACKS OF THE INTESTINAL CONDITION?

YES  NO If Yes, indicate severity and frequency: *(check all that apply)*

Episodes of bowel disturbance with abdominal distress

If checked, indicate frequency:

Occasional episodes

Frequent episodes

More or less constant abdominal distress

Episodes of exacerbations and/or attacks of the intestinal condition

If checked, describe typical exacerbation or attack: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate number of exacerbations and/or attacks in past 12 months:

0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7 or more

**SECTION V - WEIGHT LOSS**

5. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE WEIGHT LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SURGICAL INTESTINAL CONDITION?

YES  NO

If yes, provide veteran's baseline weight: \_\_\_\_\_ and current weight: \_\_\_\_\_

*(For VA purposes, baseline weight is the average weight for 2-year period preceding onset of disease)*

**SECTION VI - MALNUTRITION, COMPLICATIONS AND OTHER GENERAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

6. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE MALNUTRITION, SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS OR OTHER GENERAL HEALTH EFFECTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INTESTINAL CONDITION?

YES  NO

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

Health only fair during remissions

Resulting in general debility

Resulting in serious complication such as liver abscess

Malnutrition

If checked, is malnutrition marked?  YES  NO

Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VII - OTHER PERTINENT FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS?**

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS?

YES  NO If "Yes," describe *(brief summary)*:

7B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SCARS (SURGICAL OR OTHERWISE RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS OR TO THE TREATMENT OF ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?)

YES  NO

If yes, are any of the scars painful and/or unstable, or is the total area of all related scars greater than 39 square cm *(6 square inches)*?

YES  NO

If yes, also complete a Scars Questionnaire?

**SECTION VIII - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

**NOTE:** If imaging studies, diagnostic procedures or laboratory testing has been performed and reflects the veteran's current condition, provide the most recent results; no further studies or testing are required for this examination.

8A. HAS LABORATORY TESTING BEEN PERFORMED?

YES  NO

If Yes, check all that apply:

CBC (if anemia due to any intestinal condition is suspected or present)

Date of test \_\_\_\_\_

Hemoglobin: \_\_\_\_\_ Hematocrit: \_\_\_\_\_ White blood cell count: \_\_\_\_\_ Platelets: \_\_\_\_\_

Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

8B. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES OR DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES BEEN PERFORMED AND ARE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE?

YES  NO

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

8C. 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 IX - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT**

9. DOES THE VETERAN'S INTESTINAL CONDITION IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES  NO

If Yes, describe the impact of each of the veteran's intestinal conditions, providing one or more examples:

10. REMARKS (If any)

**SECTION XI - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

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

11A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

11B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME

11C. DATE SIGNED

11D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER

11E. PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER

11F. 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](http://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](http://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.