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Department of Veterans Affairs

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AND NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES
(EXCEPT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS, PARKINSON'S DISEASE, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, HEADACHES, TMJ CONDITIONS, EPILEPSY, NARCOLEPSY, PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY, SLEEP APNEA, CRANIAL NERVE DISORDERS, FIBROMYALGIA, CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME) 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 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 /SHE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) CONDITION? YES NO (If "Yes," complete Item 1B) 1B. SELECT THE VETERAN'S CONDITION: (check all that apply) CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) INFECTIONS - If checked, provide ICD code: ______ Date of diagnosis:_____ Specify organism:_____ ☐ Brain abscess Specify organism:_____ HIV Neurosyphilis Lyme disease Encephalitis, epidemic, chronic, including poliomyelitis, anterior (anterior horn cells) Other (specify):__ VASCULAR DISEASES - If checked, provide ICD code:_______ Date of diagnosis:____ Thrombosis. TIA or cerebral infarction Hemorrhage (specify type):___ Cerebral arteriosclerosis Other (specify):_ HYDROCEPHALUS - If checked, provide ICD code:

Date of diagnosis: Obstructive Communicating ☐ Normal pressure (NPH) BRAIN TUMOR - If checked, provide ICD code:______ Date of diagnosis: ___ SPINAL CORD CONDITIONS - If checked, provide ICD code: ______ Date of diagnosis: _____ □ Syringomyelia ☐ Hematomvelia ☐ Spinal Cord Injuries Radiation injury ☐ Electric or lightning injury Decompression sickness (DCS) Other Spinal cord tumor Other (specify): BRAIN STEM CONDITIONS - If checked, provide ICD code:_____ ___ Date of diagnosis:__ ☐ Bulbar palsy Pseudobulbar palsv Other (specify):_____

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SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS (CONTINUED)				
1B. SELECT THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITION (Continued): (Check all that apply)				
MOVEMENT DISORDERS - If checked, provide ICD code:				
Athetosis, acquired				
Myoclonus I				
Paramyoclonus multiplex (convulsive state, myoclonic type)				
Tic, convulsive (Gilles de la Tourette syndrome)				
Dystonia (specify type):				
Essential tremor				
Tardive dyskenesia or other neuroleptic induced syndromes				
Other (specify):				
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NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS - If checked, provide ICD code:				
Myasthenia gravis				
Myasthenic syndrome				
Botulism				
Hereditary muscular disorders				
Familial periodic paralysis				
☐ Myoglobulinuria				
Dermatomyositis or polyomiositis				
Other (specify):				
INTOXICATIONS - If checked, provide ICD code: Date of diagnosis:				
Heavy metal intoxication				
Solvents (specify):				
Insecticides, pesticides, others (specify):				
Nerve gas agents				
Herbicides/defoliants (specify):				
Other (specify):				
OTHER CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITION				
Other diagnosis # 1 (specify)				
ICD code: Date of diagnosis:				
Other diagnosis # 2 (specify)				
ICD code: Date of diagnosis:				
1C. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITIONS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:				

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY
2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITIONS (brief summary):
2B. DOES THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITIONS REQUIRE CONTINUOUS MEDICATIONS FOR CONTROL?
YES NO (If "Yes," list medications used for central nervous system conditions):
2C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE AN INFECTIOUS CONDITION?
□ YES □ NO
(If "Yes," is it active?)
☐ Yes ☐ No
(If "No," describe residuals, if any):
2D. DOMINANT HAND
RIGHT LEFT AMBIDEXTROUS
SECTION III - CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
3A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY MUSCLE WEAKNESS IN THE UPPER AND/OR LOWER EXTREMITIES?
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SECTION III - CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS (Continued)			
3E. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY BOWEL FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT?			
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Slight impairment of sphincter control, without leakage			
Constant slight impairment of sphincter control, or occasional moderate leakage			
Occasional involuntary bowel movements, necessitating wearing a pad			
Extensive leakage and fairly frequent involuntary bowel movements			
Total loss of bowel sphincter control			
Chronic constipation			
Other bowel impairment (describe):			
3F. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE VOIDING DYSFUNCTION CAUSING URINE LEAKAGE?			
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Does not require/does not use absorbent material			
Requires absorbent material that is changed less than 2 times per day			
Requires absorbent material that is changed 2 to 4 times per day			
Requires absorbent material that is changed more than 4 times per day			
3G. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE VOIDING DYSFUNCTION CAUSING SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS OF URINARY FREQUENCY?			
☐ ☐ YES ☐ NO			
(If "Yes," check all that apply)			
Daytime voiding interval between 2 and 3 hours			
Daytime voiding interval between 1 and 2 hours			
Daytime voiding interval less than 1 hour			
☐ Nighttime awakening to void 2 times			
☐ Nighttime awakening to void 3 to 4 times			
☐ Nighttime awakening to void 5 or more times			
3H. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE VOIDING DYSFUNCTION CAUSING FINDINGS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS OF OBSTRUCTED VOIDING?			
☐ L YES L NO			
(If "Yes," check all signs and symptoms that apply)			
Hesitancy (If the stand in the site new poster (2))			
(If checked, is hesitancy marked?) Yes No			
Slow or weak stream			
(If checked, is stream markedly slow or weak?)			
Yes No			
Decreased force of stream			
<u>(If checked, is force of stream markedly decreased?)</u>			
Yes No			
Stricture disease requiring dilatation 1 to 2 times per year			
Stricture disease requiring periodic dilatation every 2 to 3 months			
Recurrent urinary tract infections secondary to obstruction			
Uroflowmetry peak flow rate less than 10 cc/sec			
Post void residuals greater than 150 cc			
Urinary retention requiring intermittent or continuous catheterization			
31. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE VOIDING DYSFUNCTION REQUIRING THE USE OF AN APPLIANCE?			
YES NO (If "Yes," describe):			
3J. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF RECURRENT SYMPTOMATIC URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS?			
YES NO			
(If "Yes," check all treatments that apply)			
No treatment			
Long-term drug therapy (If "Yes," list medications used for urinary tract infection and indicate dates for courses of treatment over the past 12 months):			
(iii 100), iist medicalions used ioi dimary liast imediion and mulcate dates foi courses of freatment over the past 12 months).			
☐ Hospitalization			
(If checked, indicate frequency of hospitalization):			
☐ 1 or 2 per year			
☐ More than 2 per year ☐ Drainage			
(If checked, indicate dates when drainage performed over past 12 months):			
Dther management/treatment not listed above (Provide a description of management/treatment including dates of treatment):			

SECTION III - CONDITIONS, SIGNS, AND SYMPTOMS (Continued)						
1 —	nale) HAVE ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION?					
YES NO (If "Yes," is the erectile dysfunction as likely as not (at least 50% probability) attributable to a CNS disease (including treatment or residuals of treatment?)						
Yes No	Yes No					
(If "No," provide the etiology dysfunction):	of the erectile					
(If "Yes," is the veteran able ☐ Yes ☐ No	(If "Yes," is the veteran able to achieve an erection (without medication) sufficient for penetration and ejaculation?)					
(If "No," is the veteran able	(If "No," is the veteran able to achieve an erection (with medication) sufficient for penetration and ejaculation?)					
	SECTION IV - NEUROLOGIC EXAM					
4A. SPEECH						
Normal Abnormal If speech is abnormal, descril						
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4B. GAIT Normal Abnormal If gait is abnormal and the verthe abnormal gait:	al teran has more than one medical condition contributing to the abnormal gait, identify the conditions and describe each condition's contribution to					
the abhormal gait.						
4C. STRENGTH - Rate strengt	h according to the following scale:					
0/5 No muscle movem						
	vement, but no joint movement					
2/5 No movement aga						
3/5 No movement aga 4/5 Less than normal s						
5/5 Normal strength	uchgan					
ALL NORMAL						
Elbow flexion:	RIGHT: $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $					
Elbow extension:	RIGHT: \square 5/5 \square 4/5 \square 3/5 \square 2/5 \square 1/5 \square 0/5 LEFT: \square 5/5 \square 4/5 \square 3/5 \square 2/5 \square 1/5 \square 0/5					
Wrist flexion:	RIGHT:					
Wrist extension:	RIGHT:					
Grip:	LEFT:					
Gilp.	LEFT:					
Pinch (thumb to index finger):	RIGHT:					
Knee extension:	RIGHT:					
Ankle plantar flexion:	RIGHT:					
Ankle dorsiflexion:	RIGHT:					
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SECTION IV - NEUROLOGIC EXAM (Continued)				
4D. DEEP TENDON REFLEX	(ES (DTRs) - Rate reflexes according to the following scale:			
0 Absent				
1+ Decreased				
2+ Normal				
3+ Increased without	clonus			
4+ Increased with clo				
ALL NORMAL				
Biceps:	RIGHT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+ LEFT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+			
Triceps:	RIGHT: 0 0 1+ 0 2+ 0 3+ 0 4+ LEFT: 0 0 1+ 0 2+ 0 3+ 0 4+			
Brachioradialis:	RIGHT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+ LEFT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+			
Knee:	RIGHT: 0 0 1+ 0 2+ 0 3+ 0 4+ LEFT: 0 0 1+ 0 2+ 0 3+ 0 4+			
Ankle:	RIGHT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+ LEFT: \square 0 \square 1+ \square 2+ \square 3+ \square 4+			
· — —	AVE MUSCLE ATROPHY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS CONDITION?			
	propert indicate leastion).			
	present, indicate location):			
	vide difference measured in cm between normal and atrophied side, measured at maximum muscle bulk): cm WEAKNESS IN THE UPPER AND/OR LOWER EXTREMITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS CONDITION (check all that apply):			
Right upper extremity				
	Moderate Severe With atrophy Complete (no remaining function)			
Left upper extremity r	muscle weakness: Moderate Severe With atrophy Complete (no remaining function)			
Right lower extremity None Mild				
Left lower extremity n				
4G IFTHE VETERAN HAVE I	MORE THAN ONE MEDICAL CONDITION CONTRIBUTING TO THE MUSCLE WEAKNESS, IDENTIFY THE CONDITION(S) AND DESCRIBE			
	NTRIBUTION TO THE MUSCLE WEAKNESS:			

SECTION V - TUMORS AND NEOPLASMS					
	ETERAN HAVE A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES IN SECTION I ?				
☐ YES ☐ NO					
(If "Yes," complete	ete Items 5B through 5E)				
5B. IS THE NEOPLA	PLASM?				
BENIGN					
5C. HAS THE VETEI NEOPLASM OR	TERAN COMPLETED TREATMENT OR IS THE VETERAN CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT OR METASTASES?				
I — —	NO; WATCHFUL WAITING				
(If "Yes," indicate	te type of treatment the veteran is currently undergoing or has completed (check all that apply)				
Treatment completed; currently in watchful waiting status					
. =	ery - Describe: date(s) of surgery:				
I = ''	ation therapy - Provide date of most recent treatment: date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion:				
_	neoplastic chemotherapy - Provide date of most recent treatment: date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion:				
_	r therapeutic procedure - Describe procedure: date of most recent procedure:				
. –	r therapeutic treatment - Describe treatment: date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion:				
	ETERAN CURRENTLY HAVE ANY RESIDUAL CONDITIONS OR COMPLICATIONS DUE TO THE NEOPLASM (including metastases) OR ITS				
OTHER THAN TI	I THOSE ALREADY DOCUMENTED IN THE REPORT ABOVE?	TINEATIVIENT,			
YES NO	NO (If "Yes," list residual conditions and complications (brief summary)):				
5E. IF THERE ARE A	E ADDITIONAL BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES IN SECTION I, DESCRI	BE:			
SEC	ECTION VI - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS				
6A. DOES THE VET	ETERAN HAVE ANY SCARS (surgical or otherwise) RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS OR TO THE TREATMENT OF ANY CONDITIONS LISTEI	D IN			
SECTION I ?	1				
│ │ YES │ I	J NO				
	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 I	l No				
(If "Yes," also co	complete VA Form 21-0960F-1, Scars/Disfigurement Disability Benefits Questionnaire)				
	ETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO AN LISTED IN SECTION I ?	1Y			
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☐ YES ☐ 1	NO (If "Yes," describe (brief summary)):				
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SECTION VII - MENTAL HEALTH MANIFIESTATIONS DUE TO CNS CONDITION OR ITS TREATMENT				
7A.	DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY DEPRESSION, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT OR DEMENTIA, OR ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS DISEASE AND/OR ITS TREATMENT?			
l	☐ YES ☐ NO			
7B.	DOES THE VETERAN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION(S), AS IDENTIFIED IN ITEM 7A, RESULT IN GROSS IMPAIRMENT IN THOUGHT PROCESSES OR COMMUNICATION?			
	☐ YES ☐ NO			
	(If "No," also complete the VA Form 21-0960P-2, Mental Disorders Disability Benefits Questionnaire)			
	(If "Yes," briefly describe the veteran's mental health condition):			
	SECTION VIII - DIFFERENTIATION OF SYMPTOMS OR NEUROLOGIC EFFECTS			
8. /	ARE YOU ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE WHAT PORTION OF THE SYMPTOMOTOLOGY OR NEUROLOGIC EFFECTS IN SECTION III IS CAUSED BY EACH YES NO			
	(If "Yes," list which symptoms or neurologic effects are attributable to each diagnosis, where possible):			
H	SECTION IX - ASSISTIVE DEVICES			
9A.	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 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			
	Other: Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant			
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9B.	IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION:			
H	SECTION X - REMAINING EFFECTIVE FUNCTION OF THE EXTREMITIES			
10.	DUE TO A CNS CONDITION, 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			
	UNO (If "Yes," indicate extremity(ies) (check all extremities for which this applies)):			
	Right upper Left upper Right lower Left lower			
	(For each checked extremity, describe loss of effective function, identify the condition causing loss of function, and provide specific examples (brief summary):			

	SE	ECTION XI - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING	ì	
NOTE - If the results of MRI, other imaging testing is not required. If pulmonary function, redisability such as that caused by muscle	tion testing (PFT) is beat testing is not r	s indicated due to respiratory disabili required. DLCO and bronchodilator to	y, and results are in the m	edical record and reflect the
11A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES BEEN PERFO	RMED? nost recent results, if	available):		
11B. HAVE PFTs BEEN PERFORMED? YES NO (If "Yes," provide most recent results, if avail FEV-1:	ate of test:			
11C. IF PFTs HAVE BEEN PERFORMED, IS TO YES NO	HE FLOW-VOLUME I	LOOP COMPATIBLE WITH UPPER AIRW	'AY OBSTRUCTION?	
11D. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT YES NO (If "Yes," provide typ		FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS? e, date and results (brief summary):		
	SECTION	XII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT AND R	EMARKS	
☐ YES ☐ NO (If "Yes," describe impact of each of the vete	eran's central nervous	s system disorder condition(s), providing o	ne or more examples):	
13. REMARKS (If any)				
	SECTION XIII - I	PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION ANI	SIGNATURE	
CERTIFICATION - To the best of	my knowledge	e, the information contained h	erein is accurate, co	mplete and current.
14A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE		14B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME		14C. DATE SIGNED
14D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER	14E. PHYSICIAN'S	I MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER	14F. PHYSICIAN'S ADDR	I ESS
NOTE - VA may request additional medic	al information, inclu	uding additional examinations if nece	ssary to complete VA's re	view of the veteran's application.
IMPORTANT - Physician please	fax the comple		Regional Office FAX No.)	
NOTE - A list of VA Regional Office FAX I	Numbers can be fo	•	· · ·	1-800-827-1000.

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