



**BREAST CONDITIONS AND DISORDERS DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE**

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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 SHE EVER HAD A DISORDER OF THE BREAST(S)?

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

1B. PROVIDE RATIONALE (e.g. veteran does not currently have any known breast conditions)

1C. PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO THE BREAST(S)

DIAGNOSIS # 1 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -
DIAGNOSIS # 2 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -
DIAGNOSIS # 3 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -

1D. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO THE BREAST(S), LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

**SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY**

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S CURRENT BREAST CONDITION (brief summary):

2B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE BREAST?

YES  NO

2C. IS THE NEOPLASM

BENIGN  MALIGNANT

2D. IF MALIGNANT, WERE THERE OR ARE THERE CURRENTLY ANY METASTASES?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," describe locations): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III - TREATMENT/SURGERY**

3A. HAS THE VETERAN COMPLETED ANY TYPE OF TREATMENT OF IS THE VETERAN CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM AND/OR METASTASES?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," indicate treatment type(s) (check all that apply)):

Watchful waiting

Surgery

If checked, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Radiation therapy

Date of most recent treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Antineoplastic chemotherapy

Date of most recent treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Other therapeutic procedure and/or treatment (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III - TREATMENT/SURGERY (Continued)**

3B. HAS THE VETERAN UNDERGONE BREAST SURGERY?

YES  NO

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

- Wide local excision (For VA purposes, wide local excision means removal of a portion of the breast tissue and includes partial mastectomy, lumpectomy, tylectomy, segmentectomy, and quadrantectomy)  
 Right  Left  Both
- Simple (or total) mastectomy (For VA purposes, a simple (or total) mastectomy means removal of all of the breast tissue, nipple, and a small portion of the overlying skin, but lymph nodes and muscles are left intact)  
 Right  Left  Both
- Modified radical mastectomy (For VA purposes, a modified radical mastectomy means removal of the entire breast and axillary lymph nodes, in continuity with the breast, with pectoral muscles are left intact)  
 Right  Left  Both
- Radical mastectomy (For VA purposes, radical mastectomy means removal of the entire breast, underlying pectoral muscles, and regional lymph nodes up to the coracoclavicular ligament)  
 Right  Left  Both
- Axillary or sentinel lymph node excision  Right  Left  Both
- Significant alteration of size or form  Right  Left  Both
- Biopsy  Right  Left  Both
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Right  Left  Both

3C. ARE THERE ANY RESIDUAL CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR ITS TREATMENT (e.g., arm swelling, nerve damage to arm)?

YES  NO (If "Yes," also complete the VA Form 21-0960O-1, Tumors and Neoplasm's Disability Benefits Questionnaire)

**SECTION IV - OBJECTIVE FINDINGS AND RESIDUALS**

4. DID THE SURGERY OR RADIATION TREATMENT RESULT IN THE LOSS OF 25 PERCENT OR MORE TISSUE FROM A SINGLE BREAST OR BOTH BREASTS IN COMBINATION?

YES  NO

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

5A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," describe (brief summary)):

5B. 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," also complete the VA Form 21-0960F-1, Scars/Disfigurement Disability Benefits Questionnaire)

**SECTION VI - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

**NOTE -** If imaging and/or diagnostic test results are in the medical record and reflect the Veteran's current condition, repeat testing is not required.

6. HAS THE VETERAN HAD IMAGING AND/OR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND IF SO, ARE THERE SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS?

YES  NO

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

**SECTION VII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT**

7. DOES THE VETERAN'S BREAST CONDITION(S) IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

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

**SECTION VIII - REMARKS**

8. REMARKS (If any)

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

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

9A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

9B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME

9C. DATE SIGNED

9D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER

9E. PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER

9F. 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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