



**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**

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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. VA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of ALL DBQs completed by private health care providers.

**SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS**

1A. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) CONDITION?

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

**NOTE:** These are the diagnoses determined during this current evaluation of the claimed condition(s) listed below. If there is no diagnosis, if the diagnosis is different from a previous diagnosis for this condition, or if there is a diagnosis of a complication due to the claimed condition, explain your findings and reasons in the Remarks section. Date of diagnosis can be the date of the evaluation if the clinician is making the initial diagnosis, or an approximate date is determined through record review or reported history.

1B. SELECT THE VETERAN'S CONDITION: (check all that apply)

CNS INFECTIONS: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Meningitis  
Specify organism: \_\_\_\_\_
- Brain abscess  
Specify organism: \_\_\_\_\_
- HIV
- Neurosyphilis
- Lyme disease
- Encephalitis, epidemic, chronic, including poliomyelitis, anterior (anterior horn cells)
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

VASCULAR DISEASES: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Thrombosis, TIA or cerebral infarction
- Hemorrhage (specify type): \_\_\_\_\_
- Cerebral arteriosclerosis
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

HYDROCEPHALUS: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Obstructive
- Communicating
- Normal pressure (NPH)

BRAIN TUMOR: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

SPINAL CORD CONDITIONS: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Syringomyelia
- Myelitis
- Hematomyelia
- Spinal Cord Injuries
  - Radiation injury
  - Electric or lightning injury
  - Decompression sickness (DCS)
  - Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Spinal cord tumor
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

BRAIN STEM CONDITIONS: ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Bulbar palsy
- Pseudobulbar palsy
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS (Continued)**

1B. SELECT THE VETERAN'S CONDITION: (Continued) (check all that apply)

**MOVEMENT DISORDERS:** ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Athetosis, acquired
- Myoclonus I
- Paramyoclonus multiplex (convulsive state, myoclonic type)
- Tic convulsive (Gilles de la Tourette Syndrome)
- Dystonia (specify type): \_\_\_\_\_
- Essential tremor
- Tardive dyskinesia or other neuroleptic induced syndromes
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS:** ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Myasthenia gravis
- Myasthenic syndrome
- Botulism
- Hereditary muscular disorders (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Familial periodic paralysis
- Myoglobinuria
- Dermatomyositis or polyomiositis (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**INTOXICATIONS:** ICD code(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

- Heavy metal intoxication (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Solvents (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Insecticides, pesticides, others (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Nerve gas agents
- Herbicides/defoliant (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CENTRAL NERVOUS CONDITION**

- Other diagnosis # 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
ICD code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other diagnosis # 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 CONDITION(S) (Brief summary) (Continued on Page 3)

**SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY (Continued)**

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITION(S) (Brief summary) (Continued)

2B. DOES THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CONDITION (S) 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?

YES  NO

IF YES, REPORT UNDER STRENGTH TESTING IN SECTION IV, NEUROLOGIC EXAM.

3B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY PHARYNX AND/OR LARYNX AND/OR SWALLOWING CONDITIONS?

YES  NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Constant inability to communicate by speech
- Speech not intelligible or individual is aphonic
- Paralysis of soft palate with swallowing difficulty (*nasal regurgitation*) and speech impairment
- Hoarseness
- Mild swallowing difficulties
- Moderate swallowing difficulties
- Severe swallowing difficulties, permitting passage of liquids only
- Requires feeding tube due to swallowing difficulties
- Other, (*describe*): \_\_\_\_\_

3C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS (such as rigidity of the diaphragm, chest wall or laryngeal muscles)?

YES  NO

IF YES, PROVIDE PFT RESULTS IN SECTION XI, DIAGNOSTIC TESTING.

3D. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE SLEEP DISTURBANCES?

YES  NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Insomnia
  - Hypersomnolence and/or daytime "sleep attacks"
  - Persistent daytime hypersomnolence
  - Sleep apnea requiring the use of breathing assistance device such as continuous airway pressure (CPAP) machine
- Sleep apnea causing chronic respiratory failure with carbon dioxide retention or cor pulmonale
- Sleep apnea requiring tracheostomy

**SECTION III - CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS (Continued)**

3E. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY BOWEL FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT?

YES  NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Slight impairment of sphincter control, without leakage
- Constant slight impairment of sphincter control, or occasional moderate leakage
- Occasional involuntary bowel movements, necessitating wearing of 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?

YES  NO

IF YES, CHECK ONE:

- 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 ONE DAY TIME AND ONE NIGHT TIME.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime voiding interval between 2 and 3 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Nighttime awakening to void 2 times         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime voiding interval between 1 and 2 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Nighttime awakening to void 3 to 4 times    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime voiding interval less than 1 hour      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nighttime awakening to void 5 or more times |

3H. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE VOIDING DYSFUNCTION CAUSING FINDINGS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS OF OBSTRUCTED VOIDING?

YES  NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS THAT APPLY:

- Hesitancy (*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 (*If checked, is force of stream markedly decreased?*)
  - 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

3I. 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 checked, list medications used for urinary tract infection and indicate dates for courses of treatment 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Other management/treatment not listed above (*Description of management/treatment including dates of treatment*): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III - CONDITIONS, SIGNS, AND SYMPTOMS (Continued)**

3K. DOES THE VETERAN (if male) 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

IF NO, PROVIDE THE ETIOLOGY OF THE ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION:

IF YES, IS THE VETERAN ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN ERECTION (WITHOUT MEDICATION) SUFFICIENT FOR PENETRATION AND EJACULATION?

YES  NO

IF NO, IS THE VETERAN ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN ERECTION (WITH MEDICATION) SUFFICIENT FOR PENETRATION AND EJACULATION?

YES  NO

**SECTION IV - NEUROLOGIC EXAM**

4A. SPEECH

NORMAL  ABNORMAL

If speech is abnormal, describe:

4B. GAIT

NORMAL  ABNORMAL, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

If gait is abnormal and the veteran has more than one medical condition contributing to the abnormal gait, identify the conditions and describe each condition's contribution to the abnormal gait:

4C. STRENGTH - Rate strength according to the following scale:

0/5 No muscle movement

1/5 Visible muscle movement, but no joint movement

2/5 No movement against gravity

3/5 No movement against resistance

4/5 Less than normal strength

5/5 Normal strength

ALL NORMAL

Elbow flexion:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Elbow extension:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Wrist flexion:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Wrist extension:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Grip:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Pinch (thumb to index finger):	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Knee extension:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Ankle plantar flexion:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Ankle dorsiflexion:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5

**SECTION IV - NEUROLOGIC EXAM (Continued)**

4D. DEEP TENDON REFLEXES (DTRs) - Rate reflexes according to the following scale:

- 0 Absent
- 1+ Decreased
- 2+ Normal
- 3+ Increased without clonus
- 4+ Increased with clonus

ALL NORMAL

Biceps:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
Triceps:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
Brachioradialis:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
Knee:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
Ankle:	RIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+
	LEFT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> 2+	<input type="checkbox"/> 3+	<input type="checkbox"/> 4+

4E. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE MUSCLE ATROPHY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS CONDITION?

YES  NO

IF MUSCLE ATROPHY IS PRESENT, INDICATE LOCATION(S): *(If more than 1 location, please use Section XIII: Remarks.)*

When possible, provide difference measured in cm between normal and atrophied side, measured at maximum muscle bulk: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

4F. SUMMARY OF MUSCLE WEAKNESS IN THE UPPER AND/OR LOWER EXTREMITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS CONDITION *(check all that apply):*

Right upper extremity muscle weakness:

None  Mild  Moderate  Severe  With atrophy  Complete *(no remaining function)*

Left upper extremity muscle weakness:

None  Mild  Moderate  Severe  With atrophy  Complete *(no remaining function)*

Right lower extremity muscle weakness:

None  Mild  Moderate  Severe  With atrophy  Complete *(no remaining function)*

Left lower extremity muscle weakness:

None  Mild  Moderate  Severe  With atrophy  Complete *(no remaining function)*

4G. IF THE VETERAN HAS MORE THAN ONE MEDICAL CONDITION CONTRIBUTING TO THE MUSCLE WEAKNESS, IDENTIFY THE CONDITION(S) AND DESCRIBE EACH CONDITION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSCLE WEAKNESS:

**SECTION V - TUMORS AND NEOPLASMS**

5A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES LISTED IN SECTION I, DIAGNOSIS?

YES  NO

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

5B. IS THE NEOPLASM?

BENIGN  MALIGNANT

5C. HAS THE VETERAN COMPLETED TREATMENT OR IS THE VETERAN CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR METASTASES?

YES  NO; WATCHFUL WAITING

IF YES, INDICATE TYPE OF TREATMENT THE VETERAN IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING OR HAS COMPLETED (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Treatment completed; currently in watchful waiting status

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 - If checked, describe procedure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of most recent procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Other therapeutic treatment - If checked, describe treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

5D. DOES THE VETERAN CURRENTLY HAVE ANY RESIDUAL CONDITIONS OR COMPLICATIONS DUE TO THE NEOPLASM (including metastases) OR ITS TREATMENT, OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY DOCUMENTED IN THE REPORT ABOVE?

YES  NO

IF YES, LIST RESIDUAL CONDITIONS AND COMPLICATIONS (*brief summary*):

5E. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES IN SECTION I, DIAGNOSIS, DESCRIBE USING THE ABOVE FORMAT:

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

6A. 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?

YES  NO

IF YES, ARE ANY OF THESE SCARS PAINFUL OR UNSTABLE; HAVE A TOTAL AREA EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 39 SQUARE CM (6 square inches); OR ARE LOCATED ON THE HEAD, FACE OR NECK?

YES  NO

IF YES, ALSO COMPLETE VA FORM 21-0960F-1, SCARS/DISFIGUREMENT DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE.

IF NO, PROVIDE LOCATION AND MEASUREMENTS OF SCAR IN CENTIMETERS.

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MEASUREMENTS: Length \_\_\_\_\_ cm X width \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

**NOTE:** An "unstable scar" is one where, for any reason, there is frequent loss of covering of the skin over the scar. If there are multiple scars, enter additional locations and measurements in the Remarks section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

6B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION?

YES  NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE (*brief summary*):

**SECTION VII - MENTAL HEALTH MANIFESTATIONS DUE TO CNS CONDITION OR ITS TREATMENT**

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE DEPRESSION, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT OR DEMENTIA, OR ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A CNS DISEASE AND/OR ITS TREATMENT?

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 VA FORM 21-0960P-2, MENTAL DISORDERS (*Other than PTSD and Eating Disorders*) DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE (*SCHEDULE WITH APPROPRIATE PROVIDER*).

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 SYMPTOMATOLOGY OR NEUROLOGIC EFFECTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 7B IS CAUSED BY EACH DIAGNOSIS?

YES  NO

IF YES, LIST WHICH SYMPTOMS OR NEUROLOGIC EFFECTS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH DIAGNOSIS, WHERE POSSIBLE:

**SECTION IX - ASSISTIVE DEVICES**

9. 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*):

<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Brace(s)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Crutch(es)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Cane(s)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Walker	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant

9B. IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION:

**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

NO

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*):



**SECTION XI - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

**NOTE** - If the results of MRI, other imaging studies or other diagnostic tests are in the medical record and reflect the veterans's current condition, repeat testing is not required. If pulmonary function testing (PFT) is indicated due to respiratory disability, and results are in the medical record and reflect the veteran's current respiratory function, repeat testing is not required. DLCO and bronchodilator testing is not indicated for a restrictive respiratory disability such as that caused by muscle weakness due to CNS conditions.

11A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED?

YES  NO

IF YES, PROVIDE MOST RECENT RESULTS, IF AVAILABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

11B. HAVE PFTs BEEN PERFORMED?

YES  NO

IF YES, PROVIDE MOST RECENT RESULTS, IF AVAILABLE:

FEV1: \_\_\_\_\_ % predicted Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

FEV1/FVC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

FEV3: \_\_\_\_\_ % predicted Date of test: \_\_\_\_\_

11C. IF PFTs HAVE BEEN PERFORMED, IS THE FLOW-VOLUME LOOP COMPATIBLE WITH UPPER AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION?

YES  NO

11D. 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 XII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT**

12. DO THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES  NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE IMPACT OF EACH OF THE VETERAN'S CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDER CONDITION(S) PROVIDING ONE OR MORE EXAMPLES:

**SECTION XIII - REMARKS**

13. REMARKS (*If any*)

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

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

14A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

14B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME

14C. DATE SIGNED

14D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE NUMBER AND FAX NUMBER

14E. PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER

14F. 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.benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams](http://www.benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams) or obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:** VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is voluntary. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

**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 30 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete a 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.