NON-DEGENERATIVE ARTHRITIS (INCLUDING INFLAMMATORY AUTOIMMUNE, CRYSTALLINE AND INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS) AND

Department of Veterans Affairs DYSBARIC OSTEONECROSIS 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 ON REVERSE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM. NAME OF PATIENT/VETERAN PATIENT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER NOTE TO PHYSICIAN - The veteran or service member 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 claim. VA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of ALL DBQs completed by private health care providers. MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW WAS THE VETERAN'S VA CLAIMS FILE REVIEWED? IF YES, LIST ANY RECORDS THAT WERE REVIEWED BUT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE VETERAN'S VA CLAIMS FILE: IF NO. CHECK ALL RECORDS REVIEWED: Military service treatment records Department of Defense Form 214 Separation Documents Veterans Health Administration medical records (VA treatment records) Military service personnel records Military enlistment examination Interviews with collateral witnesses (family and others who have known the veteran before and after military service) Military separation examination Military post-deployment questionnaire Other: No records were reviewed NOTE: Complete this Questionnaire if the Veteran has an inflammatory, autoimmune, crystalline or infectious arthritis, or dysbaric osteonecrosis (Caisson disease of bone). If the Veteran has degenerative arthritis (osteoarthritis) or traumatic arthritis, do not complete this Questionnaire, INSTEAD complete the joint Questionnaire for the affected area (e.g., if the diagnosis is osteoarthritis of the knee, complete the Knee Questionnaire). If the Veteran has arthritis due to systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), instead complete the SLE Questionnaire. **SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS** NOTE: These are condition(s) for which an evaluation has been requested on an exam request form (Internal VA) or for which the Veteran has requested medical evidence be provided for submission to VA. 1A. LIST THE CLAIMED CONDITION(S) THAT PERTAIN TO THIS DBQ: NOTE: These are the diagnoses determined during this current evaluation of the claimed condition(s) listed above. 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 comments section. Date of diagnosis can be the date of the evaluation if the clinician is making the initial diagnosis, or an approximate date determined through record review or 1B. SELECT DIAGNOSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLAIMED CONDITION(S) (Check all that apply): The Veteran does not have a current diagnosis associated with any claimed condition listed above. (Explain your findings and reasons in comments section.) ICD Code: ____ _____ Date of diagnosis: _ ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____ Rheumatoid arthritis (atrophic) ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: ____ Gonorrheal arthritis Pneumococcic arthritis ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____ Typhoid arthritis ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____ ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____ Syphilitic arthritis ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: ____ Streptococcic arthritis

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Other (specify) (If checked, provide only diagnoses that pertain to inflammatory, autoimmune, crystalline or infectious arthritis.)

ICD Code:

Dysbaric osteonecrosis

Other diagnosis #2:

Other diagnosis #3:

(Caisson Disease of Bone)

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS (Continued)				
1C. COMMENTS (if any):				
1D. WAS AN OPINION REQUESTED ABOUT THIS CONDITION (internal VA only)?				
YES NO NO N/A IF YES, INCLUDE MEDICAL OPINION DBQ.				
SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY				
2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S INFLAMMATORY, AUTOIMMUNE, CRYSTALLINE OR INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS OR				
DYSBARIC OSTEONECROSIS (brief summary):				
2B. DOES THE VETERAN REQUIRE CONTINUOUS USE OF MEDICATION FOR THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION?				
YES NO				
IF YES, LIST ONLY THOSE MEDICATIONS USED FOR THIS ARTHRITIS:				
20. HACTHE VETERALL OCT WEIGHT BUE TO THE ARTHRITIS COMPITIONS				
2C. HAS THE VETERAN LOST WEIGHT DUE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION? YES NO				
IF YES, PROVIDE BASELINE WEIGHT (average weight for 2-year period preceding onset of disease):, AND CURRENT WEIGHT				
IF YES, DOES THE VETERAN'S WEIGHT LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION CAUSE IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH?				
YES NO				
IF YES, DESCRIBE THE IMPAIRMENT:				
2D. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANEMIA DUE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION?				
☐ YES ☐ NO				
IF YES, DOES THE VETERAN'S ANEMIA ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION CAUSE IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH?				
YES NO				
IF YES, DESCRIBE THE IMPAIRMENT (also provide CBC under diagnostic testing section #9):				
SECTION III - JOINT INVOLVEMENT				
3A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE PAIN (with or without joint movement) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS ARTHRITIS CONDITION?				
YES NO				
IF YES, INDICATE AFFECTED JOINTS (check all that apply): CERVICAL SPINE THORACOLUMBAR SPINE SACROILIAC JOINTS				
RIGHT: SHOULDER SHOW WRIST HAND/FINGERS HIP KNEE ANKLE FOOT/TOES				
LEFT: SHOULDER ELBOW WRIST HAND/FINGERS HIP KNEE ANKLE FOOT/TOES				
FOR ALL CHECKED JOINTS, DESCRIBE INVOLVEMENT (brief summary):				
3B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY LIMITATION OF JOINT MOVEMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION?				
YES NO				
IF YES, INDICATE AFFECTED JOINTS (check all that apply): CERVICAL SPINE THORACOLUMBAR SPINE SACROILIAC JOINTS				
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FOR ALL CHECKED JOINTS, DESCRIBE LIMITATION OF MOVEMENT (brief summary):				

SECTION III - JOINT INVOLVEMENT (Continued)
3C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY JOINT DEFORMITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ARTHRITIS CONDITION?
☐ YES ☐ NO
IF YES, INDICATE AFFECTED JOINTS (check all that apply):
CERVICAL SPINE THORACOLUMBAR SPINE SACROILIAC JOINTS
LEFT: SHOULDER ELBOW WRIST HAND/FINGERS HIP KNEE ANKLE FOOT/TOES
FOR ALL CHECKED JOINTS, DESCRIBE DEFORMITIES (brief summary):
3D. COMMENTS (if any):
NOTE: For pain, limitation of joint movement and joint deformities, ALSO complete the appropriate DBQ for each affected joint, if indicated. ALSO complete the
appropriate DBQ for each affected system, if indicated.
SECTION IV - SYSTEMIC INVOLVEMENT OTHER THAN JOINTS
4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY INVOLVEMENT OF ANY SYSTEMS, OTHER THAN JOINTS, ATTRIBUTABLE TO THIS ARTHRITIS CONDITION?
YES NO
IF YES, INDICATE SYSTEMS INVOLVED (check all that apply):
OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANES HEMATOLOGIC PULMONARY CARDIAC
NEUROLOGIC RENAL GASTROINTESTINAL VASCULAR
FOR ALL CHECKED SYSTEMS, DESCRIBE INVOLVEMENT (brief summary) (Also complete the appropriate DBQ for each affected system, if indicated):
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4B. COMMENTS (if any):
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SECTION V - INCAPACITATING AND NON-INCAPACITATING EXACERBATIONS (Continued)			
5D. IS THE VETERAN'S ARTHRITIS MANIFESTED BY WEIGHT LOSS AND ANEMIA PRODUCTIVE OF SEVERE IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH? YES NO			
5E. IS THE VETERAN'S ARTHRITIS MANIFESTED BY SEVERELY INCAPACITATING EXACERBATIONS OCCURRING 4 OR MORE TIMES A YEAR OR A LESSER NUMBER OVER PROLONGED PERIODS? YES NO			
5F. IS THE VETERAN'S ARTHRITIS MANIFESTED BY SYMPTOM COMBINATIONS PRODUCTIVE OF DEFINITE IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH OBJECTIVELY SUPPORTED BY EXAMINATION FINDINGS?			
☐ YES ☐ NO			
5G. COMMENTS (if any):			
SECTION VI - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS, SYMPTOMS AND SCARS			
6A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS, OR 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, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 6B-6D.			
6B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?			
YES NO IF YES, DESCRIBE (brief summary):			
6C. 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?			
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IF VEC. ARE ANY OF THESE SCARS DAINELL OR LINSTARIES HAVE A TOTAL AREA FOLIAL TO OR OR ATER THAN 20 SOLIARS ON (A source incheol) OR			
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.			
IF NO, PROVIDE LOCATION AND MEASUREMENTS OF SCAR IN CENTIMETERS.			
LOCATION: 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 Comment section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.			
6D. COMMENTS, IF ANY:			
SECTION VII - ASSISTIVE DEVICES			
7A. DOES THE VETERAN USE ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES AS A NORMAL MODE OF LOCOMOTION, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL LOCOMOTION BY OTHER METHODS MAY BE POSSIBLE?			
YES NO IF YES, IDENTIFY ASSISTIVE DEVICES USED (check all that apply and indicate frequency):			
☐ Wheelchair Frequency of use: ☐ Occasional ☐ Regular ☐ Constant			
☐ Brace Frequency of use: ☐ Occasional ☐ Regular ☐ Constant			
Crutches Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant			
Cane Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant			
☐ Walker Frequency of use: ☐ Occasional ☐ Regular ☐ Constant			
Other: Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant			
TO JET THE VETERAN LIGHE AND ACCIONAL DEVICES OFFICE VITE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ACCIONAL FOR HOSE FOR EACH CONDITION			
7B. IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION:			

SECTION VIII - REM	MAINING EFFECTIVE FUNCTION OF	THE EXTREMITIES		
8. DUE TO THE VETERAN'S ARTHRITIS CONDITION, IS THERE FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT OF AN EXTREMITY SUCH THAT NO EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONS 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 PROTHESIS WOULD EQUALLY SERVE THE VETERAN.				
∐ NO		_		
IF YES, INDICATE EXTREMITIES FOR WHICH THIS APPLIES:	RIGHT UPPER LEFT UPP	PER RIGHT LOWER LEFT LOWER		
FOR EACH CHECKED EXTREMITY, IDENTIFY THE CONDITION CAUSING LOSS OF FUNCTION, DESCRIBE LOSS OF EFFECTIVE FUNCTION AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES (brief summary):				
NOTE: The intention of this section is to permit the examiner to quantify the level of remaining function; it is not intended to inquire whether the Veteran should undergo an amputation with fitting of a prothesis. For example, if the functions of grasping (hand) or propulsion (foot) are as limited as if the Veteran had an amputation and prosthesis, the examiner should check "yes" and describe the diminished functioning. The question simply asks whether the functional loss is to the same degree as if there were an amputation of the affected limb.				
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	SECTION IX - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING	i		
NOTE: Testing listed below is not indicated for every condition				
9A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED AND ARE 1	HE RESULTS AVAILABLE?			
YES NO				
IF YES, INDICATE TYPE OF STUDY:				
X-RAY Area(s) imaged:	Date:	Results:		
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	Date:	Results:		
9B. HAVE LABORATORY STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED?				
YES NO				
IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:				
IF ANY TEST RESULTS IN THIS SECTION (Section B) ARE OT	HER THAN NORMAL, INCLUDE NORMAL	REFERENCE RANGES FOR YOUR FACILITY.		
ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE (ESR)	Date of test:	Results:		
C-REACTIVE PROTEIN	Date of test:	Results:		
RHEUMATOID FACTOR (RF)	Date of test:			
ANTI-DNA ANTIBODIES	Date of test:			
ANTINUCLEAR ANTIBODIES (ANA)	Date of test:			
ANTI-CYCLIC CITRULLINATED PEPTIDE (ANTI-CCP) AN				
СВС	Date of test:			
Hemoglobin: Hematocrit:				
URIC ACID TEST	Date of test:	Results:		
OTHER, SPECIFY:				
		Troodito.		
9C. HAS THE VETERAN HAD A JOINT ASPIRATION OR SYNO	VIAL FLUID ANALYSIS?			
☐ YES ☐ NO				
IF YES, INDICATE JOINT ASPIRATED, DATE AND RESULTS:				
9D. HAS THE VETERAN HAD A BIOPSY (e.g., skin, nerve, fat,	rectum, kidney)?			
☐ YES ☐ NO	*			
IF YES, INDICATE AREA BIOPSIED, DATE AND RESULTS:				
9E. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT DIAGNOSTIC TEST FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS?				
	THINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS!			
☐ YES ☐ NO				
IF YES, PROVIDE TYPE OF TEST OR PROCEDURE, DATE AND RESULTS (brief summary):				
9F. IF ANY TEST RESULTS ARE OTHER THAN NORMAL, INDI	ICATE RELATIONSHIP OF ARNORMAL FIN	NDINGS TO DIAGNOSED CONDITIONS:		
S ANT TEST RESOLITOTIVE STITLEN HANDINIAL, INDI	S N.E. C. TONOLINI OF ABNOTWIAL FIN	D		

	SECTION X - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT			
NOTE: Provide the impact of only the diagnosed	d condition(s), without consideration of the impact of other medical conditions of	or factors, such as age.		
	NT EMPLOYMENT STATUS, DO THE CONDITION(S) LISTED IN THE DIAGNOS PATIONAL TASK (such as standing, walking, lifting, sitting, etc.)?	IS SECTION IMPACT HIS OR HER		
YES NO IF YES, DESCRIBE T	THE FUNCTIONAL IMPACT OF EACH CONDITION, PROVIDING ONE OR MORE	E EXAMPLES:		
SECTION XI - REMARKS				
11. REMARKS, IF ANY:				
SECTION XII - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE				
CERTIFICATION - To the best of my kno	wledge, the information contained herein is accurate, complete and cur	rrent.		
12A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE	12B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME	12C. DATE SIGNED		
12D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER	12E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER 12F. 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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