

NAME OF CLAIMANT/VETERAN

CLAIMANT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

NOTE TO EXAMINER - The Veteran 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.

IS THIS DBQ BEING COMPLETED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VA 21-2507, C&P EXAMINATION REQUEST?

YES NO

If "No," how was the examination completed? (check all that apply):

- In-person examination
- Records reviewed
- Other, please specify:

Comments:

ACCEPTABLE CLINICAL EVIDENCE (ACE)

INDICATE METHOD USED TO OBTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THIS DOCUMENT:

- Review of available records (without in-person or video telehealth examination) using the Acceptable Clinical Evidence (ACE) process because the existing medical evidence provided sufficient information on which to prepare the DBQ and such an examination will likely provide no additional relevant evidence.
- Review of available records in conjunction with a telephone interview with the Veteran (without in-person or telehealth examination) using the ACE process because the existing medical evidence supplemented with a telephone interview provided sufficient information on which to prepare the DBQ and such an examination would likely provide no additional relevant evidence.
- Examination via approved video telehealth
- In-person examination

EVIDENCE REVIEW

EVIDENCE REVIEWED (check all that apply):

- Not requested
- VA claims file (hard copy paper C-file)
- VA e-folder
- VA electronic health record
- Other (please identify other evidence reviewed):
- No records were reviewed

EVIDENCE COMMENTS:

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN CURRENTLY HAVE AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS?

YES NO

ICD code:

Date of diagnosis:

OTHER (specify):

Other diagnosis #1

ICD code:

Date of diagnosis:

Other diagnosis #2

ICD code:

Date of diagnosis:

Other diagnosis #3

ICD code:

Date of diagnosis:

1B. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S HIV-RELATED ILLNESS(ES):

2B. IS CONTINUOUS MEDICATION REQUIRED FOR CONTROL OF HIV-RELATED ILLNESS(ES)?

YES NO

(If "Yes," list only those medications required for the Veteran's HIV-related illness(es)) (If the Veteran has more than one HIV-related illness(es), specify the condition for which each medication is required):

2C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY COMPLICATIONS DUE TO CURRENT OR PREVIOUS MEDICATIONS TAKEN FOR HIV-RELATED ILLNESS(ES)?

YES NO

(If "Yes," list medication and describe complication(s) due to medication(s)):

SECTION III - SIGNS, SYMPTOMS AND FINDINGS

3A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SIGNS, SYMPTOMS OR FINDINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS?

YES NO (If "Yes," check all that apply):

3B. CONSTITUTIONAL SYMPTOMS (fever, weight loss, fatigue, malaise, decreased appetite, etc.) ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS

(If checked, indicate frequency and severity):

Refractory Recurrent

(Describe constitutional symptoms): _____

3C. DIARRHEA ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS

(If checked, indicate frequency and severity):

Intermittent > Intermittent

(Describe): _____

3D. WEIGHT LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS

progressive weight loss pathological weight loss

Provide baseline weight: _____ and current weight: _____

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

SECTION III - SIGNS, SYMPTOMS AND FINDINGS (Continued)

3E. OTHER (Describe):

SECTION IV - SECONDARY DISEASES

4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SECONDARY DISEASES ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN HIV-RELATED ILLNESS?

YES NO (If "Yes," check all that apply):

- MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM (complete appropriate musculoskeletal DBQ)
- ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE (complete appropriate audio/ENT DBQ)
- RESPIRATORY SYSTEM (complete appropriate respiratory/ENT DBQ)
- CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM (complete appropriate cardiovascular DBQ)
- DIGESTIVE SYSTEM (complete appropriate gastrointestinal DBQ)
- GENITOURINARY SYSTEM (complete appropriate genitourinary DBQ)
- ENDOCRINE SYSTEM (complete appropriate endocrine DBQ)
- HEMATOLOGIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM (complete hematologic DBQ)
- REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM (complete appropriate gynecological or male reproductive organ DBQ)
- DERMATOLOGICAL SYSTEM (complete appropriate dermatological DBQ)
- OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SYSTEM (complete appropriate ophthalmological DBQ)
- NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM (complete appropriate neurological DBQ)
- MENTAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS (complete appropriate psychological DBQ)
- DENTAL AND ORAL CONDITIONS SYSTEM (complete appropriate dental and oral DBQ)

SECTION V - INFECTIOUS AND ONCOLOGIC COMPLICATIONS

5A. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE ANY HIV-RELATED OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIOUS OR ONCOLOGIC CONDITIONS?

YES NO (If "Yes," check all that apply):

- Candidiasis of the bronchi, trachea, esophagus, or lungs
- Invasive cervical cancer
- Coccidioidomycosis
- Cryptococcosis
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Cytomegalovirus (particularly CMV retinitis)
- HIV-related encephalopathy
- Herpes simplex-chronic ulcers for greater than one month, or bronchitis, pneumonia, or esophagitis
- Histoplasmosis
- Isosporiasis (chronic intestinal)
- Kaposi's sarcoma
- Lymphoma
- Mycobacterium avium complex
- Tuberculosis
- Pneumocystis jirovecii (carinii) pneumonia
- Pneumonia, recurrent
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Salmonella septicemia, recurrent
- Toxoplasmosis of the brain
- Wasting syndrome due to HIV

SECTION V - INFECTIOUS AND ONCOLOGIC COMPLICATIONS (Continued)

5B. FOR EACH CHECKED CONDITION, (except those for which an additional DBQ is completed), DESCRIBE (providing date of onset, and brief summary of symptoms, treatment and course):

5C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE RECURRENT OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION(S)?

YES NO If "Yes," describe (providing type of infection(s), date(s) of first onset, brief summary of symptoms, treatment and course):
ALSO complete the appropriate questionnaire(s), if applicable.

SECTION VI - SUMMARY

6A. BASED ON SYMPTOMS AND FINDINGS FROM THIS EXAM, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE SEVERITY OF THE VETERAN'S HIV-RELATED CONDITION (This summary provides useful information for VA purposes) Check all that apply:

- Asymptomatic, with or without lymphadenopathy or decreased T4 cell count
- Symptomatic, development of HIV-related constitutional symptoms
- Current T4 cell count between 200 and 500
- Use of approved medication(s)
- Evidence of depression with employment limitations
- Evidence of memory loss with employment limitations
- Recurrent constitutional symptoms, intermittent diarrhea, and on approved medication(s)
- Current T4 cell count less than 200
- Refractory constitutional symptoms, diarrhea and pathological weight loss
- Development of AIDS-related opportunistic infection or neoplasm
- AIDS with recurrent opportunistic infections
- AIDS with secondary diseases afflicting multiple body systems
- HIV-related illness with debility and progressive weight loss

NOTE: For VA purposes, approved medications include medications prescribed as part of a research protocol at an accredited medical institution.

SECTION VII - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, SCARS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, SCARS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

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

7B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SCARS OR OTHER DISFIGUREMENT (of the skin) RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS OR TO THE TREATMENT OF ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION?

YES NO

(If "Yes," also complete appropriate dermatological DBQ)

7C. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

SECTION VIII - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE - If testing has been performed and reflects the Veteran's current condition, repeat testing is not required.

8A. HAS LABORATORY TESTING BEEN PERFORMED?

YES NO

(If "Yes," check all that apply):

CD4 (T4 cell) lymphocyte count: _____ Date: _____
Lowest (nadir) CD4 (T4 cell) lymphocyte count, if available: _____ Date, if know: _____

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

9A. DO ANY OF THE VETERAN'S HIV-RELATED ILLNESSES OR COMPLICATIONS IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES NO *(If "Yes," describe impact of each of the Veteran's HIV-related illness(es), providing one or more examples):*

SECTION X - REMARKS

10A. 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/FAX NUMBERS

11E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER

11F. MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE

11G. PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS