

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 - 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.

IS THIS DBQ BEING COMPLETED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VA21-2507, 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 No records were reviewed
- VA claims file (hard copy paper C-file)
- VA e-folder
- CPRS
- Other (please identify other evidence reviewed):

EVIDENCE COMMENTS:

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

NOTE: These are the 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. CHECK THE CLAIMED HEMATOLOGICAL AND/OR LYMPHATIC 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 the comments section. Date of diagnosis can be the date of evaluation if the clinician is making the initial diagnosis, or an approximate date determined through record review or reported history.

<input type="checkbox"/> Agranulocytosis, acquired	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Leukemia		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) (chronic myeloid leukemia or chronic granulocytic leukemia)	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy cell or other B-cell leukemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hodgkin's lymphoma	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Active disease <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment phase		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Active disease <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment phase <input type="checkbox"/> Indolent and non-contiguous phase of low grade NHL		
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple myeloma	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Myelodysplastic syndrome	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary plasmacytoma	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aplastic anemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron deficiency anemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Folic acid deficiency	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pernicious anemia or other Vitamin B12 deficiency anemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquired hemolytic anemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> AL amyloidosis (primary amyloidosis)	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Immune thrombocytopenia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Polycythemia vera	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sickle cell anemia	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Splenectomy	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
Are there complications such as systemic infections with encapsulated bacteria? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
(If Yes, complete SECTION VIII - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Injury to Spleen	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
(If checked, complete SECTION VIII - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adenitis, tuberculous (Also complete the Infectious Diseases (Other Than HIV-Related Illness, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or Tuberculosis) Disability Benefits Questionnaire).	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> active <input type="checkbox"/> inactive		
<input type="checkbox"/> Essential thrombocythemia or primary myelofibrosis	ICD CODE: _____	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 OR PRIOR DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITIONS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including cause (if known), onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S CURRENT HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION(S) (brief summary):

2B. IS CONTINUOUS MEDICATION REQUIRED FOR CONTROL OF A HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION, INCLUDING ANEMIA OR THROMBOCYTOPENIA CAUSED BY TREATMENT FOR A HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION?

YES NO

IF YES, LIST ONLY THOSE MEDICATIONS REQUIRED FOR CONTROL OF THE VETERAN'S HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION, INCLUDING ANEMIA OR THROMBOCYTOPENIA CAUSED BY TREATMENT FOR A HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION. PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE MEDICATION AND THE CONDITION THE MEDICATION IS USED TO TREAT:

2C. INDICATE THE STATUS OF THE PRIMARY HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION:

ACTIVE REMISSION NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION III - TREATMENT

3A. HAS THE VETERAN COMPLETED ANY TREATMENT OR IS THE VETERAN CURRENTLY UNDERGOING ANY TREATMENT FOR ANY HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION, INCLUDING LEUKEMIA?

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
- Transplant (specify type)
 - Peripheral blood stem cell transplant Bone marrow stem cell transplant
 - Other (specify) _____

If checked, provide:

Date of hospital admission and location: _____

Date of hospital discharge after transplant: _____

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: _____

SECTION IV - ANEMIA AND THROMBOCYTOPENIA

4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANEMIA OR THROMBOCYTOPENIA, INCLUDING THAT CAUSED BY TREATMENT FOR A HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION?

YES NO

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION IV - ANEMIA AND THROMBOCYTOPENIA (Continued)

4B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANEMIA (other than Sickle Cell Anemia) OR THROMBOCYTOPENIA?

- YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE CHECK TYPE:

- Aplastic anemia (complete 4C)
 Iron deficiency anemia (complete 4D)
 Folic acid deficiency (complete 4E)
 Pernicious anemia or other Vitamin B12 deficiency anemia (complete 4F)
 Acquired hemolytic anemia (complete 4G)
 Immune thrombocytopenia (complete 4H)
 Other, specify _____

IS THE ANEMIA CAUSED BY TREATMENT FOR ANOTHER HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION?

- YES NO

IF YES, PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE OTHER HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION CAUSING THE SECONDARY ANEMIA:

4C. APLASTIC ANEMIA:

- Requiring peripheral blood stem cell transplant
 Requiring bone marrow stem cell transplant
 Requiring transfusion of platelets, on average, at least:
 once every six weeks per 12-month period
 once every three months per 12-month period
 once per 12-month period
 Requiring transfusion of red cells, on average, at least:
 once every six weeks per 12-month period
 once every three months per 12-month period
 once per 12-month period
 Infections recurring, on average, at least:
 once every six weeks per 12-month period
 once every three months per 12-month period
 once per 12-month period
 Using continuous therapy with immunosuppressive agent
 Using continuous therapy with newer platelet stimulating factors

NOTE: The term "newer platelet stimulating factors" includes medication, factors, or other agents approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

4D. IRON DEFICIENCY ANEMIA

- Requiring intravenous iron infusions 4 or more times per 12-month period
 Requiring intravenous iron infusions at least 1 time but less than 4 times per 12-month period
 Requiring continuous treatment with oral supplementation
 Requiring treatment only by dietary modification
 Asymptomatic

4E. FOLIC ACID DEFICIENCY

- Requiring continuous treatment with high-dose oral supplementation
 Requiring treatment only by dietary modification
 Asymptomatic

SECTION IV - ANEMIA AND THROMBOCYTOPENIA (Continued)

4F. PERNICIOUS ANEMIA OR OTHER VITAMIN B12 DEFICIENCY ANEMIA

- For initial diagnosis requiring transfusion due to severe anemia
If checked, provide the date of initial diagnosis requiring transfusion _____ and
the date of hospital discharge or cessation of parenteral B12 therapy _____
- Signs or symptoms related to central nervous system impairment, such as encephalopathy, myelopathy, or severe peripheral neuropathy, requiring parenteral B12 therapy
- Requiring continuous treatment with Vitamin B12 injections
- Requiring continuous treatment with Vitamin B12 sublingual tablets
- Requiring continuous treatment with high-dose oral tablets
- Requiring continuous treatment with Vitamin B12 nasal spray or gel

NOTE: If there are any residual effects of pernicious anemia, such as neurologic involvement causing peripheral neuropathy, myelopathy, dementia, or related gastrointestinal residuals, ALSO complete appropriate Questionnaire for each condition.

4G. ACQUIRED HEMOLYTIC ANEMIA

- Required a bone marrow transplant
- Requiring continuous intravenous or immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., prednisone, Cytoxan, azathioprine, or rituximab)
- Requiring immunosuppressive medication 4 or more times per 12-month period
- Requiring 2-3 courses of immunosuppressive therapy per 12-month period
- Requiring one course of immunosuppressive therapy per 12-month period
- Asymptomatic

4H. IMMUNE THROMBOCYTOPENIA

- Requiring chemotherapy for chronic refractory thrombocytopenia
- Requiring immunosuppressive therapy
- Platelet count 30,000 or below despite treatment
- Platelet count higher than 30,000 but not higher than 50,000 with history of hospitalization because of severe bleeding requiring intravenous immune globulin, high dose parenteral corticosteroids, and platelet transfusions
- Platelet count higher than 30,000 but not higher than 50,000 with mild mucous membrane bleeding which requires oral corticosteroid therapy or intravenous immune globulin
- Platelet count higher than 30,000 but not higher than 50,000 with immune thrombocytopenia which requires oral corticosteroid therapy or intravenous immune globulin
- Platelet count higher than 30,000 but not higher than 50,000, not requiring treatment
- Platelet count above 50,000 and asymptomatic
- In remission

SECTION V - LEUKEMIA, MULTIPLE MYELOMA, AGRANULOCYTOSIS, ACQUIRED, ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA, PRIMARY MYELOFIBROSIS, AND MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

5A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE LEUKEMIA, MULTIPLE MYELOMA, AGRANULOCYTOSIS, ACQUIRED, ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA, PRIMARY MYELOFIBROSIS, OR MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES?

- YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE CHECK TYPE:

- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (complete 5B)
- Monoclonal B-cell lymphocytosis (MBL) (complete 5B)
- Hairy cell or other B-cell leukemia (complete 5B)
- Chronic myelogenous leukemia (complete 5B)
- Chronic myeloid leukemia (complete 5B)
- Chronic granulocytic leukemia (complete 5B)
- Multiple myeloma (complete 5C)
- Agranulocytosis, acquired (complete 5D)
- Essential thrombocythemia or primary myelofibrosis (complete 5E)
- Myelodysplastic syndromes (complete 5F)
- Other, specify _____

SECTION V - LEUKEMIA, MULTIPLE MYELOMA, AGRANULOCYTOSIS, ACQUIRED, ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA, PRIMARY MYELOFIBROSIS, AND MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES (Continued)

5B. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF LEUKEMIA?

- ACTIVE REMISSION
- Asymptomatic, Rai Stage 0
- Requiring peripheral blood stem cell transplant
- Requiring bone marrow stem cell transplant
- Requiring continuous myelosuppressive therapy
- Requiring continuous immunosuppressive therapy treatment
- Requiring intermittent myelosuppressive therapy, or molecularly targeted therapy with tyrosine kinase inhibitors, or interferon treatment when not in apparent remission
- In apparent remission on continuous molecularly targeted therapy with tyrosine kinase inhibitors

5C. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA?

- Symptomatic (if checked, provide date of the diagnosis of symptomatic multiple myeloma)

- Asymptomatic
- Smoldering or monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

NOTE: Current validated biomarkers of symptomatic multiple myeloma, asymptomatic, smoldering or monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) are acceptable for the diagnosis of multiple myeloma as defined by the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG).

5D. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF AGRANULOCYTOSIS, ACQUIRED?

- Requiring bone marrow transplant
- Requiring intermittent myeloid growth factors (granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF) or granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF))
- Requiring continuous immunosuppressive therapy such as cyclosporine to maintain absolute neutrophil count (ANC) greater than 500/microliter (μl) but less than 1000/ μl
- Requiring intermittent myeloid growth factors to maintain ANC greater than 1000/ μl
- Requiring intermittent use of a myeloid growth factor to maintain ANC greater than or equal to 1500/ μl
- Infections recurring, on average, at least once every six weeks per 12-month period
- Infections recurring, on average, at least once every three months per 12-month period
- Infections recurring, on average, at least once per 12-month period but less than once every three months per 12-month period
- Requiring continuous medication (e.g., antibiotics) for control

5E. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA AND PRIMARY MYELOFIBROSIS?

- Requiring continuous myelosuppressive therapy
- Requiring intermittent myelosuppressive therapy
- Requiring peripheral blood stem cell transplant
- Requiring bone marrow stem cell transplant
- Requiring chemotherapy
- Requiring interferon treatment
- Requiring interferon treatment to maintain platelet count $< 500 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
- Requiring interferon treatment to maintain platelet count of 200,000-400,000
- Requiring interferon treatment to maintain white blood cell (WBC) count of 4,000-10,000
- Asymptomatic

5F. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES?

- Requiring peripheral blood stem cell transplant
- Requiring bone marrow stem cell transplant
- Requiring chemotherapy
- Requiring 4 or more blood or platelet transfusions per 12-month period
- Requiring 1 to 3 blood or platelet transfusions per 12-month period
- Infections requiring hospitalization 3 or more times per 12-month period
- Infections requiring hospitalization 1 to 2 times per 12-month period
- Requiring biologic therapy on an ongoing basis
- Requiring erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA) for 12 weeks or less per 12-month period

SECTION VI - POLYCYTHEMIA VERA

6A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE POLYCYTHEMIA VERA?

YES NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Requiring peripheral blood or bone marrow stem-cell transplant for the purpose of ameliorating the symptom burden
- Requiring chemotherapy (including myelosuppressants) for the purpose of ameliorating the symptom burden
- Requiring phlebotomy 6 or more times per 12-month period or molecularly targeted therapy for the purpose of controlling RBC count
- Requiring phlebotomy 4-5 times per 12-month period to maintain platelets < 200,000 or white blood cells (WBC) < 12,000
- Requiring phlebotomy 3 or fewer times per 12-month period to maintain all blood values at reference range levels
- Requiring continuous biologic therapy or myelosuppressive agents, to include interferon, to maintain platelets < 200,000 or white blood cells (WBC) < 12,000
- Requiring biologic therapy or interferon on an intermittent basis as needed to maintain all blood values at reference range levels
- Other, describe: _____

NOTE: If there are complications due to polycythemia vera such as hypertension, gout, stroke or thrombotic disease, ALSO complete appropriate Questionnaire for each condition.

SECTION VII - SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA?

YES NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Symptoms preclude even light manual labor
- Symptoms preclude other than light manual labor
- With anemia, thrombosis, and infarction
- With at least 4 or more painful episodes per 12-month period, occurring in skin, joints, bones, or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells
- With 3 painful episodes per 12-month period
- With 1 or 2 painful episodes per 12-month period
- With identifiable organ impairment
- In remission
- Asymptomatic
- Other, describe: _____

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

8A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE (*brief summary*):

(Also if indicated, complete the appropriate questionnaire for each condition)

8B. 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)

SECTION IX - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: If testing has been performed and reflects Veteran's current condition, no further testing is required. When appropriate, provide most recent complete blood count.

9A. HAS LABORATORY TESTING BEEN PERFORMED?

YES NO

IF YES, PROVIDE RESULTS:

Hemoglobin (gm/100ml): _____	Date: _____
Hematocrit: _____	Date: _____
Red blood cell (RBC) count: _____	Date: _____
White blood cell (WBC) count: _____	Date: _____
White blood cell differential count: _____	Date: _____
Platelet count: _____	Date: _____

9B. 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 X - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

10. DOES THE VETERAN'S HEMATOLOGIC OR LYMPHATIC CONDITION(S) IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES NO

(IF YES, DESCRIBE IMPACT OF EACH OF THE VETERAN'S HEMATOLOGIC AND/OR LYMPHATIC CONDITIONS, PROVIDING ONE OR MORE EXAMPLES):

SECTION XI - REMARKS

11. REMARKS (*If any*):

SECTION XII - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

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. MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE	

12G. PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS