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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)?

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

Comments:

ACCEPTABLE CLINICAL EVIDENCE (ACE)

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

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- 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.
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- 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.
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- Examination via approved video telehealth
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- In-person examination

EVIDENCE REVIEW

EVIDENCE REVIEWED (check all that apply):

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

EVIDENCE COMMENTS:

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY?

Yes No (If "Yes," complete Item 1B)

1B. PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY:

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| Diagnosis # 1: | ICD Code: | Date of diagnosis: |
| Diagnosis # 2: | ICD Code: | Date of diagnosis: |
| Diagnosis # 3: | ICD Code: | Date of diagnosis: |

1C. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

DEFINITIONS: For VA purposes, neuralgia indicates a condition characterized by a dull and intermittent pain of typical distribution so as to identify the nerve, while neuritis is characterized by loss of reflexes, muscle atrophy, sensory disturbances and constant pain, at times excruciating.

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

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

2B. DOMINANT HAND

Right Left Ambidextrous

SECTION III - SYMPTOMS

3A. Does the veteran have any symptoms attributable to any peripheral nerve conditions?

Yes No

If yes, indicate symptoms' location and severity (check all that apply):

Constant pain (may be excruciating at times)

Right upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Right lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe

Intermittent pain (usually dull)

Right upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Right lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe

Paresthesias and/or dysesthesias

Right upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left upper extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Right lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe
Left lower extremity: None Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION III - SYMPTOMS (Continued)

3A. Does the veteran have any symptoms attributable to any peripheral nerve conditions? (Continued)

Numbness

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| Right upper extremity: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Mild | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe |
| Left upper extremity: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Mild | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe |
| Right lower extremity: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Mild | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe |
| Left lower extremity: | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Mild | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe |

3B. Other symptoms (describe symptoms, location and severity):

SECTION IV - MUSCLE STRENGTH TESTING

4A. Rate strength according to the following scale:

- 0/5 No muscle movement
- 1/5 Palpable or visible muscle contraction, but no joint movement
- 2/5 Active movement with gravity eliminated
- 3/5 Active movement against gravity
- 4/5 Active movement against some resistance
- 5/5 Normal strength

All normal

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| 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 |

4B. Does the veteran have muscle atrophy?

Yes No

If muscle atrophy is present, indicate location: _____
 For each instance of muscle atrophy, provide measurements in centimeters of normal side and atrophied side, measured at maximum muscle bulk:

Normal side: _____ cm Atrophied side: _____ cm

SECTION V - REFLEX EXAM

5. Rate deep tendon reflexes (DTRs) according to the following scale:

- 0 - Absent
- 1+ Hypoactive
- 2+ Normal
- 3+ Hyperactive without clonus
- 4+ Hyperactive with clonus

All normal

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|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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+ |

SECTION VI - SENSORY EXAM

6. Indicate results for sensation testing for light touch:

All normal

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|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Shoulder area (C5): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Inner/outer forearm (C6/T1): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Hand/fingers (C6-8): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Upper anterior thigh (L2): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Thigh/knee (L3/4): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Lower leg/ankle (L4/L5/S1): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Foot/toes (L5): | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

Other sensory findings, if any:

SECTION VII - TROPHIC CHANGES

7. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE TROPHIC CHANGES (*characterized by loss of extremity hair, smooth, shiny skin, etc.*) ATTRIBUTABLE TO PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY?

Yes No

If yes, describe:

SECTION VIII - GAIT

8. IS THE VETERAN'S GAIT NORMAL?

Yes No

If no, describe abnormal gait:

Provide etiology of abnormal gait:

SECTION IX - SPECIAL TESTS FOR MEDIAN NERVE

9. WERE SPECIAL TESTS INDICATED AND PERFORMED FOR MEDIAN NERVE EVALUATION?

Yes No

If yes, indicate results:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Phalen's sign: | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative |
| Tinel's sign: | Right: | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative |
| | Left: | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative |

SECTION X - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Upper Extremity Nerves and Radicular Groups

Based on symptoms and findings from this exam, complete the following section to provide an estimation of the severity of the veteran's peripheral neuropathy. This summary provides useful information for VA purposes.

NOTE: For VA purposes, the term "incomplete paralysis" indicates a degree of lost or impaired function substantially less than the description of complete paralysis that is given with each nerve.

If the nerve is completely paralyzed, check the box for "complete paralysis." If the nerve is not completely paralyzed, check the box for "incomplete paralysis" and indicate severity. For VA purposes, when nerve impairment is wholly sensory, the evaluation should be mild, or at most, moderate.

SECTION X - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Upper Extremity Nerves and Radicular Groups (Continued)

NOTE: INDICATE THE AFFECTED NERVES, SIDE AFFECTED AND SEVERITY OF CONDITION.

10A. Radial nerve (musculospiral nerve)

Note: Complete paralysis (*hand and fingers drop, wrist and fingers flexed; cannot extend hand at wrist, extend proximal phalanges of fingers, extend thumb or make lateral movement of wrist; supination of hand, elbow extension and flexion weak, hand grip impaired*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10B. Median nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*hand inclined to the ulnar side, index and middle fingers extended, atrophy of thenar eminence, cannot make fist, defective opposition of thumb, cannot flex distal phalanx of thumb; wrist flexion weak*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10C. Ulnar nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*"griffin claw" deformity, atrophy in dorsal interspaces, thenar and hypothenar eminences; cannot extend ring and little finger, cannot spread fingers, cannot adduct the thumb; wrist flexion weakened*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10D. Musculocutaneous nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*weakened flexion of elbow and supination of forearm*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10E. Circumflex nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*innervates deltoid and teres minor; cannot abduct arm, outward rotation is weakened*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10F. Long thoracic nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*inability to raise arm above shoulder level, winged scapula deformity*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION X - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Upper Extremity Nerves and Radicular Groups (Continued)

10G. Upper radicular group (5th & 6th cervicals)

Note: Complete paralysis (*all shoulder and elbow movements lost; hand and wrist movements not affected*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10H. Middle radicular group

Note: Complete paralysis (*adduction, abduction, rotation of arm, flexion of elbow and extension of wrist lost*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

10I. Lower radicular group

Note: Complete paralysis (*intrinsic hand muscles, wrist and finger flexors paralyzed; substantial loss of use of hand*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION XI - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Lower Extremity Nerves

Based on symptoms and findings from this exam, complete the following section to provide an estimation of the severity of the veteran's peripheral neuropathy. This summary provides useful information for VA purposes.

NOTE: For VA purposes, the term "incomplete paralysis" indicates a degree of lost or impaired function substantially less than the description of complete paralysis that is given with each nerve.

If the nerve is completely paralyzed, check the box for "complete paralysis." If the nerve is not completely paralyzed, check the box for "incomplete paralysis" and indicate severity. For VA purposes, when nerve impairment is wholly sensory, the evaluation should be mild, or at most, moderate.

NOTE: INDICATE AFFECTED NERVES, SIDE AFFECTED AND SEVERITY OF CONDITION.

11A. Sciatic nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*foot dangles and drops, no active movement of muscles below the knee, flexion of knee weakened or lost*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Moderately Severe Severe, with marked muscular atrophy

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Moderately Severe Severe, with marked muscular atrophy

11B. External popliteal (*common peroneal*) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*foot drop, cannot dorsiflex foot or extend toes; dorsum of foot and toes are numb*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

11C. Musculocutaneous (*superficial peroneal*) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*everision of foot weakened*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION XI - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Lower Extremity Nerves (Continued)

11C. Musculocutaneous (*superficial peroneal*) nerve (continued)

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11D. Anterior tibial (*deep peroneal*) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*dorsiflexion of foot lost*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11E. Internal popliteal (tibial) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*plantar flexion lost, frank adduction of foot impossible, flexion and separation of toes abolished; no muscle in sole can move; in lesions of the nerve high in popliteal fossa, plantar flexion of foot is lost*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11F. Posterior tibial nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*paralysis of all muscles of sole of foot, frequently with painful paralysis of a causalgic nature; loss of toe flexion; adduction weakened; plantar flexion impaired*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11G. Anterior crural (*femoral*) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (*paralysis of quadriceps extensor muscles*)

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11H. Internal saphenous nerve

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

11I. Obturator nerve

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis
 If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:
 Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION XI - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Lower Extremity Nerves (Continued)

11J. External cutaneous nerve of the thigh

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

11K. Ilio-inguinal nerve

Right: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

Left: Normal Incomplete paralysis Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

Mild Moderate Severe

SECTION XII - ASSISTIVE DEVICES

12A. 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 device(s) used (*check all that apply and indicate frequency*):

Wheelchair Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

Brace(s) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

Crutch(es) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

Cane(s) Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

Walker Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

Other: _____

Frequency of use: Occasional Regular Constant

12B. IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION:

SECTION XIII - REMAINING EFFECTIVE FUNCTION OF THE EXTREMITIES

13. Due to peripheral nerve conditions, 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 XIV - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS

14A. 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*):

SECTION XIV - OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS (Continued)

14B. 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, 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: _____ 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 Comment section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

14C. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

SECTION XV - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: For the purpose of this examination, electromyography (EMG) studies are usually rarely required to diagnose specific peripheral nerve conditions in the appropriate clinical setting. If EMG studies are in the medical record and reflect the veteran's current condition, repeat studies are not indicated.

15A. HAVE EMG STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED?

Yes No

Extremities tested:

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|--|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right upper extremity | Results: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal | Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left upper extremity | Results: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal | Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right lower extremity | Results: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal | Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left lower extremity | Results: | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal | Date: _____ |

If abnormal, describe: _____

15B. 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 XVI - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

16. DOES THE VETERAN'S PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

Yes No

If yes, describe impact of each of the veteran's peripheral nerve and/or peripheral neuropathy condition(s), providing one or more examples:

SECTION XVII - REMARKS

17. REMARKS (*If any*)

SECTION XVIII - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

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| 18A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE | | 18B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME | | 18C. DATE SIGNED |
| 18D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER | 18E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER | | 18F. MEDICAL LICENCE NUMBER AND STATE | |
| 18G. PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS | | | | |