Department of Veterans Affairs

INTERNAL VETERANS AFFAIRS USE
SEIZURE DISORDERS (EPILEPSY) 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 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
☐ VA claims file (hard copy paper C-file
☐ VA e-folder (VBMS or Virtual VA)
☐ CPRS
☐ Other (please identify other evidence reviewed):
☐ No records were reviewed

EVIDENCE COMMENTS:

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A SEIZURE DISORDER *(epilepsy)? (This is the condition the Veteran is claiming or for which an exam has been requested)*

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

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS *(Continued)*

1B. SELECT THE APPROPRIATE DIAGNOSIS: *(check all that apply):*

- ☐ TONIC-CLONIC SEIZURES OR GRAND MAL EPILEPSY *(generalized convulsive seizures)* — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ ABSENCE SEIZURES OR PETIT MAL OR ATONIC SEIZURES *(generalized non-convulsive seizures)* — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ JACKSONIAN *(simple partial seizures)* — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ FOCAL MOTOR — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ FOCAL SENSORY — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ DIENCEPHALIC EPILEPSY — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ PSYCHOMOTOR EPILEPSY *(complex partial seizures, temporal lobe seizures)* — ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- ☐ OTHER *(specify)*

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 SEIZURE DISORDERS *(epilepsy)*, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY *(including onset and course)* OF THE VETERAN'S SEIZURE DISORDER *(epilepsy) (brief summary)*:

2B. IS CONTINUOUS MEDICATION REQUIRED FOR CONTROL OF EPILEPSY OR SEIZURE ACTIVITY?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," list only those medications required for the Veteran's epilepsy or seizure activity)*

2C. HAS THE VETERAN HAD ANY OTHER TREATMENT *(such as surgery)* FOR EPILEPSY OR SEIZURE ACTIVITY?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," describe):*

2D. HAS THE DIAGNOSIS OF A SEIZURE DISORDER BEEN CONFIRMED?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," describe):*

2E. HAS THE VETERAN HAD A WITNESSED SEIZURE?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," describe, including relationship of witnesses to Veteran):*

2F. HAS THE VETERAN HAD A CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS OF EPILEPSY WITH A HISTORY OF SEIZURES?

☐ YES ☐ NO

SECTION III - FINDINGS, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

3. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE HAD ANY FINDINGS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SEIZURE DISORDER *(epilepsy)* ACTIVITY?

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

- ☐ Generalized tonic-clonic convulsion
- ☐ Episodes of unconsciousness
- ☐ Brief interruption in consciousness or conscious control
- ☐ Episodes of staring
- ☐ Episodes of rhythmic blinking of the eyes
- ☐ Episodes of nodding of the head
- ☐ Episodes of sudden jerking movement of the arms, trunk or head (myoclonic type)
- ☐ Episodes of sudden loss of postural control (akinetic type)
- ☐ Episodes of complete or partial loss of use of one or more extremities
- ☐ Episodes of random motor movements
- ☐ Episodes of psychotic manifestations
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Episodes of hallucinations
- ☐ Episodes of perceptual illusions
- ☐ Episodes of abnormalities of thinking
- ☐ Episodes of abnormalities of memory
- ☐ Episodes of abnormalities of mood
- ☐ Episodes of autonomic disturbances
- ☐ Episodes of speech disturbances
- ☐ Episodes of impairment of vision
- ☐ Episodes of disturbances of gait
- ☐ Episodes of tremors
- ☐ Episodes of visceral manifestations
- ☐ Residuals of Injury during seizure

(For all checked conditions describe):

SECTION IV - TYPE AND FREQUENCY OF SEIZURE ACTIVITY

4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE EVER HAD ANY TYPE OF SEIZURE ACTIVITY, INCLUDING MAJOR, MINOR, PETIT MAL OR PSYCHOMOTOR SEIZURE ACTIVITY?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," complete the following section:)*

4B. PROVIDE APPROXIMATE DATE OF FIRST SEIZURE ACTIVITY *(Month, Year)* _____

PROVIDE DATE OF MOST RECENT SEIZURE ACTIVITY *(Month, Year)* _____

4C. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD MINOR SEIZURES *(characterized by a brief interruption in consciousness or conscious control associated with staring or rhythmic blinking of the eyes or nodding of the head ("pure" petit mal) or sudden jerking movements of the arms, trunk or head (myoclonic type) or sudden loss of postural control (akinetic type))?*

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," complete the following):*

Number of minor seizures over past 6 months:

☐ 0-1

☐ 2 or more

If 2 or more over the past 6 months, indicate the average frequency of minor seizures:

☐ 0-4 per week ☐ 5-8 per week ☐ 9-10 per week ☐ More than 10 per week

4D. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD MAJOR SEIZURES *(characterized by the generalized tonic-clonic convulsion with unconsciousness)?*

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," complete the following):*

Number of major seizures:

☐ None in past 2 years ☐ At least 1 in past 2 years ☐ At least 2 in past year

Average frequency of major seizures:

☐ Less than 1 in past 6 months

☐ At least 1 in past 6 months

☐ At least 1 in 4 months over past year

☐ At least 1 in 3 months over past year

☐ At least 1 per month over past year

4E. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD MINOR PSYCHOMOTOR SEIZURES *(characterized by brief transient episodes of random motor movements, hallucinations, perceptual illusions, abnormalities of thinking, memory or mood, or autonomic disturbances)?*

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," complete the following):*

Number of minor seizures over past 6 months:

☐ 0-1

☐ 2 or more

If 2 or more over the past 6 months, indicate the average frequency of minor seizures:

☐ 0-4 per week ☐ 5-8 per week ☐ 9-10 per week ☐ More than 10 per week

4F. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD MAJOR PSYCHOMOTOR SEIZURES *(major psychomotor seizures are characterized by automatic states and/or generalized convulsions with unconsciousness)?*

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," complete the following):*

Number of major psychomotor seizures:

☐ None in past 2 years

☐ At least 1 in past 2 years

☐ At least 2 in past year

Average frequency of major psychomotor seizures:

☐ Less than 1 in past 6 months

☐ At least 1 in past 6 months

☐ At least 1 in 4 months over past year

☐ At least 1 in 3 months over past year

☐ At least 1 per month over past year

4G. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD EPILEPSY ASSOCIATED WITH A NONPSYCHOTIC ORGANIC BRAIN SYNDROME?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," describe):*

4H. HAS THE VETERAN EVER HAD EPILEPSY ASSOCIATED WITH A PSYCHOTIC DISORDER, PSYCHONEUROTIC DISORDER OR PERSONALITY DISORDER?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," the appropriate Mental Disorder Questionnaire must ALSO be completed)*

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

5A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN SECTION I, DIAGNOSIS?

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

5B. 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 AND/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? *(An "unstable scar" is one where, for any reason, there is frequent loss of covering of the skin over the scar.)*

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF "YES," ALSO COMPLETE VA FORM 21-0960F-1, *SCARS/DISFIGUREMENT DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE (DBQ).*

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

LOCATION:_____ MEASUREMENTS: Length_____ cm X width _____ cm.

NOTE: If there are multiple scars, enter additional locations and measurements in the "Remarks" section. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

5C. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

SECTION VI - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE - If diagnostic test results are in the medical record and reflect the Veteran's current seizure (epilepsy) disorder, repeat testing is not required.

6A. HAVE ANY IMAGING STUDIES OR DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES BEEN PERFORMED?

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

- ☐ Magnetic resonance imaging *(MRI)* Date: _____ Results: _____
- ☐ Computed tomography *(CT)* Date: _____ Results: _____
- ☐ Cerebrospinal fluid CSF examination Date: _____ Results: _____
- ☐ Electroencephalography *(EEG)* Date: _____ Results: _____
- ☐ Neuropsychologic testing Date: _____ Results: _____
- ☐ Other *(describe):* _____ Date: _____ Results: _____

6B. 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 VII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

7. DOES THE VETERAN'S EPILEPSY OR SEIZURE *(epilepsy)* DISORDER IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes," describe the impact of the Veteran's seizure (epilepsy) disorder, providing one or more examples):*

SECTION VIII - REMARKS

8. REMARKS *(If any)*

SECTION IX - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

9A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE	9B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME	9C. DATE SIGNED

9D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE/FAX NUMBERS	9E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER	9F. 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** or obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

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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 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete the 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**. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.