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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)?

- 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 NOW HAVE OR HAS HE OR SHE EVER HAD ANY STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS?

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

1B. SELECT THE VETERAN'S CONDITION (check all that apply):

- GASTRIC ULCER ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- DUODENAL ULCER ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- STENOSIS OF THE STOMACH ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- MARGINAL (GASTROJEJUNAL) ULCER ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- HYPERTROPHIC GASTRITIS ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- POSTGASTRECTOMY SYNDROME ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- STATUS POST VAGOTOMY WITH PYLOROPLASTY ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- GASTROENTEROSTOMY ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- PERITONEAL ADHESIONS FOLLOWING INJURY OR SURGERY OF THE STOMACH ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____
- HELICOBACTER PYLORI ICD code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____

OTHER STOMACH OR DUODENAL CONDITIONS

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 STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

NOTE: The diagnosis of gastric or duodenal ulcer or stenosis can be made by upper gastrointestinal imaging series or endoscopy. The diagnosis of gastritis requires endoscopic confirmation. If testing is of record and is consistent with Veteran's current condition, repeat testing is not required.

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS (brief summary):

2B. DOES THE VETERAN'S TREATMENT PLAN INCLUDE TAKING CONTINUOUS MEDICATION FOR THE DIAGNOSED CONDITION?

YES NO

IF YES, LIST ONLY THOSE MEDICATIONS USED FOR THE DIAGNOSED CONDITION:

SECTION III - SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

3. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS DUE TO ANY STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS?

YES NO

IF YES, (check all that apply):

Recurring episodes of symptoms that are not severe

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of symptom recurrence per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of symptoms:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

Recurring episodes of severe symptoms

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of symptom recurrence per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of symptoms:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

Abdominal Pain

If checked, indicate severity and frequency (check all that apply):

Occurs less than monthly

Occurs at least monthly

Pronounced

Periodic

Continuous

Relieved by standard ulcer therapy

Only partially relieved by standard ulcer therapy

Unrelieved by standard ulcer therapy

Anemia

If checked, provide hemoglobin/hematocrit in diagnostic testing section.

Weight loss

If checked, provide baseline weight: _____ and current weight: _____
(For VA purposes, baseline weight is the average weight for 2-year period preceding onset of disease).

Nausea

If checked, indicate severity:

Mild Transient Recurrent Periodic

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of nausea per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of nausea:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

Vomiting

If checked, indicate severity:

Mild Transient Recurrent Periodic

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of vomiting per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of vomiting:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

Hematemesis

If checked, indicate severity:

Mild Transient Recurrent Periodic

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of hematemesis per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of hematemesis:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

Melena

If checked, indicate severity:

Mild Transient Recurrent Periodic

If checked, indicate frequency of episodes of melena per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

If checked, indicate average duration of episodes of melena:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

SECTION IV - INCAPACITATING EPISODES

4. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE INCAPACITATING EPISODES DUE TO SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF ANY STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITION?

YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE INCAPACITATING EPISODES: _____

Indicate frequency of incapacitating episodes per year:

1 2 3 4 or more

Indicate average duration of incapacitating episodes:

Less than 1 day 1-9 days 10 days or more

SECTION V - OTHER CONDITIONS

5. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS?

YES NO

IF YES, INDICATE CONDITIONS AND COMPLETE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS (*check all that apply*):

Hypertrophic gastritis

If checked, indicate severity:

- No symptoms or findings
- Chronic, with small nodular lesions, and symptoms
- Chronic, with multiple small eroded or ulcerated areas, and symptoms
- Chronic, with severe hemorrhages, or large ulcerated or eroded areas

NOTE: If atrophic gastritis is present, state the underlying cause: _____

Postgastrectomy syndrome

If checked, indicate severity:

- No symptoms or findings
- Mild; infrequent episodes of epigastric distress with characteristic mild circulatory symptoms or continuous mild manifestations
- Moderate; less frequent episodes of epigastric disorders with characteristic mild circulatory symptoms after meals but with diarrhea and weight loss
- Severe; associated with nausea, sweating, circulatory disturbance after meals, diarrhea, hypoglycemic symptoms, and weight loss with malnutrition and anemia

Vagotomy with pyloroplasty or gastroenterostomy

If checked, indicate the severity of residuals following vagotomy with pyloroplasty or gastroenterostomy:

- No symptoms or findings
- Recurrent ulcer with incomplete vagotomy
- Symptoms and confirmed diagnosis of alkaline gastritis, or of confirmed persisting diarrhea
- Demonstrably confirmative postoperative complications of stricture or continuing gastric retention

Peritoneal adhesions following an injury or surgical procedure of the stomach or duodenum

If checked, ALSO complete the Peritoneal Adhesions Questionnaire.

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 RELATED TO THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE (*brief summary*):

6B. 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? (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.

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 Comment section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

6C. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

SECTION VII - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: If testing has been performed and reflects Veteran's current condition, no further testing is required for this examination report. The diagnosis of gastric or duodenal ulcer or stenosis can be made by upper gastrointestinal imaging series or endoscopy.

7A. HAVE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING STUDIES OR OTHER DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES BEEN PERFORMED?

YES NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

<input type="checkbox"/> Upper endoscopy	Date: _____	Results: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Upper GI radiographic studies	Date: _____	Results: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MRI	Date: _____	Results: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CT	Date: _____	Results: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Biopsy, specify site: _____	Date: _____	Results: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____	Date: _____	Results: _____

7B. HAS LABORATORY TESTING BEEN PERFORMED?

YES NO

IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

<input type="checkbox"/> CBC	Date of test: _____			
	Hemoglobin: _____	Hematocrit: _____	White blood cell count: _____	Platelets: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Helicobacter pylori	Date of test: _____	Results: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____	Date of test: _____	Results: _____		

7C. 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 VIII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

8. DO ANY OF THE VETERAN'S STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE IMPACT OF EACH OF THE VETERAN'S STOMACH OR DUODENUM CONDITIONS, PROVIDING ONE OR MORE EXAMPLES:

SECTION IX - REMARKS

9. REMARKS *(If any)*

SECTION X - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

10A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE		10B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME	10C. DATE SIGNED
10D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER	10E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER	10F. 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.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is voluntary. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

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 a 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.