

SECTION III - GALLBLADDER CONDITIONS: SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

3. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY GALLBLADDER CONDITIONS OR RESIDUALS OF TREATMENT FOR GALLBLADDER CONDITIONS?

YES NO

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

Gallbladder disease-induced dyspepsia (including sphincter of oddi dysfunction and/or biliary dyskinesia)

(If checked, indicate number of episodes per year):

0 1 2 3 4 or more

Attacks of gallbladder colic

(If checked, indicate number of attacks per year):

0 1 2 3 4 or more

Jaundice

(If checked, provide bilirubin level in Section VI, Diagnostic Testing)

Other signs or symptoms, describe: _____

SECTION IV - PANCREAS CONDITIONS: SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY PANCREAS CONDITIONS OR RESIDUALS OF TREATMENT FOR PANCREAS CONDITIONS?

YES NO

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

Abdominal pain, confirmed as resulting from pancreatitis by appropriate laboratory and clinical studies

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

Mild (typical) Moderately Severe Severe (disabling)

(Indicate number of attacks of MILD (TYPICAL) abdominal pain in the past 12 months):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

(Indicate number of attacks of MODERATELY SEVERE abdominal pain in the past 12 months):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

(Indicate number of attacks of SEVERE (DISABLING) abdominal pain in the past 12 months):

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 or more

Remissions/pain-free intermissions between attacks

(If checked, indicate characteristics of remissions):

Good pain-free remissions between attacks

Few pain-free intermissions between attacks

Continuing pancreatic insufficiency between attacks

Other symptoms, describe: _____

4B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OR FINDINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY PANCREAS CONDITIONS OR RESIDUALS OF TREATMENT FOR PANCREAS CONDITIONS?

YES NO

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

Steatorrhea

(If checked, describe frequency and severity): _____

Malabsorption

(If checked, describe frequency and severity): _____

Diarrhea

(If checked, describe frequency and severity): _____

Severe malnutrition

(If checked, describe deficiency (such as beta-carotene, fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies)): _____

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).

Other, describe: _____

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 THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION?

YES NO

(If "Yes," describe in a brief summary):

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

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 the 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 a VA Form 21-0960F-1 Scars/Disfigurement Disability Benefits Questionnaire.)

(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 the Remarks section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

SECTION VI - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: Diagnosis of pancreatitis must be confirmed by appropriate laboratory and clinical studies. If testing has been performed and reflects veteran's current condition, no further testing is required for this examination report.

6A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED AND ARE THE RESULTS AVAILABLE?

YES NO

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EUS (<i>Endoscopic ultrasound</i>) | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ERCP (<i>Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography</i>) | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transhepatic cholangiogram | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MRI or MRCP (<i>magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography</i>) | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallbladder scan (<i>HIDA scan or cholescintigraphy</i>) | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CT | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |

6B. HAS LABORATORY TESTING BEEN PERFORMED?

YES NO

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

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|--|-------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alkaline phosphatase | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilirubin | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WBC | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amylase | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lipase | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ | Date: _____ | Results: _____ |

6C. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT DIAGNOSTIC TEST FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS?

YES NO

(If "Yes," provide type of test or procedure, date and results in a brief summary):

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SECTION VII - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

7. DOES THE VETERAN'S GALLBLADDER AND/OR PANCREAS CONDITION(S) IMPACT ON HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES NO *(If "Yes," describe the impact of each of the veteran's gallbladder and/or pancreas conditions, 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 AND FAX NUMBER	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.

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.