Department of Veterans Affairs

SEIZURE DISORDERS (EPILEPSY) DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Patient/Veteran	Patient/Veteran's Social Security Number	Date of examination:

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.

Note - The Veteran 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. VA may obtain additional medical information, including an examination, if necessary, to complete VA's review of the Veteran's application. VA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of ALL completed questionnaires. **It is intended that this questionnaire will be completed by the Veteran's healthcare provider.**

Are you completing this Disability Benefits Questionnaire at the request of:

☐ Veteran/Claimant

☐ Third party (please list name(s) of organization(s) or individual(s))

☐ Other: please describe

Are you a VA Healthcare provider? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Is the Veteran regularly seen as a patient in your clinic? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Was the Veteran examined in person? ◯ Yes ◯ No

If no, how was the examination conducted?

EVIDENCE REVIEW

Evidence reviewed:

◯ No records were reviewed

◯ Records reviewed

Please identify the evidence reviewed (e.g. service treatment records, VA treatment records, private treatment records) and the date range.

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)

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

3A. 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 the 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, SYMPTOMS, AND SCARS

5A. 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):

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 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.

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, specify: _____ 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

7A. 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

8A. REMARKS (If any)

SECTION IX - EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.

9A. Examiner's signature:	9B. Examiner's printed name and title (e.g. MD, DO, DDS, DMD, Ph.D, Psy.D, NP, PA-C):

9C. Examiner's Area of Practice/Specialty (e.g. Cardiology, Orthopedics, Psychology/Psychiatry, General Practice):	9D. Date Signed:

9E. Examiner's phone/fax numbers:	9F. National Provider Identifier (NPI) number:	9G. Medical license number and state:

9H. Examiner's address: