



## SKIN DISEASES DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

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NAME OF PATIENT/VETERAN (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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PATIENT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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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. VA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of ALL DBQ's completed by private health care providers.

### SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS THE VETERAN HAD A SKIN CONDITION?

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

1B. PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO SKIN CONDITIONS (Indicate the category of skin condition, and then provide specific diagnosis in that category) (Check all that apply)

Dermatitis or eczema

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Infectious skin conditions (including bacterial, fungal, viral, treponemal and parasitic skin conditions)

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Bullous disorders

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Psoriasis

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Exfoliative dermatitis (erythroderma)

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Cutaneous manifestations of collagen-vascular diseases

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Palpulosquamous skin disorders

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Vitiligo

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Keratinization skin disorders

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Urticaria

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary cutaneous vasculitis

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Erythema multiforme

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Acne

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Chloracne

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Alopecia

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Hyperhidrosis

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Tumors and neoplasms of the skin, including malignant melanoma

DIAGNOSIS: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Other skin condition

Other diagnosis #1: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Other diagnosis #2: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Other diagnosis #3: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

1C. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO THE SKIN CONDITIONS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

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**SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY**

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

2B. DO ANY OF THE VETERAN'S SKIN CONDITIONS CAUSE SCARRING OR DISFIGUREMENT OF THE HEAD, FACE OR NECK?

- YES  NO (If "Yes," indicate skin condition and describe scarring and/or disfigurement and complete VA Form 21-0960F-1, Scars/Disfigurement Disability Benefits Questionnaire if appropriate)

2C. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY BENIGN OR MALIGNANT SKIN NEOPLASMS (including malignant melanoma)?

- YES  NO (If "Yes," complete Section VII, Tumors and Neoplasms, below)

2D. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SYSTEMIC MANIFESTATIONS DUE TO ANY SKIN DISEASES (such as fever, weight loss or hypoproteinemia associated with skin conditions such as erythroderma)?

- YES  NO (If "Yes," describe and complete additional questionnaires if appropriate)

**SECTION III - TREATMENT**

3A. HAS THE VETERAN BEEN TREATED WITH ORAL OR TOPICAL MEDICATIONS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FOR ANY SKIN CONDITION?

- YES  NO

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

- Systemic corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Antihistamines

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Immunosuppressive retinoids

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Sympathomimetics

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Other oral medications

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Topical corticosteroids

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

- Other topical medications

(If checked, list medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition medication used for): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

- <6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

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**SECTION III - TREATMENT (Continued)**

**NOTE** - If a medication is used for more than one condition, provide names of all conditions, name of medication used for each condition, and frequency of use for each condition in Section 10, "Remarks".

3B. HAS THE VETERAN HAD ANY TREATMENTS OR PROCEDURES OTHER THAN SYSTEMIC OR TOPICAL MEDICATIONS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FOR EXFOLIATIVE DERMATITIS OR PAPULOSQUAMOUS DISORDERS?

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

PUVA (photo-chemotherapy with psoralen and ultraviolet A) treatment

(If checked, date of most recent treatment): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition treated): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

<6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

UVB (ultraviolet B phototherapy) treatment

(If checked, date of most recent treatment): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition treated): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

<6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

Electron beam therapy

(If checked, date of most recent treatment): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition treated): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

<6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

Intensive light therapy

(If checked, date of most recent treatment): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition treated): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

<6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

Other treatment (Specify treatment):

(If checked, date of most recent treatment): \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify condition treated): \_\_\_\_\_

(Total duration of medication use in past 12 months):

<6 weeks  6 weeks or more, but not constant  Constant/near-constant

**SECTION IV - DEBILITATING AND NON-DEBILITATING EPISODES**

4A. HAS THE VETERAN HAD ANY DEBILITATING EPISODES IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO URTICARIA, PRIMARY CUTANEOUS VASCULITIS, ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME, OR TOXIC EPIDERMAL NECROLYSIS?

YES  NO

If "Yes," specify condition causing debilitating episodes (for example, urticaria, vasculitis, erythema multiforme, or toxic epidermal necrolysis):

Describe debilitating episodes (brief summary): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of debilitating episodes in past 12 months:

None  1  2  3  4 or more

Characteristics of debilitating episodes:

- Occurred despite ongoing immunosuppressive therapy
- Required treatment with intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy
- Responded to treatment with antihistamines or sympathomimetics

4B. HAS THE VETERAN HAD ANY NON-DEBILITATING EPISODES OF URTICARIA, PRIMARY CUTANEOUS VASCULITIS, ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME, OR TOXIC EPIDERMAL NECROLYSIS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

YES  NO

If "Yes," specify condition causing non-debilitating episodes:

Urticaria  Primary cutaneous vasculitis  Erythema multiforme  Toxic epidermal necrolysis

Describe episodes (brief summary): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-debilitating episodes in past 12 months:

None  1  2  3  4 or more

Characteristics of non-debilitating episodes:

- Occurred despite ongoing immunosuppressive therapy
- Required treatment with intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy
- Responded to treatment with antihistamines or sympathomimetics

**NOTE** - If the veteran's debilitating and/or non-debilitating episodes are due to more than one condition, provide names of all conditions, indicating severity and frequency of episodes for each condition in Section 10, "Remarks".

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**SECTION V - PHYSICAL EXAM**

5A. INDICATE THE VETERAN'S VISIBLE SKIN CONDITIONS; INDICATE THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL BODY AREA AND APPROXIMATE TOTAL **EXPOSED** BODY AREA (face, neck and hands) AFFECTED ON CURRENT EXAMINATION (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Dermatitis	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Eczema	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bullous disorders	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Psoriasis	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Infections of the skin	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutaneous manifestations of collagen-vascular diseases	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> Papulosquamous disorder	Total body area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
	EXPOSED area	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> <5%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% to <20%	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% to 40%	<input type="checkbox"/> >40%
<input type="checkbox"/> The veteran does not have any of the above listed visible skin conditions						

5B. FOR EACH SKIN CONDITION CHECKED IN ITEM 5A, GIVE SPECIFIC DIAGNOSIS AND DESCRIBE APPEARANCE AND LOCATION:

**SECTION VI - SPECIFIC SKIN CONDITIONS**

6. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SKIN CONDITIONS: ACNE, CHLORACNE, VITILIGO, ALOPECIA OR HYPERHIDROSIS?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," indicate the skin condition and complete appropriate sections)

Acne or chloracne

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

- Superficial acne (comedones, papules, pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent
- Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-filled cysts)
- Affects less than 40% of face and neck
- Affects 40% or more of face and neck
- Affects body areas other than face and neck

Vitiligo

(If checked, indicate areas affected by vitiligo):

- Exposed areas affected
- No exposed areas affected

Scarring alopecia

(If checked, indicate percent of scalp affected):

- <20%
- 20% to 40%
- >40%

Alopecia areata

(If checked, indicate amount of hair loss):

- Hair loss limited to scalp and face
- Loss of all body hair
- Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Hyperhidrosis

(If checked, indicate severity):

- Able to handle paper or tools after treatment
- Unresponsive to treatment; unable to handle paper or tools

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**SECTION VII - TUMORS AND NEOPLASMS**

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES IN SECTION I, DIAGNOSIS?

YES  NO (If "Yes," complete Items 7B through 7E)

7B. IS THE NEOPLASM

BENIGN  MALIGNANT

7C. HAS THE VETERAN COMPLETED TREATMENT OR IS THE VETERAN CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR A BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OR METASTASES?

YES  NO; WATCHFUL WAITING

(If "Yes," indicate type of treatment the veteran is currently undergoing or has completed (check all that apply))

Treatment completed; currently in watchful waiting status

Surgery, if checked describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Radiation therapy, if checked date of most recent treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Antineoplastic chemotherapy, if checked date of most recent treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Other therapeutic procedure, if checked describe procedure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of most recent procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

Other therapeutic treatment, if checked describe treatment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion of treatment or anticipated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

7D. DOES THE VETERAN CURRENTLY HAVE ANY RESIDUAL CONDITIONS OR COMPLICATIONS DUE TO THE NEOPLASM (including metastases) OR ITS TREATMENT, OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY DOCUMENTED IN THE REPORT ABOVE.

YES  NO (If "Yes," list residual conditions and complications - brief summary)

7E. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL BENIGN OR MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS OR METASTASES RELATED TO ANY OF THE DIAGNOSES IN SECTION I, DIAGNOSIS DESCRIBE USING THE ABOVE FORMAT

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

8. 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):

**SECTION IX - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT**

9. DO ANY OF THE VETERAN'S SKIN CONDITIONS IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES  NO (If "Yes," describe impact of each of the veteran's skin conditions, providing one or more examples):

**SECTION X - REMARKS**

10. REMARKS (If any)

**SECTION XI - PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

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

11A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)	11B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME	11C. DATE SIGNED
11D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER	11E. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER	11F. 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](http://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](http://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.