INTRODUCTION TO RVSR MEDICAL ELECTRONIC PERFORMANCE SUPPORT SYSTEM (EPSS) & BODY SYSTEMS

TRAINEE HANDOUT

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OBJECTIVES

- Identify how to access MEPSS

- Identify how to access the Help Menu

- Determine how to access the menu tabs at the top of the MEPSS

- Determine how to utilize the Search function box on the main menu

- Identify other reference tools to use when performing their job

- Locate elements within the EPSS in a practical activity

REFERENCES

- [Compensation Service Intranet Home Page](#)

- [Rating Job Aids](#)

- [Medical Electronic Performance Support System (MEPSS)](#)

TOPIC 1: MEDICAL ELECTRONIC PERFORMANCE SYSTEM (EPSS)

The C&P Medical EPSS provides tutorial information related to medical terminology and issues, and numerous graphics to illustrate various medical definitions and concepts. Medical EPSS provides a general tutorial on each body system in the Rating Schedule. There is information regarding the function of the body system and common conditions. The system has excellent visual aids to supplement the material. The system has endless links to obtain more information on specific diseases, body parts, and medical terms.

WARNING: Medical EPSS should not be used as a diagnostic tool for yourself or your loved ones. Please leave that to the medical professionals.

The tool can be accessed at http://epss.vba.va.gov/mepss/. You can also find it on the Rating Job Aids webpage.

Other medical reference aids can be found under the Rating Job Aids, Medical References tab.

PRACTICAL EXERCISE 1 : MEDICAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Please answer the following questions by using the various medical reference tools discussed in this lesson. Include both the answer to the question and the source used to find the answer.

1. What are the 2 types of searches under the Search tab?

2. What are the three (3) modes of navigation when you are using MEPSS?

3. What body system is the condition Pericarditis found?

4. Name the VA examination you would do for Meniere's syndrome.

5. Definition of Meniere's syndrome.

6. What are the major components of the hematologic system?

7. Name the body system where the Thyroid gland is located.

8. What is the definition of ACL?

9. What is the definition of ACE inhibitors?

10. Where is the pancreas located?

11. What does MRI stand for?

12. What are the bursae? What body system is affected by a disease or injury to the bursae?

13. What is a MET?

14. What are the common complications of Diabetes Mellitus?

15. What is the ramus?

16. What does THA stand for? What does C/O stand for? What does GERD stand for?

17. What is the definition of Tinnitus?

18. Define PTSD.

19. What is maculopathy and what type of exam is needed?
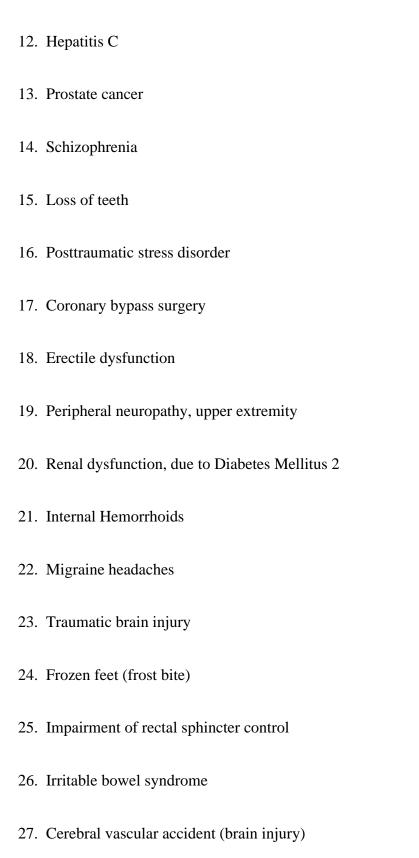
PRACTICAL EXERCISE 2: SCAVENGER HUNT

Please match the correct diagnostic code with the body system.

1. _____   The Digestive System

2. _____   The Skin

3. _____   Impairment of Auditory Acuity and other Sense Organs

4. _____   Infectious Diseases, Immune Disorders and Nutritional Deficiencies

5. _____   Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders

6. _____   The Genitourinary System

7. _____   The Musculoskeletal System

8. _____   The Cardiovascular System

9. _____   Dental and Oral Conditions

10. _____   The Hemic and Lymphatic Systems

11. _____   The Organs of Special Sense

12. _____   The Respiratory System

13. _____   The Endocrine System

14. _____   Mental Disorders

15. _____   Gynecological Conditions and Disorders of the Breast

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Review the following conditions and place the correct diagnostic code next to it.

1. Shoulder condition, limitation of motion

2. Lumbosacral or cervical spine strain

3. Lupus

4. HIV

5. Beriberi

6. Deviated septum, traumatic

7. Sleep apnea

8. Malignant neoplasm of the muscle

9. Tinnitus

10. Vertigo

11. Hypertension

12. Hepatitis C

13. Prostate cancer

14. Schizophrenia

15. Loss of teeth

16. Posttraumatic stress disorder

17. Coronary bypass surgery

18. Erectile dysfunction

19. Peripheral neuropathy, upper extremity

20. Renal dysfunction, due to Diabetes Mellitus 2

21. Internal Hemorrhoids

22. Migraine headaches

23. Traumatic brain injury

24. Frozen feet (frost bite)

25. Impairment of rectal sphincter control

26. Irritable bowel syndrome

27. Cerebral vascular accident (brain injury)

28. Knee prosthetic

29. Knee instability

30. Ankle condition

31. Flat foot

32. Tailbone, injury