

DRC Phase One - Examinations and the DRC Program

Exercise 1: DBQ Exercise

For the following medical conditions, please provide the appropriate DBQ(s).

A list of all DBQs has been provided.

Audiological

- Ear (including Vestibular and Infectious)
- Hearing Loss

Cardiovascular

- Artery and Vein
- Heart
- Hypertension

Dental & Oral

- Oral and Dental (other than TMJ)
- Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ)

Dermatological

- Scars/Disfigurement
- Skin Diseases

Endocrine

- Diabetes Mellitus
- Endocrine
- Thyroid and Parathyroid

ENT

- Loss of Sense of Smell and/or Taste
- Sinusitis, Rhinitis, and Other Conditions of the Nose, Throat, Larynx, and Pharynx

Gastrointestinal

- Esophageal Disorders
- Gallbladder/Pancreas
- Intestinal (infectious)
- Intestinal (other than surgical or infectious)
- Intestinal Surgery
- Liver
- Peritoneal Adhesion
- Rectum & Anus
- Stomach and Duodenum

Genitourinary

- Kidney (Nephrology)
- Male Reproductive Organ
- Prostate Cancer
- Urinary Tract (including Bladder and Urethra) Conditions

Gynecological

- Breast
- Gynecological

Hematological & Lymphatic

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Leukemia

Infectious Disease

HIV-Related Illnesses
Infectious Diseases
Nutritional Deficiencies
Persian Gulf/Afghanistan Infectious Diseases
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and other Autoimmune Diseases

Musculoskeletal

Amputations
Ankle Conditions
Arthritis
Back (Thoracolumbar Spine) Conditions
Elbow and Forearm Conditions
Foot Conditions Including Flatfoot (Pes Planus)
Hand and Finger Conditions
Hip and Thigh Conditions
Knee and Lower Leg Conditions
Muscle Injuries
Neck (Cervical Spine) Conditions
Osteomyelitis
Shoulder and/or Arm Conditions
Wrist Conditions

Neurological

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
Central Nervous System and Neuromuscular Diseases
Cranial Nerve Conditions
Fibromyalgia
Headaches (including Migraines)
Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Narcolepsy
Parkinson's Disease
Seizure Disorders (Epilepsy)
TBI (Initial)
TBI (Review)

Ophthalmological

Eyes

Psychological

Eating Disorders
Mental Disorders
PTSD (Initial)
PTSD (Review)

Respiratory

Respiratory Conditions

Sleep Apnea

Tuberculosis

Rheumatological

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Surgical

Hernias

1. Generalized Anxiety Disorder

Mental Disorders

2. Tinea Pedis

Skin Diseases

3. Osgood-Schlatter's disease

Knee and Lower Leg Conditions

4. Polycystic ovary disease

Gynecological

5. Nephrolithiasis

Kidney (Nephrology)

6. Traumatic Brain Injury (Veteran is S/C For PTSD)

TBI (Review) & PTSD (Review)

7. Residuals of Gunshot Wound to the Thigh

Muscle Injuries & Scars/Disfigurement

8. Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's Disease & Mental Disorders

9. Asthma

Respiratory Conditions

10. Hemorrhoids

Rectum & Anus

Exercise 2: Examination Exercise

For the following scenarios, please indicate where you would recommend that the Veteran have each examination completed.

1) The Veteran is treated by his private provider for all claimed conditions. The Veteran is filing a claim for increase for:

- posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- sleep apnea
- diabetes mellitus (DM), type II

PTSD: Private Provider

Sleep Apnea: Private Provider

DM: Private Provider

2) The Veteran is treated at the VA Medical Center for all claimed conditions. The Veteran is filing a claim for increase for:

- depression
- left knee strain
- right knee strain
- degenerative disc disease, lumbosacral spine

Depression: Contractor

L Knee: Contractor

R Knee: Contractor

Back: Contractor

3) The Veteran is treated by his private providers for all claimed conditions. The Veteran is filing a claim for increase for:

- traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- bilateral hearing loss (BHL)
- tinnitus

TBI: Contractor

BHL: Contractor

Tinnitus: Contractor

- 4) The Veteran is not currently being treated by a private provider or VA Medical Center. The Veteran is filing a claim for increase for:
- below the knee amputation, left lower extremity
 - below the knee amputation, right knee extremity
 - posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
 - bilateral hearing loss (BHL)
 - tinnitus

L Leg: Cannot order exam

R Leg: Cannot order exam

PTSD: Contractor

BHL: Contractor

Tinnitus: Contractor

*****This claim would be excluded from the DRC program since the bilateral lower leg amputations cannot be examined at the Contractor (Veteran requires ambulatory assistance).***

- 5) The Veteran is currently being treated by a private provider and the VA Medical Center. The Veteran is filing a claim for increase for:
- bilateral hearing loss (BHL)
 - tinnitus
 - asthma
 - frostbite of the left foot
 - arthritis, left shoulder
 - arthritis, right shoulder
 - degenerative disc disease, cervical spine

BHL: Contractor

Tinnitus: Contractor

Asthma: Private Provider

L Foot: Contractor

L Shoulder: Private Provider

R Shoulder: Private Provider

Neck: Private Provider