Introduction to Medical Electronic Performance Support System (EPSS)

Trainee Handout

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Objectives

* Identify how to access Medical EPSS
* Identify how to access the Help Menu
* Determine how to access the menu tabs at the top of the Medical EPSS
* Determine how to utilize the Search function box on the main menu
* Identify other reference tools
* Locate elements within the EPSS in a practical activity

References

* [Compensation Service Intranet Home Page](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/index.htm)
* [Rating Job Aids](http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/21/rating/rat00.htm)
* [http://epss.vba.va.gov/Medical EPSS](http://epss.vba.va.gov/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/Medical EPSS/](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: 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 two (2) body systems listed on the Medical EPSS main menu?
2. What are the 2 types of searches?
3. What are the three (3) modes of navigation when you are using Medical EPSS?
4. What body system is the condition Pericarditis found?
5. Name the VA examination you would do for Meniere’s syndrome.
6. Definition of Meniere’s syndrome.
7. What are the major components of the hematologic system?
8. Name the body system where the Thyroid gland is located.
9. What is the definition of ACL?
10. What is the definition of ACE inhibitors?
11. Name the body system where the pancreas is located.
12. What does MRI stand for?
13. What are the bursae? What body system is affected by a disease or injury to the bursae?
14. What is the definition of a MET?
15. What are the body areas that may have potential complications from diabetes mellitus?
16. What is the ramus?
17. What does THA stand for? What does C/O stand for? What does GERD stand for?
18. What is the definition of tinnitus?
19. Define PTSD.
20. What is maculopathy and what type of exam is needed?