



## PERITONEAL ADHESIONS DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

**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. PLEASE READ THE PRIVACY ACT AND RESPONDENT BURDEN INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

NAME OF PATIENT/VETERAN	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.

### SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A PERITONEAL ADHESION?

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

1B. PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSIS THAT PERTAIN TO PERITONEAL ADHESIONS

DIAGNOSIS # 1 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -
DIAGNOSIS # 2 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -
DIAGNOSIS # 3 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -

1C. IF ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO PERITONEAL ADHESIONS, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT

### SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE CAUSE/ONSET OF THE VETERAN'S CURRENT PERITONEAL ADHESIONS:

2B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF OPERATIVE, TRAUMATIC OR INFECTIOUS (INTRAABDOMINAL) PROCESS?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," indicate organ(s) affected) (Check all that apply)

STOMACH  GALL BLADDER  LIVER  SMALL INTESTINES  LARGE INTESTINES  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

2C. HAS THE VETERAN HAD SEVERE PERITONITIS, RUPTURED APPENDIX, PERFORATED ULCER OR OPERATION WITH DRAINAGE?

YES  NO

2D. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A CURRENT DIAGNOSES OF PERITONEAL ADHESIONS?

YES  NO

(If "Yes," indicate organ(s) affected) (Check all that apply)

STOMACH  GALL BLADDER  LIVER  SMALL INTESTINES  LARGE INTESTINES  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

2E. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS DUE TO PERITONEAL ADHESIONS?

YES  NO (If "Yes," indicate signs and symptoms) (Check all that apply)

- DISTURBANCE OF MOTILITY
- ACTUAL PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION
- REFLEX DISTURBANCES
- PRESENCE OF PAIN

### SECTION III - SEVERITY OF MANIFESTATIONS OF PERITONEAL ADHESIONS

**NOTE** - Indicate level of severity of signs and/or symptoms, if present: (Check all boxes that apply)

3A. LEVEL I

MILD

3B. LEVEL II

MODERATE  PULLING PAIN ON ATTEMPTING WORK OR AGGRAVATED BY MOVEMENTS OF THE BODY  OCCASIONAL EPISODES OF COLIC PAIN  OCCASIONAL EPISODES OF NAUSEA  OCCASIONAL EPISODES OF CONSTIPATION (Perhaps alternating with diarrhea)  ABDOMINAL DISTENSION

3C. LEVEL III

MODERATELY SEVERE  PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION MANIFESTED BY DELAYED MOTILITY OF BARIUM MEAL  LESS FREQUENT EPISODES OF PAIN  LESS PROLONGED EPISODES OF PAIN

3D. LEVEL IV

SEVERE  DEFINITE PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION SHOWN BY X-RAY  FREQUENT EPISODES OF SEVERE COLIC DISTENSION, NAUSEA OR VOMITING  FREQUENT EPISODES OF SEVERE NAUSEA  FREQUENT EPISODES OF SEVERE VOMITING  PROLONGED EPISODES OF SEVERE COLIC DISTENSION  PROLONGED EPISODES OF SEVERE NAUSEA  PROLONGED EPISODES OF SEVERE VOMITING

**SECTION IV - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT AND REMARKS**

4. DOES THE VETERAN'S PERITONEAL ADHESIONS IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

YES  NO (If "Yes," describe impact, providing one or more examples)

5. REMARKS (If any)

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

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

6A. PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE

6B. PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME

6C. DATE SIGNED

6D. PHYSICIAN'S PHONE AND FAX NUMBER

6E. PHYSICIAN'S MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER

6F. 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.vba.va.gov/disabilityexams](http://www.vba.va.gov/disabilityexams) or obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:** VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58/VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

**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.