



MUSCLE INJURIES DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF CLAIMANT/VETERAN

CLAIMANT/VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF EXAMINATION

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.

Note - The Veteran 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 may obtain additional medical information, including an examination, if necessary, to complete VA's review of the veteran's application. VA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of ALL Questionnaires completed by providers. It is intended that this questionnaire will be completed by the Veteran's provider.

Are you completing this Disability Benefits Questionnaire at the request of:

Veteran/Claimant

Other, please describe:

[Empty text box for describing other requestor]

Are you a VA Healthcare provider?  Yes  No

Is the Veteran regularly seen as a patient in your clinic?  Yes  No

Was the Veteran examined in person?  Yes  No

If no, how was the examination conducted?

[Empty text box for describing examination method]

EVIDENCE REVIEW

Evidence reviewed:

No records were reviewed

Records reviewed

Please identify the evidence reviewed (e.g. service treatment records, VA treatment records, private treatment records) and the date range.

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DOMINANT HAND

Right  Left  Ambidextrous

### SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

Note: These are condition(s) for which an evaluation has been requested on an exam request form (Internal VA) or for which the Veteran has requested medical evidence be provided for submission to VA.

1A. DOES THE VETERAN CURRENTLY HAVE A DIAGNOSED MUSCLE INJURY?

Yes  No

1B. IF YES, PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO MUSCLE INJURIES:

DIAGNOSIS #1 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -	SIDE AFFECTED <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Both
DIAGNOSIS #2 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -	SIDE AFFECTED <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Both
DIAGNOSIS #3 -	ICD CODE -	DATE OF DIAGNOSIS -	SIDE AFFECTED <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Both

1C. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO MUSCLE INJURIES, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

Note: These are the diagnoses determined during this current evaluation of the claimed condition(s) listed above. If there is no diagnosis, if the diagnosis is different from a previous diagnosis for this condition, or if there is a diagnosis of a complication due to the claimed condition, explain your findings and reasons in comments section. Date of diagnosis can be the date of the evaluation if the clinician is making the initial diagnosis, or an approximate date determined through record review or reported history.

Note: If there are multiple muscle injuries, complete the assessment for all muscle injuries on this questionnaire, if possible. If unable to complete assessment for all muscle injuries on this questionnaire, also complete an additional questionnaire for each additional injury. If the Veteran has or has had a muscle injury that results in any conditions that are not covered in this questionnaire, also complete any other appropriate questionnaires (e.g. if peripheral nerve injury also exists due to the muscle injury, complete the Peripheral Nerves Questionnaire).

### SECTION II - HISTORY OF MUSCLE INJURY

2A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A PENETRATING MUSCLE INJURY (such as a gunshot or shell fragment wound)?

Yes  No

2B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A NON-PENETRATING MUSCLE INJURY (such as a muscle strain, torn Achilles tendon or torn quadriceps muscle)?

Yes  No

**Note:** If the Veteran has a non-penetrating muscle injury such as that arising from injuries such as muscle strains, tears not resulting from injury by a foreign object entering the muscle, or muscle atrophy due to a service-connected joint or nerve injury, complete the appropriate questionnaire based on associated functional impairment in lieu of this questionnaire.

2C. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S MUSCLE INJURY (brief summary):

### SECTION III - LOCATION OF MUSCLE INJURY

**NOTE:** For VA purposes, muscles are classified into groups I-XXIII. In this section, indicate the location of the Veteran's muscle injury(ies) by checking the muscle group(s) involved.

#### SHOULDER GIRDLE AND ARM

3A. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD AN INJURY TO A MUSCLE GROUP OF THE SHOULDER GIRDLE OR ARM?

Yes  No If yes, check muscle group(s) and side affected (check all that apply):

**GROUP I:** Extrinsic muscles of shoulder girdle: trapezius, levator scapulae, serratus magnus  
Function: Upward rotation of scapula, elevation of arm above shoulder level

Side affected:  
 Right  Left  Both

**GROUP II:** Muscles of shoulder girdle: pectoralis major, latissimus dorsi and teres major, pectoralis minor, rhomboid  
Function: Depression of arm from vertical overhead to hanging at side, downward rotation of scapula, forward and backward swing of arm

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP III:** Intrinsic muscles of shoulder girdle: pectoralis major, deltoid  
Function: Elevation and abduction of arm to level of shoulder, forward and backward swing of arm

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP IV:** Shoulder girdle muscles: supraspinatus, infraspinatus and teres minor, subscapularis, coracobrachialis  
Function: Stabilization of shoulder, abduction, rotation of arm

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP V:** Flexor muscles of elbow: biceps, brachialis, brachioradialis  
Function: Flexion of elbow

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP VI:** Extensor muscles of elbow: triceps  
Function: Extension of elbow

Right  Left  Both

**SECTION III - LOCATION OF MUSCLE INJURY (Continued)**

**FOREARM AND HAND**

3B. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD AN INJURY TO A MUSCLE GROUP OF THE FOREARM OR HAND?

Yes  No If yes, check muscle group(s) and side affected (check all that apply):

Side affected:

**GROUP VII:** Muscles of forearm: flexors of the wrist, fingers and thumb  
Function: Flexion of wrist and fingers

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP VIII:** Muscles: extensors of the wrist, fingers and thumb  
Function: Extension of wrist, fingers and thumb

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP IX:** Intrinsic muscles of hand, including muscles in the thenar and hypothenar eminence, lumbricales, dorsal and palmar interossei  
Function: Intrinsic muscles of the hand assist in delicate manipulative movements

Right  Left  Both

**FOOT AND LEG**

3C. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD AN INJURY TO A MUSCLE GROUP OF THE FOOT OR LEG?

Yes  No If yes, check muscle group(s) and side affected (check all that apply)

Side affected:

**GROUP X:** Muscles of the foot: flexor digitorum brevis, abductor hallucis, abductor digiti minimi, quadratus plantae, lumbricales, flexor hallucis brevis, adductor hallucis, flexor digiti minimi brevis, dorsal and plantar interossei  
Function: Movements of forefoot and toes, propulsion thrust in walking

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XI:** Muscles of the foot, ankle and calf: gastrocnemius, soleus, tibialis posterior, peroneus longus, peroneus brevis, flexor hallucis longus, flexor digitorum longus  
Function: Propulsion, plantar flexion of foot, stabilization of arch, flexion of toes

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XII:** Anterior muscles of the leg, tibialis anterior, extensor digitorum longus, extensor hallucis longus, peroneus tertius  
Function: Dorsiflexion, extension of toes, stabilization of arch

Right  Left  Both

**PELVIC GIRDLE AND THIGH**

3D. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD AN INJURY TO A MUSCLE GROUP OF THE PELVIC GIRDLE OR THIGH?

Yes  No If yes, check muscle group(s) and side affected (check all that apply)

Side affected:

**GROUP XIII:** Posterior thigh/hamstring muscles: biceps femoris, semimembranosus, semitendinosus  
Function: Flexion of knee

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XIV:** Anterior thigh muscles: sartorius, rectus femoris, quadriceps  
Function: Extension of knee

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XV:** Mesial thigh muscles: adductor longus, adductor brevis, adductor magnus, gracilis  
Function: Adduction of hip

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XVI:** Pelvic girdle muscles: psoas, iliacus, pectineus  
Function: Flexion of hip

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XVII:** Pelvic girdle muscles: gluteus maximus, gluteus medius, gluteus minimus  
Function: Extension of hip, abduction of thigh, postural support of body

Right  Left  Both

If checked, is there severe damage to muscle group XVII, such that the veteran is unable to rise from a seated and stooped position and to maintain postural stability without assistance of any type?

YES  NO

**GROUP XVIII:** Pelvic girdle muscles: piriformis, gemelli, obturator, quadratus femoris  
Function: Outward rotation of thigh and stabilization of hip joint

Right  Left  Both

**TORSO AND NECK**

3E. DOES THE VETERAN NOW HAVE OR HAS HE/SHE EVER HAD AN INJURY TO A MUSCLE GROUP IN THE TORSO AND/OR NECK?

Yes  No If yes, check muscle group(s) and side or region affected (check all that apply)

Side or region affected:

**GROUP XIX:** Muscles of the abdominal wall: rectus abdominis, external oblique, internal obliques, transversalis, quadratus lumborum  
Function: Support of abdominal wall and lower thorax, flexion and lateral movement of spine

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XX:** Spinal muscles: sacrospinalis, erector spinae  
Function: Postural support of body, extension and lateral movement of the spine

Cervical  Thoracic  Lumbar

**GROUP XXI:** Muscles of respiration: thoracic muscle group  
Function: Respiration

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XXII:** Muscles of the front of the neck: trapezius, sternocleidomastoid, hyoid muscles, sternothyroid, digastric  
Function: Rotation and flexion of the head, respiration, swallowing

Right  Left  Both

**GROUP XXIII:** Muscles of the side and back of the neck: suboccipital, lateral vertebral and anterior vertebral muscles  
Function: Movements of the head, fixation of shoulder movements

Right  Left  Both

**ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

3F. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF RUPTURE OF THE DIAPHRAGM WITH HERNIATION?

Yes  No If yes, also complete Esophageal Conditions Questionnaire.

3G. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF AN EXTENSIVE MUSCLE HERNIA OF ANY MUSCLE, WITHOUT OTHER INJURY TO THE MUSCLE?

Yes  No If yes, name muscle and describe current residuals:

3H. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF INJURY TO THE FACIAL MUSCLES?

Yes  No If yes, also complete additional questionnaires (such as cranial nerves, scars, etc.) as appropriate for all identified residual conditions.

If yes, is there interference to any extent with mastication?

Yes  No

3I. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF RHABDOMYOLYSIS?

Yes  No Note: If the Veteran has any renal complications, also complete appropriate renal questionnaire

3J. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A HISTORY OF COMPARTMENT SYNDROME?

Yes  No

**SECTION IV - MUSCLE INJURY EXAM**

**SCAR(S), FASCIA AND MUSCLE FINDINGS**

4A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SCAR(S) ASSOCIATED WITH A MUSCLE INJURY?

Yes  No If yes, indicate severity of scars(s) caused by the muscle injury(ies). Check all that apply if there is more than one area or type of scarring.

- Minimal scar(s)
- Entrance and (if present) exit scars are small or linear, indicating short track of missile through muscle tissue
- Entrance and (if present) exit scars indicating track of missile through one or more muscle groups
- Ragged, depressed and adherent scars indicating wide damage to muscle groups in missile track
- Adhesion of scar to one of the long bones, scapula, pelvic bones, sacrum or vertebrae, with epithelial sealing over the bone rather than true skin covering in an area where bone is normally protected by muscle
- Other (including surgical scars related to muscle injuries shown above, ALSO complete Scars/Disfigurement questionnaire)

4B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY KNOWN FASCIAL DEFECTS OR EVIDENCE OF FASCIAL DEFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY MUSCLE INJURIES?

Yes  No If yes, indicate severity of fascial defect(s) caused by the muscle injury(ies) (check all that apply if there is more than one area/type of fascial defect)

- Some loss of deep fascia
- Palpation shows loss of deep fascia
- Other, describe:

**SECTION IV - MUSCLE INJURY EXAM (Continued)**

4C. DOES THE VETERAN'S MUSCLE INJURY(IES) AFFECT MUSCLE SUBSTANCE OR FUNCTION?

Yes  No If yes, indicate effect of the muscle injury(ies) on muscle substance or function (check all that apply)

- Some impairment of muscle tonus
- Some loss of muscle substance
- Soft flabby muscles in wound area
- Muscles swell and harden abnormally in contraction
- Induration or atrophy of an entire muscle following history of simple piercing by a projectile
- Adaptive contraction of an opposing group of muscles
- Visible or measurable atrophy
- Atrophy of muscle groups not in the track of the missile, particularly of the trapezius and serratus in wounds of the shoulder girdle
- Tests of endurance or coordinated movements compared with the corresponding muscles of the uninjured side indicate severe impairment of function
- Other, describe:

**CARDINAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MUSCLE DISABILITY**

4D. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY MUSCLE INJURIES?

Yes  No (If yes, check all that apply, and indicate side affected, muscle group and frequency/severity):

- Loss of power  
(If checked, indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level
- Weakness  
(If checked, indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level
- Lowered threshold of fatigue  
(If checked, indicate sided affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level
- Fatigue and/or pain  
(If checked, indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level
- Impairment of coordination  
(If checked, indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level
- Uncertainty of movement  
(If checked, indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both  
(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate frequency/severity):  Occasional  Consistent  Consistent at a more severe level

If further clarification is needed due to injuries of multiple muscle groups, describe which findings, signs and/or symptoms are attributable to each muscle injury:

**SECTION IV - MUSCLE INJURY EXAM (Continued)**

**MUSCLE STRENGTH TESTING**

4E. TEST MUSCLE STRENGTH ONLY FOR AFFECTED MUSCLE GROUPS AND FOR THE CORRESPONDING SOUND (NON-INJURED) SIDE. RATE STRENGTH ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

0/5 No muscle movement

1/5 Visible muscle movement, but no joint movement

2/5 No movement against gravity

3/5 No movement against resistance

4/5 Less than normal strength

5/5 Normal strength

Shoulder abduction (Group III)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Elbow flexion (Group V)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Elbow extension (Group VI)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Wrist flexion (Group VII)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Wrist extension (Group VIII)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Hip flexion (Group XVI)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Knee flexion (Group XIII)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Knee extension (Group XIV)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Ankle plantar flexion (Group XI)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
Ankle dorsiflexion (Group XII)	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
If other movements/muscle groups were tested, specify:	Right:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1/5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0/5

4F. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE MUSCLE ATROPHY OF THE INJURED MUSCLE GROUP?

Yes  No

If muscle atrophy is present, indicate location (such as calf, thigh, forearm, upper arm): \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both

(Indicate muscle group(s) affected (I-XXIII) if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide measurements in centimeters of normal side and atrophied side, measured at maximum muscle bulk:

Normal side: \_\_\_\_\_ cm. Atrophied side: \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

If muscle atrophy is present in more than one muscle group, provide location and measurements, using the same format:

**SECTION V - ASSISTIVE DEVICES**

5A. DOES THE VETERAN USE ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES AS A NORMAL MODE OF LOCOMOTION, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONAL LOCOMOTION BY OTHER METHODS MAY BE POSSIBLE?

Yes  No If yes, identify assistive devices used (check all that apply and indicate frequency):

<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Brace(s)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Crutch(es)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Cane(s)	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Walker	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Frequency of use:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Constant

5B. IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION.

**SECTION VI - REMAINING EFFECTIVE FUNCTION OF THE EXTREMITIES**

6A. DUE TO THE VETERAN'S MUSCLE CONDITIONS IS THERE FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT OF AN EXTREMITY SUCH THAT NO EFFECTIVE FUNCTION REMAINS OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WOULD BE EQUALLY WELL SERVED BY AN AMPUTATION WITH PROSTHESIS? (Functions of the upper extremity include grasping, manipulation, etc., while functions for the lower extremity include balance, and propulsion, etc.)

- Yes, functioning is so diminished that amputation with prosthesis would equally serve the Veteran  
 No

If yes, indicate extremity(ies) for which this applies:

- Right upper  Left upper  Right lower  Left lower

For each checked extremity, identify the condition causing loss of function, describe loss of effective function and provide specific examples (brief summary)

**Note:** The intention of this section is to permit the examiner to quantify the level of remaining function; it is not intended to inquire whether the Veteran should undergo an amputation with fitting of a prosthesis. For example, if the functions of grasping (hand) or propulsion (foot) are as limited as if the Veteran had an amputation and prosthesis, the examiner should check "yes" and describe the diminished functioning. The question simply asks whether the functional loss is to the same degree as if there were an amputation of the affected limb.

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

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS AND/OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO THE CONDITION(S) LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

- Yes  No If yes, describe (brief summary)

7B. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

**SECTION VIII - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

Note: If there is reason to believe there are retained metallic fragments in the muscle tissue, appropriate x-rays are required to determine location of retained metallic fragment. Once retained metallic fragments have been documented, further imaging studies are usually not indicated.

8A. HAVE IMAGING STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS EXAMINATION?

- Yes  No If yes, provide type of test or procedure performed, date and results.

8B. IS THERE X-RAY EVIDENCE OF RETAINED METALLIC FRAGMENTS (such as shell fragments or shrapnel) IN ANY MUSCLE GROUP?

- Yes  No (If yes, indicate results):

X-ray evidence of retained shell fragment(s) and/or shrapnel

Location (specify muscle Group I-XXIII, if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both

X-ray evidence of minute multiple scattered foreign bodies indicating intermuscular trauma and explosive effect of the missile

Location (specify muscle Group I-XXIII, if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate side affected):  Right  Left  Both

8C. WERE ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC TESTS DONE?

- Yes  No (If yes, was there diminished muscle excitability to pulsed electrical current?)

- Yes  No

(If yes, name affected muscles)

\_\_\_\_\_

8D. ARE THERE ANY OTHER DIAGNOSTIC TEST FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS RELATED TO THE CLAIMED CONDITION(S) AND/OR DIAGNOSIS(ES), THAT WERE REVIEWED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS EXAMINATION?

- Yes  No (If yes, provide type of test or procedure, date and results in a brief summary)

**SECTION IX - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT**

9A. DOES THE VETERAN'S MUSCLE INJURY(IES) IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK, SUCH AS RESULTING IN INABILITY TO KEEP UP WITH WORK REQUIREMENTS DUE TO MUSCLE INJURY(IES)?

Yes  No

(If yes, describe the impact of each of the Veteran's muscle injuries, providing one or more examples):

**SECTION X - REMARKS**

10A. REMARKS (If any)

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

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

11A. Examiner's signature:

11B. Examiner's printed name and title (e.g. MD, DO, DDS, DMD, Ph.D, Psy.D, NP, PA-C):

11C. Examiner's Area of Practice/Specialty (e.g. Cardiology, Orthopedics, Psychology/Psychiatry, General Practice):

11D. Date Signed:

11E. Examiner's phone/fax numbers:

11F. National Provider Identifier (NPI) number:

11G. Medical license number and state:

11H. Examiner's address: