

**PERIPHERAL NERVES CONDITIONS
(Not Including Diabetic Sensory - Motor Peripheral Neuropathy)
DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of Patient/Veteran: _____

Patient/Veteran's Social Security Number: _____

Date of examination: _____

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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 completed questionnaires. **It is intended that this questionnaire will be completed by the Veteran's healthcare provider.**

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

☐ Veteran/Claimant☐ Third party (please list name(s) of organization(s) or individual(s))☐ Other: please describe

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?

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.

SECTION I - DIAGNOSIS

1A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY?

☐ Yes☐ No

(If "Yes," complete Item 1B)

1B. PROVIDE ONLY DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY:

Diagnosis # 1: _____ ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____

Diagnosis # 2: _____ ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____

Diagnosis # 3: _____ ICD Code: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____

1C. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSES THAT PERTAIN TO A PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY, LIST USING ABOVE FORMAT:

DEFINITIONS: For VA purposes, neuralgia indicates a condition characterized by a dull and intermittent pain of typical distribution so as to identify the nerve, while neuritis is characterized by loss of reflexes, muscle atrophy, sensory disturbances and constant pain, at times excruciating.

SECTION II - MEDICAL HISTORY

2A. DESCRIBE THE HISTORY (including onset and course) OF THE VETERAN'S PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION (brief summary):

2B. DOMINANT HAND

☐ Right ☐ Left ☐ Ambidextrous

SECTION III - SYMPTOMS

3A. Does the Veteran have any symptoms attributable to any peripheral nerve conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate symptoms' location and severity (check all that apply):

Constant pain (may be excruciating at times)

Right upper extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Left upper extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Right lower extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Left lower extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe

Intermittent pain (usually dull)

Right upper extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Left upper extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Right lower extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe
Left lower extremity:	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Mild	<input type="radio"/> Moderate	<input type="radio"/> Severe

Paresthesias and/or dysesthesias

Right upper extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left upper extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Right lower extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left lower extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Numbness

Right upper extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left upper extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Right Lower extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left lower extremity: ☐ None ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

3B. Other symptoms (describe symptoms, location and severity):

SECTION IV - MUSCLE STRENGTH TESTING

4A. Rate strength according to the following scale:

0/5 No muscle movement

1/5 Palpable or visible muscle contraction, but no joint movement

2/5 Active movement with gravity eliminated

3/5 Active movement against gravity

4/5 Active movement against some resistance

5/5 Normal strength

☐ All normal

Elbow flexion:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Elbow extension:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Wrist flexion:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Wrist extension:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Grip:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Pinch (thumb to index finger):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5

Knee extension:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Ankle plantar flexion:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
Ankle dorsiflexion:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 5/5	<input type="radio"/> 4/5	<input type="radio"/> 3/5	<input type="radio"/> 2/5	<input type="radio"/> 1/5	<input type="radio"/> 0/5

4B. Does the Veteran have muscle atrophy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If muscle atrophy is present, indicate location: _____

For each instance of muscle atrophy, provide measurements in centimeters of normal side and atrophied side, measured at maximum muscle bulk:

Normal side: _____ cm Atrophied side: _____ cm

SECTION V - REFLEX EXAM

5A. Rate deep tendon reflexes (DTRs) according to the following scale:

0 - Absent
1+ Hypoactive
2+ Normal
3+ Hyperactive without clonus
4+ Hyperactive with clonus

☐ All normal

Biceps	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
Triceps	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
Brachioradialis	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
Knee	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
Ankle	Right:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> 0	<input type="radio"/> 1+	<input type="radio"/> 2+	<input type="radio"/> 3+	<input type="radio"/> 4+

SECTION VI - SENSORY EXAM

6A. Indicate results for sensation testing for light touch:

☐ All normal

Shoulder area (C5):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Inner/outer forearm (C6/T1):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent

Hand/fingers (C6-8):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Upper anterior thigh (L2):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Thigh/knee (L3/4):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Lower leg/ankle (L4/L5/S1):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
Foot/toes (L5):	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Normal	<input type="radio"/> Decreased	<input type="radio"/> Absent

Other sensory findings, if any:

SECTION VII - TROPHIC CHANGES

7A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE TROPHIC CHANGES (characterized by loss of extremity hair, smooth, shiny skin, etc.) ATTRIBUTABLE TO PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe:

SECTION VIII - GAIT

8A. IS THE VETERAN'S GAIT NORMAL?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, describe abnormal gait:

Provide etiology of abnormal gait:

SECTION IX - SPECIAL TESTS FOR MEDIAN NERVE

9A. WERE SPECIAL TESTS INDICATED AND PERFORMED FOR MEDIAN NERVE EVALUATION?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate results:

Phalen's sign:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Positive	<input type="radio"/> Negative:
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Positive	<input type="radio"/> Negative:
Tinel's sign:	Right:	<input type="radio"/> Positive	<input type="radio"/> Negative:
	Left:	<input type="radio"/> Positive	<input type="radio"/> Negative:

SECTION X - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Upper Extremity Nerves and Radicular Groups

Based on symptoms and findings from this exam, complete the following section to provide an estimation of the severity of the Veteran's peripheral neuropathy. This summary provides useful information for VA purposes.

NOTE: For VA purposes, the term "incomplete paralysis" indicates a degree of lost or impaired function substantially less than the description of complete paralysis that is given with each nerve.

If the nerve is completely paralyzed, check the box for "complete paralysis." If the nerve is not completely paralyzed, check the box for "incomplete paralysis" and indicate severity. For VA purposes, when nerve impairment is wholly sensory, the evaluation should be mild, or at most, moderate.

NOTE: INDICATE THE AFFECTED NERVES, SIDE AFFECTED AND SEVERITY OF CONDITION.

10A. Radial nerve (musculospiral nerve)

Note: Complete paralysis (hand and fingers drop, wrist and fingers flexed; cannot extend hand at wrist, extend proximal phalanges of fingers, extend thumb or make lateral movement of wrist; supination of hand, elbow extension and flexion weak, hand grip impaired)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10B. Median nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (hand inclined to the ulnar side, index and middle fingers extended, atrophy of thenar eminence, cannot make fist, defective opposition of thumb, cannot flex distal phalanx of thumb; wrist flexion weak)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10C. Ulnar nerve

Note: Complete paralysis ("griffin claw" deformity, atrophy in dorsal interspaces, thenar and hypothenar eminences; cannot extend ring and little finger, cannot spread fingers, cannot adduct the thumb; wrist flexion weakened)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10D. Musculocutaneous nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (weakened flexion of elbow and supination of forearm)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10E. Circumflex nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (innervates deltoid and teres minor; cannot abduct arm, outward rotation is weakened)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10F. Long thoracic nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (inability to raise arm above shoulder level, winged scapula deformity)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10G. Upper radicular group (5th & 6th cervicals)

Note: Complete paralysis (all shoulder and elbow movements lost; hand and wrist movements not affected)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10H. Middle radicular group

Note: Complete paralysis (adduction, abduction, rotation of arm, flexion of elbow and extension of wrist lost)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

10I. Lower radicular group

Note: Complete paralysis (intrinsic hand muscles, wrist and finger flexors paralyzed; substantial loss of use of hand)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

SECTION XI - NERVES AFFECTED: Severity Evaluation for Lower Extremity Nerves

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NOTE: For VA purposes, the term "incomplete paralysis" indicates a degree of lost or impaired function substantially less than the description of complete paralysis that is given with each nerve.

If the nerve is completely paralyzed, check the box for "complete paralysis." If the nerve is not completely paralyzed, check the box for "incomplete paralysis" and indicate severity. For VA purposes, when nerve impairment is wholly sensory, the evaluation should be mild, or at most, moderate.

NOTE: INDICATE AFFECTED NERVES, SIDE AFFECTED AND SEVERITY OF CONDITION.

11A. Sciatic nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (foot dangles and drops, no active movement of muscles below the knee, flexion of knee weakened or lost)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11B. External popliteal (common peroneal) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (foot drop, cannot dorsiflex foot or extend toes; dorsum of foot and toes are numb)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11C. Musculocutaneous (superficial peroneal) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (eversion of foot weakened)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11D. Anterior tibial (deep peroneal) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (dorsiflexion of foot lost)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11E. Internal popliteal (tibial) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (plantar flexion lost, frank adduction of foot impossible, flexion and separation of toes abolished; no muscle in sole can move; in lesions of the nerve high in popliteal fossa, plantar flexion of foot is lost)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11F. Posterior tibial nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (paralysis of all muscles of sole of foot, frequently with painful paralysis of a causalgic nature; loss of toe flexion; adduction weakened; plantar flexion impaired)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11G. Anterior crural (femoral) nerve

Note: Complete paralysis (paralysis of quadriceps extensor muscles)

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11H. Internal saphenous nerve

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11I. Obturator nerve

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11J. External cutaneous nerve of the thigh

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

11K. Ilio-inguinal nerve

Right: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

Left: ☐ Normal ☐ Incomplete paralysis ☐ Complete paralysis

If Incomplete paralysis is checked, indicate severity:

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

SECTION XII - ASSISTIVE DEVICES

12A. 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 device(s) used (check all that apply and indicate frequency):

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

12B. IF THE VETERAN USES ANY ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SPECIFY THE CONDITION AND IDENTIFY THE ASSISTIVE DEVICE USED FOR EACH CONDITION:

SECTION XIII - REMAINING EFFECTIVE FUNCTION OF THE EXTREMITIES

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.

13. Due to peripheral nerve 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) (check all extremities for which this applies):

☐ Right upper ☐ Left upper ☐ Right lower ☐ Left lower

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

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

14A. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY OTHER PERTINENT PHYSICAL FINDINGS, COMPLICATIONS, CONDITIONS, SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, DESCRIBE (brief summary):

14B. DOES THE VETERAN HAVE ANY SCARS (surgical or otherwise) RELATED TO ANY CONDITIONS OR TO THE TREATMENT OF ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE DIAGNOSIS SECTION ABOVE?

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, ARE ANY OF THESE SCARS PAINFUL OR UNSTABLE; HAVE A TOTAL AREA EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 39 SQUARE CM (6 square inches); OR ARE LOCATED ON THE HEAD, FACE OR NECK?

☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, ALSO COMPLETE VA FORM 21-0960F-1, SCARS/DISFIGUREMENT.

IF NO, PROVIDE LOCATION AND MEASUREMENTS OF SCAR IN CENTIMETERS.

LOCATION: _____ MEASUREMENTS: length _____ cm X width _____ cm.

NOTE: An "unstable scar" is one where, for any reason, there is frequent loss of covering of the skin over the scar. If there are multiple scars, enter additional locations and measurements in Comment section below. It is not necessary to also complete a Scars DBQ.

14C. COMMENTS, IF ANY:

SECTION XV - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

NOTE: For the purpose of this examination, electromyography (EMG) studies are usually rarely required to diagnose specific peripheral nerve conditions in the appropriate clinical setting. If EMG studies are in the medical record and reflect the veteran's current condition, repeat studies are not indicated.

15A. HAVE EMG STUDIES BEEN PERFORMED?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Extremities tested:

☐ Right upper extremity

Results: ☐ Normal

☐ Abnormal

Date: _____

☐ Left upper extremity

Results: ☐ Normal

☐ Abnormal

Date: _____

☐ Right lower extremity

Results: ☐ Normal

☐ Abnormal

Date: _____

☐ Left lower extremity

Results: ☐ Normal

☐ Abnormal

Date: _____

If abnormal, describe: _____

15B. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT DIAGNOSTIC TEST FINDINGS AND/OR RESULTS?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide type of test or procedure, date and results (brief summary):

SECTION XVI - FUNCTIONAL IMPACT

16A. DOES THE VETERAN'S PERIPHERAL NERVE CONDITION AND/OR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY IMPACT HIS OR HER ABILITY TO WORK?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe impact of each of the veteran's peripheral nerve and/or peripheral neuropathy condition(s), providing one or more examples:

SECTION XVII - REMARKS

17A. REMARKS (If any)

SECTION XVIII - EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.

18A. Examiner's signature:

18B. Examiner's printed name and title (e.g. MD, DO, DDS, DMD, Ph.D, Psy.D, NP, PA-C):

18C. Examiner's Area of Practice/Specialty (e.g. Cardiology, Orthopedics, Psychology/Psychiatry, General Practice):

18D. Date Signed:

18E. Examiner's phone/fax numbers:

18F. National Provider Identifier (NPI) number:

18G. Medical license number and state:

18H. Examiner's address: