



Australian Government

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Medical Report - Lumbar Intervertebral Disc Prolapse Lumbar Spondylosis

The information you provide on this form will assist in deciding eligibility for benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 and/or Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004. In the event of an appeal against a decision, this information may be provided to the Veterans' Review Board, Administrative Appeals Tribunal or Federal Court.

Veteran's Details

Surname

Given Names

DVA File Number

Report Detail

A claim for service related compensation in respect of the abovenamed leads the Department to consider whether lumbar intervertebral disc prolapse could be a factor in the development of lumbar spondylosis in this case. Would you please answer the following questions:

1. When was the clinical onset of lumbar spondylosis?...../...../.....
2. What levels of the lumbar spine (L1-L5) are affected by spondylosis?

Level	Spondylosis present	Date of onset	Date of permanent worsening* (if applicable)
L1		/ /	/ /
L2		/ /	/ /
L3		/ /	/ /
L4		/ /	/ /
L5		/ /	/ /

* **Note:** For the purposes of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act (1986)*, permanent worsening requires an increase in the gravity of the disease beyond its natural progression. It excludes temporary exacerbations or any deterioration which is part of the normal course of the disease.

3. Has the veteran ever had a lumbar intervertebral disc prolapse at any time?

Note: The Repatriation Medical Authority defines *intervertebral disc prolapse* as “protrusion, herniation or rupture of an intervertebral disc of the cervical, thoracic or lumbar spine, causing local pain and stiffness, and may include:

- (i) in the case of cervical disc prolapse - pain and paraesthesia radiating into the upper limbs or;
- (ii) in the case of lumbar disc prolapse - pain and paraesthesia radiating into the lower limbs.”

- No** - Please sign the form and return it to the Department.
- Yes**

4. At what levels of the lumbar spine has intervertebral disc prolapse occurred?

Level of disc prolapse	Date of disc prolapse	Cause of prolapse if known
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Details of Medical Practitioner providing advice:

Stamp

Signature

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