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Medical Report - Disordered Joint Mechanics

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

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Report Detail

A claim for service related compensation in respect of the above named leads the Department to consider whether disordered joint mechanics could be a factor in the development of osteoarthritis in this case.

The Repatriation Medical Authority has defined “**disordered joint mechanics**” as :

*“maldistribution of loading forces on that joint resulting from:*

*(a) a rotation or angulation deformity of the bones of the affected limb; or*

*(b) a rotation or angulation deformity of the joint of the affected limb.*

Would you please provide the following information:

1. When was the clinical onset of (insert claimed condition)?………./………./……….

2. Has the veteran had disordered joint mechanics affecting the specified joint?

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

 **Yes**

3. When did the disordered joint mechanics occur?

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4. What caused this disordered joint mechanics?

*If due to a trauma, please describe the circumstances of the injury if known.*

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5. Did (insert claimed condition) permanently worsen? **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.

 **No**

 **Yes** – Please provide details, including date of worsening

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Details of Medical Practitioner providing advice:

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