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Medical Report – Increased Intra-Abdominal Pressure Due to a Direct Blow to the Abdomen

Inguinal Hernia

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 increased intra-abdominal pressure due to physical trauma to the abdomen involving a direct blow to the abdomen could be a factor in the development of (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) in this case. Would you please answer the following questions:

1. When was the clinical onset of (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)?

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2. Did the veteran suffer from increased intra-abdominal pressure due to physical trauma to the abdomen involving a direct blow to the abdomen within the 30 days immediately before the clinical onset of (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)?

 **No**

 **Yes -** *When did the direct blow occur?*

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3. How did the direct blow occur? Did it occur as a consequence of a medical or surgical condition? (eg a car accident occurring as a result of a heart attack.) If so, what was the condition?

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4. Did (insert claimed position) permanently worsen? **Note:** For the purposes of the *Veterans’ Entitlement 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 -** *Please sign the form and return it to the Department.*

 **Yes** - *When did this occur?*

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5. Did the veteran suffer from increased intra-abdominal pressure due to physical trauma to the abdomen involving a direct blow to the abdomen within the 30 days immediately before the clinical worsening of (insert claimed position)?

 **No**

 **Yes -** *When did the direct blow occur?*

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6. How did the direct blow occur? Did it occur as a consequence of a medical or surgical condition? (eg a car accident occurring as a result of a heart attack.) If so, what was the condition?

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Details of Medical Practitioner providing advice:

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