

# APPEAL GAP RESEARCH AND APPEALS TOOLS

Compare two different stages carefully, then use the site's live tools to investigate decisions and current activity.



RESEARCH SOURCE

Initial approval plus BVA outcomes

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TOOLS

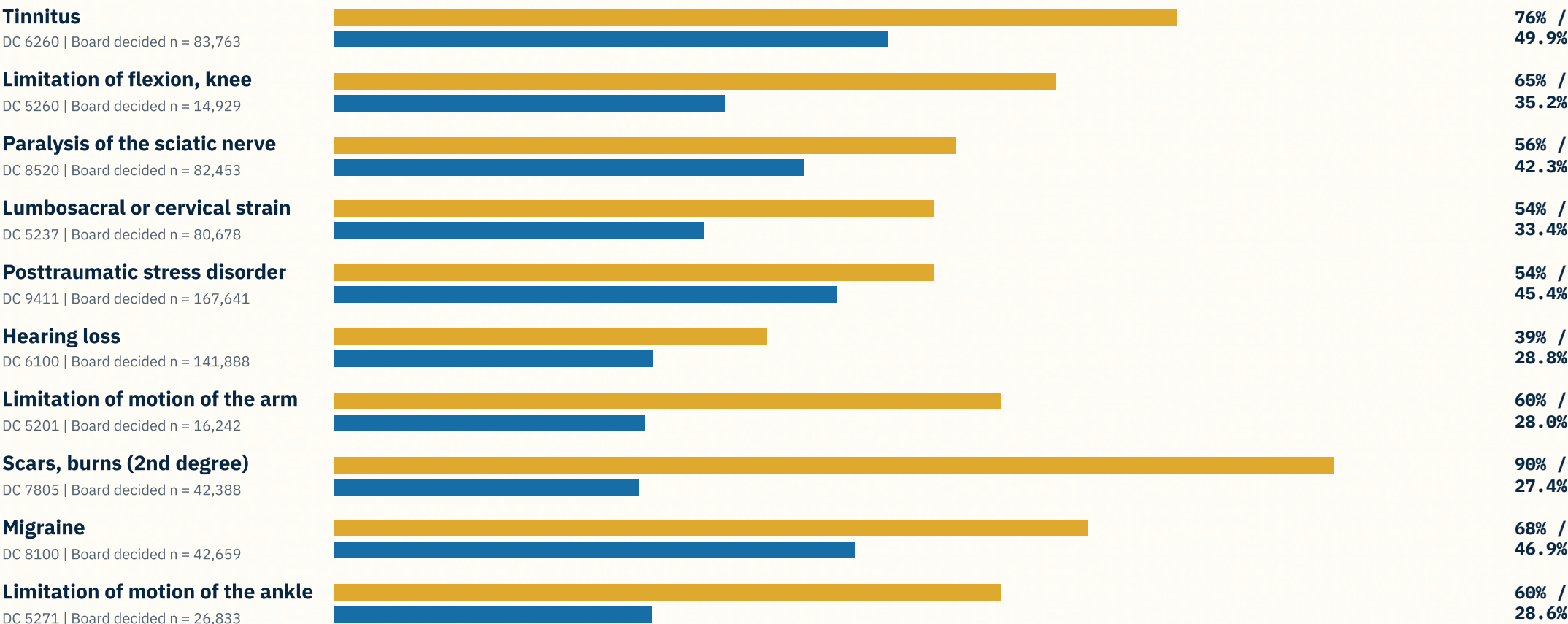
Pulse, search, analogous decisions

REVIEW FIRST

The initial-approval measure and Board grant rate come from different populations and stages. The comparison is descriptive, not a matched veteran cohort or proof that appealing changes the rate by the displayed gap.

RESEARCH | TEN HIGH-VOLUME CONDITIONS

## INITIAL APPROVAL AND BOARD GRANT MEASURES



Initial approval

Board grant rate

Different populations

Different stages

No causal claim

Gold: external initial-approval measure. Blue: RateMyVSO grant rate among decided Board issues. Printed percentages and Board decided counts are authoritative.

TOOLS | INVESTIGATE THE SYSTEM

## USE THE INTERACTIVE APPEALS TOOLS

LIVE

### Appeals Pulse

View current AMA workload, Board pending inventory, dispositions, and trends from refreshed artifacts.

FIND

### BVA Search

Search published Board decisions by condition, issue, phrase, year, and outcome to inspect the underlying record.

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### Analogous Decisions

Explore decisions with related language and facts while remembering that Board decisions are not binding precedent for another claimant.

RESEARCH WORKFLOW | FROM CHART TO RECORD

## A RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH SEQUENCE

### Notice a pattern

Use the generated chart to identify a condition, docket, or issue worth investigating.



### Inspect decisions

Read actual decisions for the evidence, legal question, procedural posture, and denominator.



### Return to the claimant's file

Use the claimant's decision, record, and governing law to choose a review strategy.

## RESEARCH SUPPORTS QUESTIONS

The tools help users find patterns and decisions. They do not establish a nexus, bind the VA in another case, or predict an individual result.



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Guide 26 combines a generated research panel with static tool orientation.

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