

GERD EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence needed for service connection is not identical to the evidence needed for the rating.



WHAT TO DOCUMENT

DIGESTIVE CLAIM FILE

DIAGNOSIS

Clinical records

Use gastroenterology notes, medication history, testing, and relevant diagnoses.

NEXUS

Medical rationale

Connect the current condition to service or to a service-connected disability.

IMAGING

Barium swallow, CT, or EGD

Current DC 7206 Note 1 requires an accepted method to document the rating findings.

PROCEDURE

Dilatation, stent, surgery, PEG

Preserve dates, frequency, steroid use, results, complications, and follow-up.

