



MIGRAINE CLAIMS

WHAT PROSTRATING MEANS

A calibrated guide to service connection, attack documentation, and the DC 8100 rating criteria.



CLINICAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

CORE

POWERLESSNESS OR LACK OF VITALITY

The Court has described characteristic prostrating attacks as migraine attacks that typically produce powerlessness or a lack of vitality.

ACTION

DOCUMENT WHAT STOPS

Record whether you must lie down, leave work, stop driving, avoid light or sound, or obtain help with ordinary activity.

COMPLETE

50 PERCENT USES A HIGHER DESCRIPTION

The maximum criteria require completely prostrating and prolonged attacks.

NO TIMER

NO UNIVERSAL HOUR REQUIREMENT

DC 8100 does not set a fixed minimum number of hours for an attack to be prostrating.

Apply the current regulation and case law to the individual record. Attack frequency, severity, duration, and functional impact should be documented accurately and consistently.

