



Independent Medical Group 4 Veterans

Evidence-Based DBQs and Nexus Opinions

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Questionnaire Case Study #2: Expanding a Simple Claim into Full Recognition

Background:

A Gulf War veteran initially filed for a single condition—chronic fatigue. His claim was denied for lack of medical evidence, and he felt there was nothing else he could do.

What IMG4VETS Did:

Through the IMG4VETS intake questionnaire, our team identified a cluster of symptoms consistent with Gulf War illness, including digestive problems, joint pain, cognitive fog, and skin sensitivity. These results prompted a full medical review. Our physician provided detailed nexus opinions and DBQs connecting each condition to the veteran's service exposures.

Outcome:

The accredited agent resubmitted a comprehensive claim package supported by the IMG4VETS findings. The VA granted service connection for five separate conditions, resulting in a combined 100% permanent and total rating.

Takeaway:

The proprietary symptom-based intake isn't just paperwork—it's a discovery tool. By surfacing patterns veterans might overlook, it opens the door to a complete benefits picture and prevents decades of under-compensation.

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