

Recommended Evaluation Data Excerpt from NVIC 04-08

Purpose: This document is an excerpt from the Medical and Physical Evaluations Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials, contained in enclosure 3 of NVIC 04-08. It addresses evaluation data for specific conditions that *may* be requested upon evaluation of the physical examination report (CG-719K).

No.	MEDICAL CONDITION	RECOMMENDED EVALUATION DATA
MUSCULOSKELETAL		
116	Amputations at or proximal to the metatarsal or metacarpal joints, or any amputation of a thumb or multiple digits on the same extremity	Physical medicine, occupational medicine or orthopedic consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion at joints adjacent to amputation, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical reports. <u>Note:</u> When prostheses are used or additional control devices are installed in a vessel to assist the amputee, the credential(s) will be limited to require that the devices (and, if necessary, even the specific vessel) must always be used when acting under the authority of the credential(s).
117	Progressive atrophy of any muscles	Neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
118	Deformities, either congenital or acquired causing significant functional impairment and/or interfering with the ability to wear required personal protective equipment	Physical medicine, occupational medicine or orthopedic consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
119	Limitation of motion of major joint causing significant functional impairment	Physical medicine, occupational medicine or orthopedic consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
120	Neuralgia or Neuropathy, chronic or acute causing significant functional impairment	Neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
121	Sciatica causing significant functional impairment	Neurology or orthopedic consultation to include sufficient documentation to exclude specific causes of back pain, functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
122	Osteomyelitis, acute or chronic, with or without draining fistula(e) causing significant functional impairment	Orthopedic consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
123	Tremors causing significant functional impairment	Neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
124	Osteoarthritis causing significant functional impairment	Rheumatology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies. <u>Note:</u> Waiver considered for an applicant who is taking aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, similar nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID), or COX-2 inhibitors; however, the applicant should present evidence documenting that the underlying condition for which the medicine is being taken is not in itself disabling and the applicant has been on therapy (NSAID) long enough to have

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		established that the medication is well tolerated and has not produced adverse side effects.
125	Rheumatoid Arthritis and Variants causing significant functional impairment	Rheumatology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies. <u>Note:</u> Waiver considered for an applicant who is taking aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, similar nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID), or COX-2 inhibitors; however, the applicant should present evidence documenting that the underlying condition for which the medicine is being taken is not in itself disabling and the applicant has been on therapy (NSAID) long enough to have established that the medication is well tolerated and has not produced adverse side effects.
126	Acute Polymyositis	Neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
127	Dermatomyositis	Rheumatology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies. <u>Note:</u> Waiver considered for an applicant who is taking aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, similar nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID), or COX-2 inhibitors; however, the applicant should present evidence documenting that the underlying condition for which the medicine is being taken is not in itself disabling and the applicant has been on therapy (NSAID) long enough to have established that the medication is well tolerated and has not produced adverse side effects.
128	Lupus Erythematosus	Internal medicine consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
129	Periarteritis Nodosa	Internal medicine consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
130	Ankylosis, curvature, or other marked deformity of the spinal column causing significant functional impairment	Submit a status report to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical reports.
131	History of Intervertebral Disc Surgery within the last 5 years	Orthopedic, physical medicine or neurosurgery consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects, all pertinent medical studies, restrictions and prognosis.
132	Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, or other Myopathies	Neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects and all pertinent medical studies.
133	Other disturbances of musculoskeletal function, congenital or acquired causing significant functional impairment	Orthopedic, physical medicine or neurology consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects, all pertinent medical studies, restrictions and prognosis. <u>Note:</u> The paraplegic whose paralysis is not the result of a progressive disease process is considered in much the same manner as an amputee.
134	Symptomatic herniation of intervertebral disc	Orthopedic, physical medicine or neurosurgery consultation to include functional status (degree of impairment as measured by strength, range of motion, pain), medications with side effects, all pertinent medical studies, restrictions and prognosis.

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