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| Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months | 60 |
| Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months | 30 |
| Requiring continuous medication for control | 10 |
| NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. | |
| 7703 Leukemia: | |
| With active disease or during a treatment phase | 100 |
| Otherwise rate as anemia (code 7700) or aplastic anemia (code 7716), whichever would result in the greater benefit. | |
| NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no recurrence, rate on residuals. | |
| 7704 Polycythemia vera: | |
| During periods of treatment with myelosuppressants and for three months following cessation of myelosuppressant therapy | 100 |
| Requiring phlebotomy | 40 |
| Stable, with or without continuous medication | 10 |
| NOTE: Rate complications such as hypertension, gout, stroke or thrombotic disease separately. | |
| 7705 Thrombocytopenia, primary, idiopathic or immune: | |
| Platelet count of less than 20,000, with active bleeding, requiring treatment with medication and transfusions | 100 |
| Platelet count between 20,000 and 70,000, not requiring treatment, without bleeding | 70 |
| Stable platelet count between 70,000 and 100,000, without bleeding | 30 |
| Stable platelet count of 100,000 or more, without bleeding | 0 |
| 7706 Splenectomy | 20 |
| NOTE: Rate complications such as systemic infections with encapsulated bacteria separately. | |
| 7707 Spleen, injury of, healed. Rate for any residuals. | |
| 7709 Hodgkin's disease: | |
| With active disease or during a treatment phase | 100 |
| NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals. | |

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| 7710 Adenitis, tuberculous, active or inactive. Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89 of this part, whichever is appropriate. | |
| 7714 Sickle cell anemia: | |
| With repeated painful crises, occurring in skin, joints, bones or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells, with anemia, thrombosis and infarction, with symptoms precluding even light manual labor | 100 |
| With painful crises several times a year or with symptoms precluding other than light manual labor | 60 |
| Following repeated hemolytic sickling crises with continuing impairment of health | 30 |
| Asymptomatic, established case in remission, but with identifiable organ impairment | 10 |
| NOTE: Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of directly attributable pathological findings, is not a ratable disability. Cases of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwarded to the Director, Compensation and Pension Service, for consideration under § 3.321(b)(1) of this chapter. | |
| 7715 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: | |
| With active disease or during a treatment phase | 100 |
| NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals. | |
| 7716 Aplastic anemia: | |
| Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks | 100 |
| Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months | 60 |
| Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months | 30 |
| Requiring continuous medication for control | 10 |
| NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. | |
| 7717 AL amyloidosis (primary amyloidosis) | 100 |

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THE SKIN

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A veteran whose scars were rated by VA under a prior version of diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805,

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as in effect before October 23, 2008, may request review under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7804, and 7805, irrespective of whether his or her disability has worsened since the last review. VA will review that veteran's disability rating to determine whether the veteran may be entitled to a higher disability rating under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7804, and 7805. A request for review pursuant to this rulemaking will be treated as a claim for an increased rating for purposes of determining the effective date of an increased rating awarded as a result of such review; however, in no case will the award be effective before October 23, 2008.

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| 7800 Burn scar(s) of the head, face, or neck; scar(s) of the head, face, or neck due to other causes; or other disfigurement of the head, face, or neck: | |
| With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of three or more features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with six or more characteristics of disfigurement | 80 |
| With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of two features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with four or five characteristics of disfigurement | 50 |
| With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of one feature or paired set of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with two or three characteristics of disfigurement ... | 30 |
| With one characteristic of disfigurement | 10 |
| Note (1): The 8 characteristics of disfigurement, for purposes of evaluation under §4.118, are: | |
| Scar 5 or more inches (13 or more cm.) in length. | |
| Scar at least one-quarter inch (0.6 cm.) wide at widest part. | |
| Surface contour of scar elevated or depressed on palpation. | |
| Scar adherent to underlying tissue. | |
| Skin hypo- or hyper-pigmented in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.). | |
| Skin texture abnormal (irregular, atrophic, shiny, scaly, etc.) in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.). | |
| Underlying soft tissue missing in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.). | |
| Skin indurated and inflexible in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.). | |

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| Note (2): Rate tissue loss of the auricle under DC 6207 (loss of auricle) and anatomical loss of the eye under DC 6061 (anatomical loss of both eyes) or DC 6063 (anatomical loss of one eye), as appropriate. Note (3): Take into consideration unretouched color photographs when evaluating under these criteria. Note (4): Separately evaluate disabling effects other than disfigurement that are associated with individual scar(s) of the head, face, or neck, such as pain, instability, and residuals of associated muscle or nerve injury, under the appropriate diagnostic code(s) and apply §4.25 to combine the evaluation(s) with the evaluation assigned under this diagnostic code. Note (5): The characteristic(s) of disfigurement may be caused by one scar or by multiple scars; the characteristic(s) required to assign a particular evaluation need not be caused by a single scar in order to assign that evaluation. | |
| 7801 Burn scar(s) or scar(s) due to other causes, not of the head, face, or neck, that are deep and nonlinear: | |
| Area or areas of 144 square inches (929 sq. cm.) or greater | 40 |
| Area or areas of at least 72 square inches (465 sq. cm.) but less than 144 square inches (929 sq. cm.) | 30 |
| Area or areas of at least 12 square inches (77 sq. cm.) but less than 72 square inches (465 sq. cm.) | 20 |
| Area or areas of at least 6 square inches (39 sq. cm.) but less than 12 square inches (77 sq. cm.) | 10 |
| Note (1): A deep scar is one associated with underlying soft tissue damage. | |
| Note (2): If multiple qualifying scars are present, or if a single qualifying scar affects more than one extremity, or a single qualifying scar affects one or more extremities and either the anterior portion or posterior portion of the trunk, or both, or a single qualifying scar affects both the anterior portion and the posterior portion of the trunk, assign a separate evaluation for each affected extremity based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect that extremity, assign a separate evaluation based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect the anterior portion of the trunk, and assign a separate evaluation based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect the posterior portion of the trunk. The midaxillary line on each side separates the anterior and posterior portions of the trunk. Combine the separate evaluations under §4.25. Qualifying scars are scars that are nonlinear, deep, and are not located on the head, face, or neck. | |
| 7802 Burn scar(s) or scar(s) due to other causes, not of the head, face, or neck, that are superficial and nonlinear: | |
| Area or areas of 144 square inches (929 sq. cm.) or greater | 10 |

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| <p>Note (1): A superficial scar is one not associated with underlying soft tissue damage.</p> <p>Note (2): If multiple qualifying scars are present, or if a single qualifying scar affects more than one extremity, or a single qualifying scar affects one or more extremities and either the anterior portion or posterior portion of the trunk, or both, or a single qualifying scar affects both the anterior portion and the posterior portion of the trunk, assign a separate evaluation for each affected extremity based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect that extremity, assign a separate evaluation based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect the anterior portion of the trunk, and assign a separate evaluation based on the total area of the qualifying scars that affect the posterior portion of the trunk. The midaxillary line on each side separates the anterior and posterior portions of the trunk. Combine the separate evaluations under § 4.25. Qualifying scars are scars that are nonlinear, superficial, and are not located on the head, face, or neck.</p> | | <p>Less than 5 percent of the entire body or less than 5 percent of exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period</p> <p>Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.</p> | 0 |
| 7804 Scar(s), unstable or painful: | | 7807 American (New World) leishmaniasis (mucocutaneous, espundia): | |
| Five or more scars that are unstable or painful | 30 | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| Three or four scars that are unstable or painful | 20 | Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral) leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral leishmaniasis). | |
| One or two scars that are unstable or painful | 10 | 7808 Old World leishmaniasis (cutaneous, Oriental sore): | |
| Note (1): An unstable scar is one where, for any reason, there is frequent loss of covering of skin over the scar. | | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| Note (2): If one or more scars are both unstable and painful, add 10 percent to the evaluation that is based on the total number of unstable or painful scars | | Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral) leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral leishmaniasis). | |
| Note (3): Scars evaluated under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, or 7805 may also receive an evaluation under this diagnostic code, when applicable | | 7809 Discoid lupus erythematosus or subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus: | |
| 7805 Scars, other (including linear scars) and other effects of scars evaluated under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, and 7804: | | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability. Do not combine with ratings under DC 6350. | |
| Evaluate any disabling effect(s) not considered in a rating provided under diagnostic codes 7800–04 under an appropriate diagnostic code.. | | 7811 Tuberculosis luposa (lupus vulgaris), active or inactive: | |
| 7806 Dermatitis or eczema. | | Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89, whichever is appropriate. | |
| More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period | 60 | 7813 Dermatophytosis (ringworm: of body, tinea corporis; of head, tinea capitis; of feet, tinea pedis; of beard area, tinea barbae; of nails, tinea unguium; of inguinal area (jock itch), tinea cruris): | |
| 20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 | 7815 Bullous disorders (including pemphigus vulgaris, pemphigus foliaceus, bullous pemphigoid, dermatitis herpetiformis, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, benign chronic familial pemphigus (Hailey-Hailey), and porphyria cutanea tarda): | |
| | | More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period | 60 |
| | | 20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 |

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| At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 | Any extent of involvement of the skin, and; systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immunosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 |
| Less than 5 percent of the entire body or exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 | Any extent of involvement of the skin, and; systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immunosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 |
| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | | Any extent of involvement of the skin, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 |
| 7816 Psoriasis: | | 7818 Malignant skin neoplasms (other than malignant melanoma): | |
| More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period | 60 | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or impairment of function. | |
| 20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 | Note: If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, <i>i.e.</i> , systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, evaluation will then be made on residuals. If treatment is confined to the skin, the provisions for a 100-percent evaluation do not apply. | |
| At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 | 7819 Benign skin neoplasms: | |
| Less than 5 percent of the entire body or exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or impairment of function. | |
| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | | 7820 Infections of the skin not listed elsewhere (including bacterial, fungal, viral, treponemal and parasitic diseases): | |
| 7817 Exfoliative dermatitis (erythroderma): | | Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| Generalized involvement of the skin, plus systemic manifestations (such as fever, weight loss, and hypoproteinemia), and; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immunosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required during the past 12-month period | 100 | 7821 Cutaneous manifestations of collagen-vascular diseases not listed elsewhere (including scleroderma, calcinosis cutis, and dermatomyositis): | |
| Generalized involvement of the skin without systemic manifestations, and; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immunosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required during the past 12-month period | 60 | More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required during the past 12-month period | 60 |

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| 20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 | With localized or episodic cutaneous involvement and intermittent systemic medication, such as immunosuppressive retinoids, required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 |
| At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 | No more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 |
| Less than 5 percent of the entire body or exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 | 7825 Urticaria: | |
| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | | Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period despite continuous immunosuppressive therapy | 60 |
| 7822 Papulosquamous disorders not listed elsewhere (including lichen planus, large or small plaque parapsoriasis, pityriasis lichenoides et varioliformis acuta (PLEVA), lymphomatoid papulosus, and pityriasis rubra pilaris (PRP)): | | Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for control | 30 |
| More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, and; constant or near-constant systemic medications or intensive light therapy required during the past 12-month period | 60 | Recurrent episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period, and; responding to treatment with antihistamines or sympathomimetics | 10 |
| 20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy or intensive light therapy required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 | 7826 Vasculitis, primary cutaneous: | |
| At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy or intensive light therapy required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-month period | 10 | Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period despite continuous immunosuppressive therapy | 60 |
| Less than 5 percent of the entire body or exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period | 0 | Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for control | 30 |
| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | | Recurrent episodes occurring one to three times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for control | 10 |
| 7823 Vitiligo: | | Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| With exposed areas affected | 10 | 7827 Erythema multiforme; Toxic epidermal necrolysis: | |
| With no exposed areas affected | 0 | Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period despite ongoing immunosuppressive therapy | 60 |
| 7824 Diseases of keratinization (including ichthyoses, Darier's disease, and palmoplantar keratoderma): | | Recurrent episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy | 30 |
| With either generalized cutaneous involvement or systemic manifestations, and; constant or near-constant systemic medication, such as immunosuppressive retinoids, required during the past 12-month period | 60 | Recurrent episodes occurring during the past 12-month period that respond to treatment with antihistamines or sympathomimetics, or; one to three episodes occurring during the past 12-month period requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy | 10 |
| With either generalized cutaneous involvement or systemic manifestations, and; intermittent systemic medication, such as immunosuppressive retinoids, required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period | 30 | Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| | | 7828 Acne: | |
| | | Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-filled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more of the face and neck | 30 |
| | | Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent of the face and neck, or; deep acne other than on the face and neck | 10 |
| | | Superficial acne (comedones, papules, pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent .. | 0 |

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| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| 7829 Chloracne: | |
| Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-filled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more of the face and neck | 30 |
| Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent of the face and neck, or; deep acne other than on the face and neck | 10 |
| Superficial acne (comedones, papules, pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent .. | 0 |
| Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability. | |
| 7830 Scarring alopecia: | |
| Affecting more than 40 percent of the scalp | 20 |
| Affecting 20 to 40 percent of the scalp | 10 |
| Affecting less than 20 percent of the scalp .. | 0 |
| 7831 Alopecia areata: | |
| With loss of all body hair | 10 |
| With loss of hair limited to scalp and face | 0 |
| 7832 Hyperhidrosis: | |
| Unable to handle paper or tools because of moisture, and unresponsive to therapy | 30 |
| Able to handle paper or tools after therapy .. | 0 |
| 7833 Malignant melanoma: | |
| Rate as scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), or impairment of function (under the appropriate body system). | |
| Note: If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, <i>i.e.</i> , systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e). If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, evaluation will then be made on residuals. If treatment is confined to the skin, the provisions for a 100-percent evaluation do not apply. | |

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THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

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| 7900 Hyperthyroidism | |

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| Thyroid enlargement, tachycardia (more than 100 beats per minute), eye involvement, muscular weakness, loss of weight, and sympathetic nervous system, cardiovascular, or gastrointestinal symptoms | 100 |
| Emotional instability, tachycardia, fatigability, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure | 60 |
| Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure | 30 |
| Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and tremor, or; continuous medication required for control | 10 |
| NOTE (1): If disease of the heart is the predominant finding, evaluate as hyperthyroid heart disease (DC 7008) if doing so would result in a higher evaluation than using the criteria above. | |
| NOTE (2): If ophthalmopathy is the sole finding, evaluate as field vision, impairment of (DC 6080); diplopia (DC 6090); or impairment of central visual acuity (DC 6061–6079). | |
| 7901 Thyroid gland, toxic adenoma of | |
| Thyroid enlargement, tachycardia (more than 100 beats per minute), eye involvement, muscular weakness, loss of weight, and sympathetic nervous system, cardiovascular, or gastrointestinal symptoms | 100 |
| Emotional instability, tachycardia, fatigability, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure | 60 |
| Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pressure or blood pressure | 30 |
| Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and tremor, or; continuous medication required for control | 10 |
| NOTE (1): If disease of the heart is the predominant finding, evaluate as hyperthyroid heart disease (DC 7008) if doing so would result in a higher evaluation than using the criteria above. | |
| NOTE (2): If ophthalmopathy is the sole finding, evaluate as field vision, impairment of (DC 6080); diplopia (DC 6090); or impairment of central visual acuity (DC 6061–6079). | |
| 7902 Thyroid gland, nontoxic adenoma of | |
| With disfigurement of the head or neck | 20 |
| Without disfigurement of the head or neck | 0 |
| NOTE: If there are symptoms due to pressure on adjacent organs such as the trachea, larynx, or esophagus, evaluate under the diagnostic code for disability of that organ, if doing so would result in a higher evaluation than using this diagnostic code. | |
| 7903 Hypothyroidism | |
| Cold intolerance, muscular weakness, cardiovascular involvement, mental disturbance (dementia, slowing of thought, depression), bradycardia (less than 60 beats per minute), and sleepiness | 100 |
| Muscular weakness, mental disturbance, and weight gain | 60 |
| Fatigability, constipation, and mental sluggishness | 30 |
| Fatigability, or; continuous medication required for control | 10 |
| 7904 Hyperparathyroidism | |
| Generalized decalcification of bones, kidney stones, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, anorexia, constipation, weight loss, or peptic ulcer), and weakness | 100 |
| Gastrointestinal symptoms and weakness | 60 |
| Continuous medication required for control | 10 |
| NOTE: Following surgery or treatment, evaluate as digestive, skeletal, renal, or cardiovascular residuals or as endocrine dysfunction. | |
| 7905 Hypoparathyroidism | |