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Please assess the following conditions:

1. Select the most accurate description of any symptoms of the upper-respiratory tract.

Description	Select One
No symptoms.	
Post-nasal discharge, rhinorrhoea or sneezing.	
Recurrent infection, including sinusitis.	
Frequent rhinitis and/or sinusitis unresponsive to medication and present at least 4 months per year.	

2. Select the most accurate description of any difficulty with smell.

Description	Select One
No abnormality.	
Partial loss of sense of smell.	
Significant restriction due to nasal pathology.	
Complete neurological loss.	

3. Define the veteran's **tracheostomy** status.

Rating	Select One
Never.	
Previously.	
Permanent tracheostomy present.	

4. Select the most accurate description of any dietary modification.

Description	Select One
None.	
Minor - some foods may be preferentially avoided because of difficulty chewing or swallowing.	
Significant difficulty chewing and / or constant dysphagia requiring alteration to meal patterns or food types.	
Diet is limited to soft or semi-solid foods.	
Diet is limited to liquid or pureed foods.	
Gastrostomy or nasogastric tube feeding.	

5. Select the most accurate description of any **difficulty with speech.**

Description	Select One
No impairment.	
Mild impairment – may be hoarse, unable to shout, or have a lisp, but is understood most of the time.	
Minor impairment – speech is usually adequate but there are clear difficulties.	
Speech is often inadequate for daily needs – may struggle to be heard or understood (esp. by strangers) and needs frequent repetition.	
Severe impairment – speech is sufficient for few tasks only, struggles to produce flow and/or many phonetic units, may only be able to whisper.	
No speech production – can only use non-verbal means of communication.	

6. Please list **all conditions** contributing to the reported impairment and indicate the **relative contribution**. Include any previously known condition(s) and any new condition(s) you have identified. The contribution total must equal 100%.

Condition	Contribution %
e.g. Seasonal Rhinitis	75%
Total	100%

Doctor's signature	Doctor's name	Date	Time to complete form