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# **REQUEST FOR SUMMARY RATING DETERMINATION**

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Use this form if employee is unrepresented and has not filed an application for adjudication.

Complete this form and forward it along with a complete copy of all medical reports and medical records concerning this case to the physician scheduled to evaluate the existence and extent of permanent impairment or disability.

3. Send the EMPLOYEE'S DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE, DEU FORM 100 to the employee in time for the medical evaluation.

4. This form must be served on the employee prior to the evaluation. Be sure to complete the proof of service. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PHYSICIAN:

1. If the employee is unrepresented, review and comment upon the Employee's Disability Questionnaire, (DEU Form 100), in your report. (If the employee does not have a completed Form 100 at the time of the appointment, please provide the form to the employee.)

2. Submit your completed medical evaluation and, if the employee is unrepresented the DEU Form 100,

to the Disability Evaluation Unit district office listed below. PLEASE USE THIS FORM

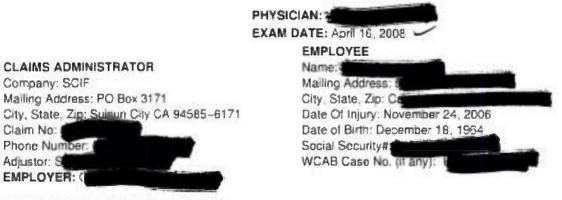
AS A COVER SHEET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DISABILITY EVALUATION UNIT.

3. Serve a copy of your report and the Form 100 upon the claims administrator and the employee.

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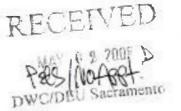
#### SUBMIT TO - Mailing Address:

Disability Evaluation Unit - Sacramento Suite 295 2424 Arden Way, Suite 230 Sacramento CA 95825-2403



OCCUPATION: SERVICE TECHNICIAN (Please attach job description or job analysis, if available)

WEEKLY GROSS EARNINGS: \$840.00 (Attach a wage statement/DLSR 5020 if earnings are less than maximum. Include the value of additional advantages provided such as meals, lodging, etc. If earnings are irregular or for less than 30 hours per week, include a detailed description of all earnings of the employee from all sources, including other employers, for one year prior to the date of injury. Benefits will be calculated at MAXIMUM RATE unless a complete and detailed statement of earnings is attached.)



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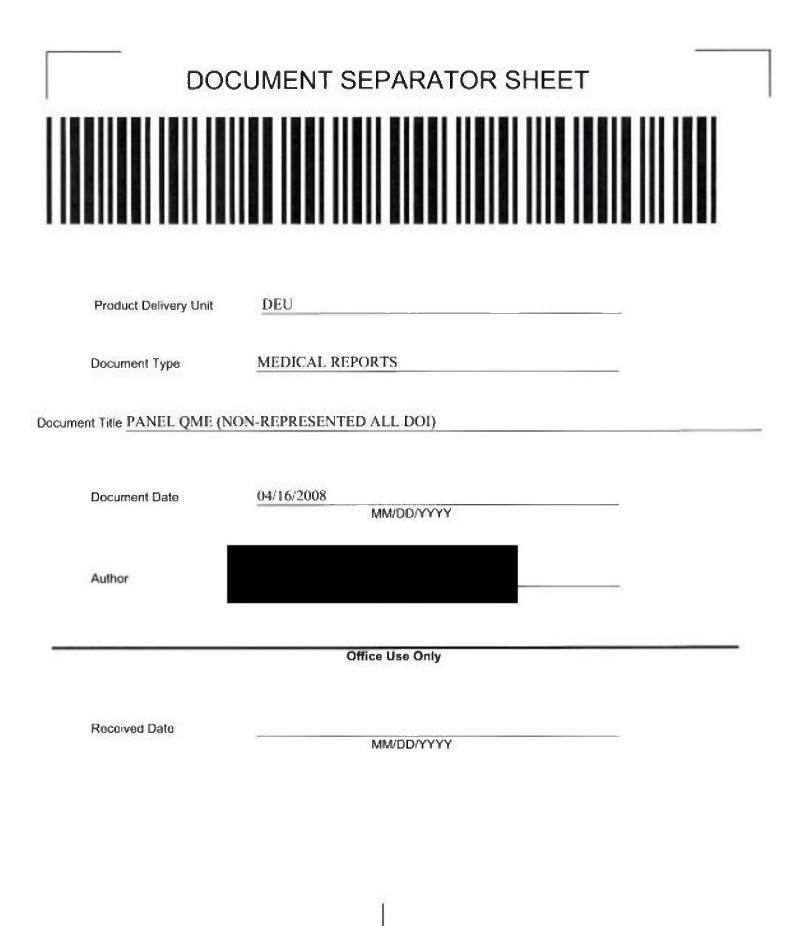
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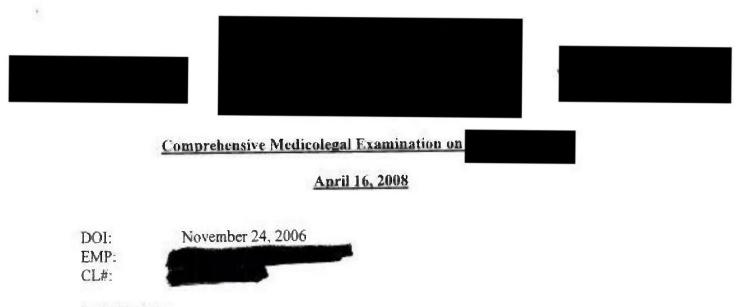
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# EMPLOYEE'S DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

This form will aid the doctor in determining your permanent disability. Please complete this form and give it to the physician who will be performing the evaluation. The doctor will include this form with his or her report and submit it to the Disability Evaluation Unit, with a copy to you and your claims administrator.

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING OUESTIONS How was your evaluating doctor selected? (Check one From a list of doctors provided by the State Other (explain)	
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# Introduction

This 43 year old man is seen for the evaluation of disability in his right upper extremity. He has selected this office from a list of Qualified Medical Examiners. We have received All of the the medical file from the second reports have been reviewed.

This evaluation is carried out according to the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, fifth edition, chapter 16, the Upper Extremity. The Guides are based on anatomic impairment rather than subjective factors that are difficult to control. (Section 16.8) 

# Work History

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#### Work Description

The applicant was a service technician. He drove a service van. He repaired air conditioners and furnaces. He worked 50 to 60 hours a week.

# Medical History

The applicant denies over having any significant injuries or symptoms involving the right upper extremity prior to the onset of the difficulty that is the subject of this report.

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#### **History of Injury**

The date of injury is November 24, 2006. The applicant was removing a gas valve from a furnace. He had a pair of channel locks which means a big pair of pliers. He felt something give out in his right hand. That night his hand swelled up. When he went back to work, they sent him to Rapid Care. He worked only about one or two days after the injury.

# **Review of Medical Records**

November 28, 2006: Rapid Care, Cameron Park. Taking a gas valve apart – felt R wrist pain. Examination: R wrist tender over dorsal ulna. Diagnosis: Strain R wrist. Treatment: Velcro splint. Naprosyn, start 2x day.

December 30, 2006: Right hand: Three views. Normal hand.

January 29, 2007: Drthopedics. Placerville.

He complains of pain that is 10/10 on the ulnar aspect of his hand and wrist. He has little active motion of the fifth digit. Phalen's test is very positive. Mr. Stiles does present with a bit of a diagnostic dilemma.

# February 13, 2007:

The patient's clinical presentation is confusion. I will recommend modified work.

#### March 24, 2007:

 R MRI hand and wrist. Severe tenosynovitis involving the flexor digitorum tendons and the flexor pollicis longus. Nondisplaced fracture proximal phalanx, little finger. Defect in the scapholunate ligament and triangular fibrocartilage.

April 4, 2007: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.

Electrical studies. Evidence of median and ulnar nerve dysfunction across the right wrist.

April 4, 2007:

Same address and suite, 410, as 1

Thank you for this interesting referral.

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April 12, 2007:

The patient's hand is getting worse. X-rays of the right hand – possibly healed fracture of the small finger. At this time it is really impossible to make a diagnosis.

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#### April 27, 2007:

At this time it is really possible (sic) to make a diagnosis.

# June 21, 2007:

At this time it is really possible (sic) to make a diagnosis.

# July 31, 2007;

# Rheumatology

The current findings implicate some type of chronic inflammatory arthropathy/tendinopathy. Rheumatoid testing might include repcat rheumatoid factor. I cannot provide a definitive diagnosis or recommendations. Rheumatologic surveillance would be somewhat difficult until worker's compensation issues are resolved.

August 2, 2007:

X-rays: Four views of the right small finger. Normal appearance of the phalanges. At this time it is really possible (sic) to make a diagnosis. I recommend that we proceed with surgery.

September 13, 2007: |

At this time it is really possible (sic) to make a diagnosis. He is scheduled for surgery.

September 17, 2007:

Surgery under Bier block. Release of right carpal tunnel.

September 17, 2007:

Pathology report. Right wrist synovium. This suggests the possibility of rheumatoid arthritis.

October 7, 2007:

Slight opening of his wrist wound.

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October 10, 2007:

He has an open wound over the surgical site <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" long by <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" wide. We will monitor the wound.

Undated:

still has an open wound over the surgical site.

October 26, 2007: The wound in the palm is closing.

December 4, 2007: He still needs to do therapy.

January 10, 2008: He needs to continue therapy.

January 20, 2008: Request for physical therapy was DENIED.

# Interval Status

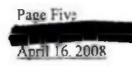
The applicant saw and the end of March. He just looked at everything. He said to come back in six weeks. The applicant has another appointment in a week and a half. Thus far the applicant has had 27 sessions of physical therapy. He took it until a month ago. In terms of medication, the applicant takes Celebrex 200 mg twice a day.

# Present Problems

The fingers do not bend at the end indicating the distal finger joints. That is as far as the pinkie can go down indicating limited flexion in the little finger. He has no grip on small objects. If he makes a fist and tries to flex the pinkie, his other fingers come up. If he rotates his hand to break bolts, he doesn't have much strength. When he tries to twist a nut, he doesn't have much strength. It makes his wrist swell up.

After the injury, he had numbress in the fingers but all the numbress has gone away. The numbress involved the long, ring and little fingers.

He hasn't had any night symptoms for five or six months.



# General Appearance

The applicant gives his height as 5' 11". On our office scale today including all his clothing, he weighs 177 pounds.

The applicant is right handed.

# Examination of the Right Upper Extremity -

There is no limitation of motion at the shoulder or elbow.

Compression of the ulnar nerve at the elbow causes tingling in the little finger.

Forearm circumference is 10 7/8" on each side at the same level.

It can be demonstrated that there is decreased muscular ionus in the area of the right forearm that is supplied with the ulnar nerve compared with the opposite forearm.

There is limitation of motion at the wrist as noted on Figure 16-1a.

There is a vertical scar over the proximal palm extending into the forearm. The forearm component of the scar is 1" in length. The component of the scar in the palm is also 1".

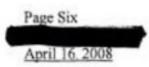
The tests for carpal tunnel syndrome were carried out. Maximum comfortable flexion of the wrist does not cause any sensory alteration in the digits. Tapping over the median nerve at the wrist does not cause a shock.

On lightly stroking the tips of the digits of the right hard and comparing with the left hand, there is no sensory impairment in any of the digits.

On flexion of the fingers, there is considerable impairment of flexion in the little finger. There is impairment of flexion in the other fingers to a lesser degree. This is documented on Figure 16-1b. There is considerable atrophy of the hypothenar eminence which is the muscular area at the ulnar side of the palm. There is considerable weakness of adduction in the little finger.

His grips with the Jamar dynamometer are:

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Left	-	135,	140.	132



# X-ravs

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We have obtained views of both hands and wrists. In comparing the minialization in the bones of the right forearm, wrist and hand, there is no significant difference from the left hand.

# Diagnosis

Right cubital tunnel syndrome.

# Future Medical

The appropriate form of treatment in this situation is release of the right cubital tunnel. However, it was explained to the applicant that the condition has existed for so long that the possibility of regaining muscularity in the involved muscles is slight. In other words, the prognosis for recovery of function is not particularly good. It should be clear by now that physical therapy has nothing to offer in this situation.

# Work Restrictions

The applicant is disabled from returning to his former employment which was working in heating and air conditioning.

# Vocational Rehabilitation

The applicant is a qualified injured worker and should be offered vocational rehabilitation.

# Apportionment

There are no factors of apportionment to preexisting or nonindustrial causes.

# Industrial Causation

The cubital tunnel syndrome was not caused by the injury that is described as the date of

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the industrial injury. The nerve compression had a gradual onset but apparently remained silent as it often does for some period of time. The event with the channel locks focused attention on the difficulty in the extremity. This remained undiagnosed through a long series of medical visits.

It is interesting to note that the nerve compression was touched upon by the report of Dr. Dengler dated April 4, 2007. Electrical studies were reported as showing evidence of median and <u>ulnar</u> nerve dysfunction across the right <u>wrist</u>.

The fact that there was ulnar nerve dysfunction was accurate but the level of the lesion was not correct. It was actually at the elbow.

All this was explained to the applicant. Then I showed him a picture from the Journal of the American Medical Association entitled *Cubital Tunnel Syndrome*. The picture showing impairment of flexion in the little finger was virtually identical to the condition of this individual's hand.

In summary, the cubital tunnel syndrome was caused by the stresses of his employment. The causation is industrial.

#### Factors of Impairment

These are noted on Figures 16-1a and 16-1b. The whole person impairment is 10%.

#### **Disability Status**

The applicant has reached maximum medical improvement.

#### Declaration

There has not been a violation of Section 139.3 and the contents of the report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This statement is made under the penalty of perjury.

Furthermore, 1 certify that this report has been prepared in accord with the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 10606, Physicians' Reports as Evidence.

This declaration was signed on April 18, 2008 at Placer County, California.

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