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- C&P exams help VA determine if you have a current disability related to your military service or if the severity of a service-connected condition has changed.
- The VA C&P examiner documents all diagnostic findings and any signs and symptoms reported by you during your exam.
- The VA C&P examiner is only involved in providing the C&P exam for your disability claim. They do not decide the rating. Only a VA regional office employee can answer specific questions regarding your claim.
- C&P exams do not provide treatment for claimed conditions. If you need treatment, please schedule an appointment with your primary provider.
- After the C&P exam results are released to the VA regional office, your claim will continue to be processed and you will be notified once your rating decision is complete.
- Compensation claims take on average 120-160 days to complete (about 4-5 months).
- For any questions related to your claim, please use:
 - www.benefits.va.gov/compensation (general claim information)
 - www.ebenefits.va.gov (check claim status, update personal information, file a new claim)
 - 1-800-827-1000 (National Call Center, 8am-9pm ET)

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