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	Rating		Rat- ing
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		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
infarction, with symptoms precluding even light manual labor	100	With visible or palpable tissue loss and ei- ther 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	
light manual labor	60 30	or five characteristics of disfigurement With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of one	50
Asymptomatic, established case in remission, but with identifiable organ impairment	10	feature or paired set of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with two	
NOTE: Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of dire tributable pathological findings, is not a ratable dis Cases of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwar the Director, Compensation and Pension Service, for sideration under §3.321(b)(1) of this chapter.	sability. rded to	or three characteristics of disfigurement With one characteristic of disfigurement Note (1):The 8 characteristics of disfigurement, for purposes of evaluation under § 4.118, are:	30 10
7715 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: With active disease or during a treatment phase	100	Scar 5 or more inches (13 or more cm.) in length. Scar at least one-quarter inch (0.6 cm.) wide at widest part.	
NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the sation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic of therapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six month discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate dirating shall be ditermined by mandatory VA examing change in evaluation based upon that or any quent examination shall be subject to the provisi §3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local rence or metastasis, rate on residuals.	chemo- ns after isability ination. subse- ions of	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.).	
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 Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months.	100	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.). 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.	
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 10	Note (3): Take into consideration unretouched color photographs when evaluating under these criteria. 7801 Scars, other than head, face, or neck, that are deep or that cause limited motion:	
NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow tra shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admissi shall continue with a mandatory VA examinati months following hospital discharge. Any change i uation based upon that or any subsequent exam shall be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) chapter.	nsplant on and on six n eval- nination	Area or areas exceeding 144 square inches (929 sq.cm.) Area or areas exceeding 72 square inches (465 sq. cm.) Area or areas exceeding 12 square inches (77 sq. cm.) Area or areas exceeding 6 square inches (39 sq. cm.)	44 34 24
60 FR 49227, Sept. 22, 1995]		Note (1): Scars in widely separated areas, as on two or more extremities or on anterior and posterior surfaces of extremities or trunk, will be separately rated and com-	
THE SKIN		bined in accordance with § 4.25 of this part.	
§ 4.118 Schedule of ratings—skin.	Rat-	Note (2): A deep scar is one associated with underlying soft tissue damage. 7802 Scars, other than head, face, or neck, that are superficial and that do not cause limited motion:	
7800 Disfigurement of the head, face, or neck:	ing	Area or areas of 144 square inches (929 sq. cm.) or greater	10

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Nata (4). Ocean in widely accounted and	 	Note: Ended:	ing
Note (1): Scars in widely separated areas, as on two or more extremities or on ante-		Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral) leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral	
rior and posterior surfaces of extremities or trunk, will be separately rated and com-		leishmaniasis). 7809 Discoid lupus erythematosus or subacute cu-	
bined in accordance with §4.25 of this		taneous lupus erythematosus:	
part.		Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or	
Note (2): A superficial scar is one not asso-		neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC	
ciated with underlying soft tissue damage. 7803 Scars, superficial, unstable	10	7806), depending upon the predominant	
Note (1): An unstable scar is one where, for		disability. Do not combine with ratings	
any reason, there is frequent loss of cov-		under DC 6350.	
ering of skin over the scar.		7811 Tuberculosis luposa (lupus vulgaris), active or	
Note (2): A superficial scar is one not asso- ciated with underlying soft tissue damage.		inactive: Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89, whichever is	
7804 Scars, superficial, painful on examination	10	appropriate.	
Note (1): A superficial scar is one not asso-		7813 Dermatophytosis (ringworm: of body, tinea	
ciated with underlying soft tissue damage. Note (2): In this case, a 10-percent evalua-		corporis; of head, tinea capitis; of feet, tinea pedis; of beard area, tinea barbae; of nails, tinea	
tion will be assigned for a scar on the tip		unguium; of inguinal area (jock itch), tinea cruris):	
of a finger or toe even though amputation		Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or	
of the part would not warrant a compen-		neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802,	
sable evaluation.		7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant	
(See § 4.68 of this part on the amputation rule.)		disability.	
7805 Scars, other; Rate on limitation of function of		7815 Bullous disorders (including pemphigus	
affected part.		vulgaris, pemphigus foliaceous, bullous	
7806 Dermatitis or eczema. More than 40 percent of the entire body or		pemphigoid, dermatitis herpetiformis, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, benign chronic familial	
more than 40 percent of exposed areas		pemphigus (Hailey-Hailey), and porphyria cutanea	
affected, or; constant or near-constant		tarda):	
systemic therapy such as corticosteroids		More than 40 percent of the entire body or	
or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired during the past 12-month period		more than 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; constant or near-constant	
20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;		or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
systemic therapy such as corticosteroids		quired during the past 12-month period	60
or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired for a total duration of six weeks or		20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;	
more, but not constantly, during the past	1	systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
12-month period		or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent,		quired for a total duration of six weeks or	
of the entire body, or at least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent, of exposed		more, but not constantly, during the past 12-month period	30
areas affected, or; intermittent systemic		At least 5 percent, but less than 20 percent,	50
therapy such as corticosteroids or other		of the entire body, or at least 5 percent,	
immunosuppressive drugs required for a		but less than 20 percent, of exposed	
total duration of less than six weeks dur- ing the past 12-month period		areas affected, or; intermittent systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other	
Less than 5 percent of the entire body or		immunosuppressive drugs required for a	
less than 5 percent of exposed areas af-		total duration of less than six weeks dur-	
fected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period	0	ing the past 12-month periodLess than 5 percent of the entire body or	10
Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,		exposed areas affected, and; no more	
or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,		than topical therapy required during the	
7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending		past 12-month period	0
upon the predominant disability. 7807 American (New World) leishmaniasis		Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	
7807 American (New World) leishmaniasis (mucocutaneous, espundia):		or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	
Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or		upon the predominant disability.	
neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802,		7816 Psoriasis:	
7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant		More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas	
disability.		affected, or; constant or near-constant	
Note: Evaluate non-cutaneous (visceral)		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
leishmaniasis under DC 6301 (visceral		or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
leishmaniasis).		quired during the past 12-month period	60
7808 Old World leishmaniasis (cutaneous, Oriental sore):		20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;	
		systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or		or other immunosuppressive drugs re-	
neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's, 7801, 7802,			
neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's, 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC		quired for a total duration of six weeks or	
neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's, 7801, 7802,			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		Note: If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, i.e., systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-per-	
total duration of less than six weeks dur- ing the past 12-month period Less than 5 percent of the entire body or	10	cent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will con- tinue, with a mandatory VA examination	
exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period	0	six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or	
Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending		any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrent to the subject to the subje	
upon the predominant disability. 7817 Exfoliative dermatitis (erythroderma): Generalized involvement of the skin, plus		rence or metastasis, evaluation will then be made on residuals. If treatment is con- fined to the skin, the provisions for a 100- percent evaluation do not apply.	
systemic manifestations (such as fever, weight loss, and hypoproteinemia), and; constant or near-constant systemic ther-		7819 Benign skin neoplasms: Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802,	
apy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immunosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B		7803, 7804, or 7805), or impairment of function. 7820 Infections of the skin not listed elsewhere (in-	
light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required during the past 12-month period	100	cluding bacterial, fungal, viral, treponemal and parasitic diseases): Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or	
Generalized involvement of the skin without systemic manifestations, and; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, im-		neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or dermatitis (DC 7806), depending upon the predominant disability.	
munosuppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treat-		7821 Cutaneous manifestations of collagen-vas- cular diseases not listed elsewhere (including scleroderma, calcinosis cutis, and dermato-	
ments, or electron beam therapy required during the past 12-month period	60	myositis): More than 40 percent of the entire body or more than 40 percent of exposed areas	
systemic therapy such as therapeutic doses of corticosteroids, immuno- suppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB		affected, or; constant or near-constant systemic therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired during the past 12-month period	60
(ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly,		20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or; systemic therapy such as corticosteroids	
during the past 12-month period	30	or other immunosuppressive drugs re- quired for a total duration of six weeks or more, but not constantly, during the past	
doses of corticosteroids, immuno- suppressive retinoids, PUVA (psoralen with long-wave ultraviolet-A light) or UVB (ultraviolet-B light) treatments, or electron beam therapy required for a total duration		12-month period	30
of less than six weeks during the past 12- month period	10	therapy such as corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive drugs required for a total duration of less than six weeks dur-	
no more than topical therapy required dur- ing the past 12-month period	0	ing the past 12-month period Less than 5 percent of the entire body or exposed areas affected, and; no more	10
nant melanoma): Rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800), scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), or impairment of function.		than topical therapy required during the past 12-month period Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face, or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	0
		upon the predominant disability. 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)):	

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More than 40 percent of the entire body or	 	Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at	
more than 40 percent of exposed areas		least four times during the past 12-month	
affected, and; constant or near-constant systemic medications or intensive light		period, and; requiring intermittent systemic immunosuppressive therapy for	
therapy required during the past 12-month		control	30
period	60	Recurrent episodes occurring one to three	
20 to 40 percent of the entire body or 20 to 40 percent of exposed areas affected, or;		times during the past 12-month period, and; requiring intermittent systemic im-	
systemic therapy or intensive light therapy		munosuppressive therapy for control	10
required for a total duration of six weeks		Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	
or more, but not constantly, during the	00	or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	
past 12-month period	30	upon the predominant disability.	
of the entire body, or at least 5 percent,		7827 Erythema multiforme; Toxic epidermal	
but less than 20 percent, of exposed		necrolysis:	
areas affected, or; systemic therapy or in-		Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month	
tensive light therapy required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the		period despite ongoing immuno-	
past 12-month period	10	suppressive therapy	60
Less than 5 percent of the entire body or		Recurrent episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month period,	
exposed areas affected, and; no more than topical therapy required during the		and; requiring intermittent systemic im-	
past 12-month period	0	munosuppressive therapy	30
Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,		Recurrent episodes occurring during the	
or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,		past 12-month period that respond to treatment with antihistamines or	
7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.		sympathomimetics, or; one to three epi-	
7823 Vitiligo:		sodes occurring during the past 12-month	
With exposed areas affected	10	period requiring intermittent systemic im- munosuppressive therapy	10
With no exposed areas affected	0	Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	10
7824 Diseases of keratinization (including icthyoses, Darier's disease, and palmoplantar keratoderma):		or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,	
With either generalized cutaneous involve-		7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	
ment or systemic manifestations, and;		upon the predominant disability. 7828 Acne:	
constant or near-constant systemic medi-		Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-	
cation, such as immunosuppressive retinoids, required during the past 12-		filled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more	
month period	60	of the face and neck Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-	30
With either generalized cutaneous involve-		filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent	
ment or systemic manifestations, and; intermittent systemic medication, such as		of the face and neck, or; deep acne other	
immunosuppressive retinoids, required for		than on the face and neck	10
a total duration of six weeks or more, but		pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent	0
not constantly, during the past 12-month	20	Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	
period With localized or episodic cutaneous in-	30	or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801,	
volvement and intermittent systemic medi-		7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending upon the predominant disability.	
cation, such as immunosuppressive		7829 Chloracne:	
retinoids, required for a total duration of less than six weeks during the past 12-		Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-	
month period	10	filled cysts) affecting 40 percent or more of the face and neck	30
No more than topical therapy required dur-		Deep acne (deep inflamed nodules and pus-	00
ing the past 12-month period	0	filled cysts) affecting less than 40 percent	
7825 Urticaria: Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at		of the face and neck, or; deep acne other than on the face and neck	10
least four times during the past 12-month		Superficial acne (comedones, papules,	10
period despite continuous immuno-		pustules, superficial cysts) of any extent	0
suppressive therapy	60	Or rate as disfigurement of the head, face,	
Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at least four times during the past 12-month		or neck (DC 7800) or scars (DC's 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805), depending	
period, and; requiring intermittent sys-		upon the predominant disability.	
temic immunosuppressive therapy for		7830 Scarring alopecia:	
control Recurrent episodes occurring at least four	30	Affecting more than 40 percent of the scalp Affecting 20 to 40 percent of the scalp	20
times during the past 12-month period,		Affecting 20 to 40 percent of the scalp	10 0
and; responding to treatment with antihis-		7831 Alopecia areata:	•
tamines or sympathomimetics	10	With loss of all body hair	10
7826 Vasculitis, primary cutaneous: Recurrent debilitating episodes occurring at		With loss of hair limited to scalp and face 7832 Hyperhidrosis:	0
least four times during the past 12-month		Unable to handle paper or tools because of	
period despite continuous immuno-		moisture, and unresponsive to therapy	30
suppressive therapy	60	Able to handle paper or tools after therapy	0

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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.e., 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

$\$\,4.119$ Schedule of ratings—endocrine system.

7900 Hyperthyroidism Thyroid enlargement, tachycardia (more than 100	
beats per minute), eye involvement, muscular weakness, loss of weight, and sympathetic nervous system, cardiovascular, or	
astrointestinal symptoms Emotional instability, tachycardia, fatigability, and	100
increased pulse pressure or blood pressure	60
Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pres- sure or blood pressure	30
Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and trem- or, or; continuous medication required for con-	00
trol	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 gastro- intestinal symptoms	100
Emotional instability, tachycardia, fatigability, and	100
increased pulse pressure or blood pressure	60
Tachycardia, tremor, and increased pulse pres- sure or blood pressure	30

Tachycardia, which may be intermittent, and trem- or, or; continuous medication required for con-	
trol	10
nant finding, evaluate as hyperthyroid heart dis-	
ease (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	
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 re- sult in a higher evaluation than using this diag-	
nostic code.	
7903 Hypothyroidism	
Cold intolerance, muscular weakness, cardio- vascular involvement, mental disturbance (de-	
mentia, slowing of thought, depression),	
bradycardia (less than 60 beats per minute), and sleepiness	100
Muscular weakness, mental disturbance, and weight gain	
Fatigability, constipation, and mental sluggishness	60 30
Fatigability, or; continuous medication required for	
control7904 Hyperparathyroidism	10
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 10
Continuous medication required for control NOTE: Following surgery or treatment, evaluate as	10
digestive, skeletal, renal, or cardiovascular re-	
siduals or as endocrine dysfunction. 7905 Hypoparathyroidism	
Marked neuromuscular excitability (such as con-	
vulsions, muscular spasms (tetany), or laryn- geal stridor) plus either cataract or evidence of	
increased intracranial pressure (such as	400
papilledema)	100
paresthesias (of arms, legs, or circumoral area)	
plus either cataract or evidence of increased intracranial pressure	60
Continuous medication required for control	10
7907 Cushing's syndrome As active, progressive disease including loss of	
muscle strength, areas of osteoporosis, hyper-	
tension, weakness, and enlargement of pituitary or adrenal gland	100
Loss of muscle strength and enlargement of pitui-	100
tary or adrenal gland	60
With striae, obesity, moon face, glucose intolerance, and vascular fragility	30
NOTE: With recovery or control, evaluate as re-	
siduals of adrenal insufficiency or cardio- vascular, psychiatric, skin, or skeletal complica-	
tions under appropriate diagnostic code.	
7908 Acromegaly Evidence of increased intracranial pressure (such	
as visual field defect), arthropathy, glucose in- tolerance, and either hypertension or cardio-	
megaly	100
Arthropathy, glucose intolerance, and hyper-	
tension	60