



MIGRAINE CLAIMS

MIGRAINE SECONDARY PATHWAY MAP

A calibrated guide to service connection, attack documentation, and the DC 8100 rating criteria.



CLINICAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

PTSD

PTSD OR MENTAL HEALTH

A medical opinion must address the individual history and a plausible mechanism, not rely on association alone.

OSA

SLEEP APNEA

The opinion should address sleep disruption, hypoxia when relevant, treatment history, and competing causes.

TBI

TBI OR CERVICAL DISABILITY

Post-traumatic headache and cervicogenic mechanisms require accurate diagnoses and a reasoned link.

TINNITUS

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The opinion should explain whether tinnitus caused or aggravated migraine in the individual record.

Apply the current regulation and case law to the individual record. Attack frequency, severity, duration, and functional impact should be documented accurately and consistently.

