

Specialty Examination – DERMATOLOGY

In instances when a Specialty Examination is requested, the Contractor shall provide the DDDS and its DDDS claimants with the following, in addition to, the Adult General Medical Disability Evaluation and Report Guidelines.

The examination should concentrate on the areas affected by the DDDS claimant's illness or impairment. Provide specific information and be as descriptive as possible.

(1) Dermatological Examination.

- (a) Current Medical History of Skin Disorder. Describe the DDDS claimant's:
 - i. Dates and results of the relevant diagnostic procedures such as biopsy and genetic testing
 - ii. Treatment modalities, dates of treatments, and response to treatments
- (b) Physical Examination. Describe and discuss:
 - i. Contractures or type of skin lesion(s)
 - ii. Extent of body affected (i.e. location, size, etc.)
 - iii. Duration of lesion(s)
 - iv. Joint function including range-of-motion (ROM) of affected joints
 - v. If there is involvement of the palmer and/or plantar surfaces, describe the effect on hand use and/or ambulation
 - vi. Optional, with consent of the DDDS claimant, a digital photograph to document the severity of the skin lesion(s)