

- A. You will be contacted by VA Personnel Health with a scheduled appointment for an Animal Allergy Physical.
- B. Please take this completed questionnaire with you to the appointment.
- C. Have Personnel Health staff sign the last page (17).
- D. Return page 17 to the Research Office.

**Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center  
Personnel Health  
Laboratory Animal Allergy Questionnaire – Initial**

**Demographic Information**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle Initial

2. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_      4. Age: \_\_\_\_\_      5. Sex: M F (circle one)  
Month
Day
Year

6. Today's Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month
Day
Year

7. Race: (Circle one)    Asian      Black    Hispanic/Latino    White    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Current Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you work? (Specific Location) \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Floor: \_\_\_\_\_      Room number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code
Telephone number
Extension

Pager/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you began this job: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_    Date you began with this organization: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month
Year
Month
Year

Work Status: (Circle one)    VA Paid Employee      WOC    Contractor      Student      CWRU employee

\* Are you enrolled in the Case Western Reserve University/UH health services for animal research?    Yes      No      Not Sure

Hours employed: (Circle one)      Full-Time      Part-Time      PRN

**Current Allergic Symptoms**

9. Please complete the below table for any symptoms you have experienced on a regular basis to include year of onset, whether the symptom is present now, and the times at which you are most troubled by the symptom? If you have **NOT** experienced any of the symptoms below please proceed to question 10.

(Please **EXCLUDE** any symptoms that are associated with a cold, flu or other illness)

	Year of onset	Present now	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	No particular Season	Home	Work	No Difference
Watery or itchy eyes										
Runny or stuffy nose										
Sneezing spells										
Frequent cough										
Difficulty swallowing										
Sputum production (excessive mucous)										
Sinus problems										

Frequent colds										
Hives										
Swelling of lips or eyes										
Eczema										
Wheezing/Chest tightness										

If you answered "YES" to the following questions, please complete the additional questions in the enclosed boxes. Thank you.

**Atopic History**

10. Do you think you have ALLERGIES? YES / NO  
If YES:

To what are you allergic: \_\_\_\_\_

What symptoms do you have when your allergies act up? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you ever had HAY FEVER? YES / NO  
If YES:

At what age did you first develop hay fever? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time you were troubled by hay fever? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year

12. Has a physician ever told you that you have ALLERGIES? YES / NO

13. Have you ever had a SKIN TEST for allergens (not TB)? YES / NO  
If YES:

If you were tested, to what were you allergic? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Have you received ALLERGY SHOTS? YES / NO

15. Have you ever taken MEDICATIONS FOR ALLERGIES? YES / NO  
If YES:

What medications? \_\_\_\_\_

How Often? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Has a physician ever told you that you have ASTHMA? YES / NO

17. Have you ever had an attack of wheezing that made you short of breath? YES / NO  
If YES:

At what age did you have your first attack? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you still occasionally troubled by these attacks? YES / NO

Do you currently take medications for these attacks?      YES   /   NO

18. Are you allergic or sensitive to things that cause skin rashes?      YES   /   NO  
If YES:

What causes rashes? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Is there anyone in your immediate family with ALLERGIES or ASTHMA?      YES   /   NO  
IF YES: (circle all that apply)

Father	Allergies	Asthma	Both
Mother	Allergies	Asthma	Both
Sister	Allergies	Asthma	Both
Brother	Allergies	Asthma	Both
Child	Allergies	Asthma	Both

**Home Environment**

20. Have you EVER had HOUSE PETS?      YES   /   NO  
If YES:

<b>Which animals?</b>	<b>For how long?</b>
_____ Dogs	_____
_____ Cats	_____
_____ Other (specify):	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Are you (or were you) allergic to them?	YES   /   NO
Do you have house pets now?	YES   /   NO

21. Do you smoke cigarettes or cigars?  
If YES:

On average, how many do you smoke per day? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many years have you smoked? \_\_\_\_\_

If NO:

Did you smoke cigarettes or cigars in the past?      YES   /   NO  
For how many years? \_\_\_\_\_  
When did you quit? (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Do other members of your household smoke? YES / NO
23. Did your parents smoke when you were living at home? YES / NO
24. Are you taking any medications on a regular basis? YES / NO

Please list ALL medications (including herbal and vitamin supplements) you are Currently taking on a regular basis and how often you take them.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Occupational History / Current exposure Information**

25. Have you worked with laboratory animals before this job? YES / NO
- If YES:

For how long? (total years) \_\_\_\_\_

What types of animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you allergic to any of the animals with which you worked? YES / NO

If YES, what type of animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the onset of allergy? (Year or Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

26. In your current job do you handle animals or their tissue, body fluids, or cages? YES / NO

27. Do you work in the animal room at least once a week?

If YES:

How many days per week do you work with the lab animals or their cages? (circle one)

<1   1   2   3   4   5   More \_\_\_\_\_

During these days, how many hours per day (on the average) do you work with lab animals or their cages? (circle one)

<1   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   More \_\_\_\_\_

If NO:

Over the past 24 weeks (about six months) during how many weeks have you had lab animal contact?

\_\_\_\_\_

During these weeks, how many days per week have you worked with lab animals? (circle one)

<1   1   2   3   4   5   More \_\_\_\_\_

On these days, how many hours per day have you worked with lab animals? (circle one)

<1   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   More \_\_\_\_\_

28. **How many hours per week** do you usually have contact with the following species? (circle one choice for each listing)

	<u>How many hours per week</u>						
	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Guinea Pig	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Hamster	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Dogs	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Cats	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Rat	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Rabbit	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Marmosets	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Primates	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Mice	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Other_____ (specify)	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more

29. **How many hours per week** are you usually involved in the following activities? (circle one choice for each listing)

	<u>How many hours per week</u>						
	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Handle dirty cages	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Return clean cages	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Receiving animals	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Breeding Room	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Holding Room	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Gavage or other dosing	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Weighing	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Sacrifice/Necropsy	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Isolators	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Change bedding	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Other animal room housekeeping	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Isolated organ or tissue experiments	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Using animals or tissues/fluids	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more
Outside animal facility	0	<1	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21 or more

30. **When working with lab animals or their cages how often do you do the following?**

(Check one choice for each item)

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Less than &lt;1/2 time</b>	<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>Always</b>
Wear gloves	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear a dust/mist respirator	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear other respirator	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear a gown/Tyvek unit	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear hair bonnets	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear shoe covers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wash hands after handling animals'	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wear eye protection	_____	_____	_____	_____

31. Do you get any of the following symptoms from working with laboratory animals or their cages? (Or have you ever had any of the symptoms in the past from working with laboratory animals or their cages. In other words, if you were not able to wear personal protective equipment, would you probably get these symptoms?). **If No**, go to question #32.

**If YES:**

**Which of the symptoms do you have?** (Please check all that apply)

- Sneezing spells \_\_\_\_\_
- Runny nose or Stuffy Nose \_\_\_\_\_
- Watery or itchy eyes \_\_\_\_\_
- Coughing spells \_\_\_\_\_
- Wheezing/Chest tightness \_\_\_\_\_
- Shortness of breath \_\_\_\_\_
- Skin rashes or hives \_\_\_\_\_

**Does personal protective equipment eliminate these symptoms?** YES / NO

**Which of the following species causes any of these problems?**

- Guinea pig \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamster \_\_\_\_\_
- Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Cats \_\_\_\_\_
- Mouse \_\_\_\_\_
- Rat \_\_\_\_\_
- Rabbit \_\_\_\_\_
- Marmosets \_\_\_\_\_
- Primates \_\_\_\_\_

(Type: \_\_\_\_\_)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

**How soon after exposure to lab animals do these symptoms start?** (Circle one)

- Less than 10 minutes
- 10 minutes to 1 hour
- 1 to 8 hours
- More than 8 hours

**How long do they last?**

- Less than 10 minutes
- 10 minutes to 1 hour
- 1 to 8 hours
- More than 8 hours

**Do you take any medications for these symptoms?** YES / NO

32. **Are there any lab animals with which you cannot work because of allergy problems?** YES / NO

**If YES:**

Which animal species? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been allergic to this (these) species? \_\_\_\_\_

33. **Have you ever changed jobs or working habits because of symptoms from handling animals?** YES / NO

**Please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

34. Aside from your own work, are lab animals used by others in the same room where you work? YES / NO

35. Have you ever had Tuberculosis disease (TB)? YES / NO  
Have you been tested for TB in the past year? YES / NO  
Results: Positive / Negative When was the test performed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving immunosuppressive therapy such as prednisone, steroids or anti-cancer drugs? YES / NO  
If yes, please list with amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Some people have been immunized against TB with a vaccine called BCG. This may make your skin test positive forever.

Have you received BCG? YES / NO Don't know

36. Have you received a Tetanus booster in the past 10 years? YES / NO  
If yes, when did you receive the tetanus booster? \_\_\_\_\_

37. Have you received a Rabies vaccination (if applicable)? YES / NO  
If yes, please list date: \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last Rabies titer? Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Results of your last Rabies titer? Immune: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Immune: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Have you ever received Hepatitis B vaccine? YES / NO Don't know

If you have already received the vaccine, please sign the following statement:

I have received the Hepatitis B vaccine. I do not need immunization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

39. Have you ever received Hepatitis A vaccine? YES / NO Don't know

40. Do you ever smoke, eat drink, apply cosmetics or handle contact lenses in animal handling rooms? YES / NO

When working with animals, do you always wear:

Gloves	Yes	No
Mask	Yes	No
Protective eyewear	Yes	No
Gown/lab coat	Yes	No

41. Do you perform the following after handling animals at work?

Wash hands	Yes	No		
Shower/change clothing	Yes	No		
Have you been issued & do you wear a respirator?	Yes	No	Yes	No



**Risk of injury-Which animals will you have contact with (check all that apply)?**

<b>Low Risk</b>	<b>Fish or amphibians</b>
<b>Mild Risk</b>	<b>Rats, Mice, Rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, birds, and swine with mild risk of injury (primary bites, and scratches, zoonotic disease, but significant potential for allergies.)</b>
<b>Moderate Risk</b>	<b>Dogs, cats, sheep, cattle, goats and wild rodents with moderate risk of injury (primarily bites, scratches, kicks, and crushing), zoonotic disease (rabies, Q fever, Hanta Virus, bacterial and fungal infections), and significant potential for allergies.</b>
<b>Marked Risk</b>	<b>Non-human primates with marked risk of injury (primarily bites and scratches). Zoonotic disease (herpes B virus, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, bacterial infections), bacterial or viral infections (class 2 or greater) used in research, and some potential for allergies.</b>

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand this review is a generalized review aimed for ensuring a safe working environment. I understand I must immediately notify my supervisor and go to Personnel Health or Urgent Care if I have a reaction/bite/scratch to any animal or agent within the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center Research animal handling area.

I understand that I am expected to adhere to Federal Research/Occupational Health & Safety regulations and failure to do so will result in administrative action. I understand that I must re-submit the Animal Questionnaire and provide documentation upon changes to my health status.

I have received training by Research Services that included the use of personal protective equipment and counseling as to the potential risk of zoonotic diseases:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Health Provider or Medical Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personnel Health

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### Patient Data Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Last First MI

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Telephone

Home: ( ) Mobile: ( )

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Month / Day / Year

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State (or Country)

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employment Status:

Full-Time     Part-Time     PRN     Not Employed

Marital Status:

Never Married     Married     Widow     Divorced

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### Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

NOTE TO EXAMINING PHYSICIAN: The person you are about to examine will have to cope with the functional requirements and environmental factors circled side of this form. Please take them, and the brief description of job duties above them, into consideration.

1. HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ FEET, \_\_\_\_\_ INCHES WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ POUNDS BMI

2. EYES:  
 (A) Distant vision (Snellen) without glasses: right 20 left 20; with glasses, if worn: right 20 left 20  
 (B) What is the longest and shortest distance at which the following specimen of Jaeger No. 2 type can be read by the applicant? Test each eye separately.

Jaeger No. 2 Type  
 Employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representative. This order will supplement the Executive Orders of May 29 and June 18, 1923 (Executive

without glasses: right \_\_\_\_\_ in to \_\_\_\_\_ in left \_\_\_\_\_ in to \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 with glasses, if used: right \_\_\_\_\_ in to \_\_\_\_\_ in left \_\_\_\_\_ in to \_\_\_\_\_ in

(C) Color vision: Is color vision normal when Ishihara or other color plate test is used?  YES  NO  
 If not, can applicant pass lantern, yarn, or other test?  YES  NO

3. EARS: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the greatest distance heard.)  
 Ordinary conversation: WHISPER

RIGHT EAR \_\_\_\_\_ LEFT EAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 20 FT 20 FT

Audiometer (if given):

250	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000

4. OTHER FINDINGS: In items a through l briefly describe any abnormality (including diseases, scars, and disfigurements). Include briefly history, if pertinent. If normal, so indicate.

a. Eyes, ears, nose, and throat (including tooth and oral hygiene)	e. Abdomen
b. Head and back (including face, hair, and scalp)	f. Peripheral blood vessels
c. Speech (note any malfunction)	g. Extremities
d. Skin and lymph nodes (including thyroid gland)	h. Urinalysis (if indicated)  Sp. gr. _____ Sugar _____ Blood _____  Albumin _____ Casts _____ Pus _____

i. Respiratory tract (X-ray if indicated)

j. Heart (size, rate, rhythm, function)  
 BP:  
 Pulse:  
 T  
 EKG (if indicated):

k. Back (special consideration for positions involving heavy lifting and other strenuous duties)

l. Neurological and mental health

CONCLUSIONS: Summarize below any medical findings which, in your opinion, would limit this person's performance of the job duties and/or would make him a hazard to himself or others. If none, so indicate.

No limiting conditions for this job

Limiting conditions as follows:

## Personnel Health Data Base & Infectious Disease Information

Please fill in or circle all appropriate responses. Your assistance is needed to complete this mandated questionnaire. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please NOTIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THE INFORMATION IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL REMAIN IN YOUR PERSONNEL HEALTH FILE.

### MUMPS

Mumps is a common disease of children, which is preventable by immunization. It usually causes fever, headache and swelling of the salivary glands. It is much more serious in adolescents and adults, in whom it may cause hearing loss and problems with male fertility.

Have you ever had Mumps? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been immunized against Mumps? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

### TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is a serious infectious lung disease, which is increasing in the population. Hospital workers are at risk from exposure to untreated patients. Exposure is diagnosed by a positive TB skin test (PPD), symptoms, or an abnormal chest X-Ray.

Have you ever had TB? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last TB skin test? Date \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

Was the skin test: Positive \_\_\_\_\_ Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital employees should have annual skin tests, if previously negative. If previously positive and at any time you experience some of the following symptoms, you need to be evaluated.

Weight Loss    Fever, particularly at night    Night sweats

Decreased appetite    Persistent cough    Coughing up blood

Some people have been immunized against TB with a vaccine called BCG. This may make your skin test positive forever. Your situation requires special attention if problems occur.

Have you received BCG? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

### **MEASLES (Rubeola)**

Measles (Rubeola) is the most serious of the common childhood diseases. Usually it causes a rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes, lasting 1 to 2 weeks. Sometimes it causes much more serious problems such as ear infections, pneumonia, deafness and very rarely, an inflammation of the brain.

Have you ever had measles? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been immunized against measles? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, **before** 1980\_\_\_\_\_, or **after** 1980\_\_\_\_\_?

Persons immunized between 1957 and 1980 should be re-immunized. This vaccine is offered to employees at no cost, through Personnel Health.

### **CHICKEN POX/SHINGLES (Varicella Zoster)**

Chicken Pox/Shingles is a viral infection that is highly contagious. The virus is found in respiratory secretions and fluid from the blisters of infected individuals. There is no vaccine for Chicken Pox at present. If you believe you have not had Chicken Pox or are unsure if you have had it, you should avoid contact with any individual with this infection. Testing to determine whether you have had Chicken Pox is offered through Personnel Health.

Have you ever had Chicken Pox or Shingles? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

### **RUBELLA**

Rubella (German Measles, Three Day Measles) is a common disease of children. It may also affect adults. Usually it is very mild and causes a light fever, rash and swelling of the glands in the neck. It lasts about 1 day. Very rarely, it can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and cause a temporary bleeding disorder. The most serious problem with Rubella is that if a pregnant woman gets this disease, there is a good chance that she may have a miscarriage or that the baby will be born blind or with other birth defects. This vaccine is offered to employees at no cost, through Personnel Health.

Have you ever had Rubella? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been immunized against Rubella? **YES**\_\_\_\_**NO**\_\_\_\_**Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

## TETANUS (Lockjaw)

Tetanus is a fatal disease entirely preventable by immunization every 8-10 years. Diphtheria is another childhood disease also preventable by immunization. There is a combination vaccine that immunizes against both diseases. If it has been 10 years or more since your last booster, we recommend you receive a booster. The booster is offered to employees through Personnel Health at no cost.

Have you received Tetanus/Diphtheria Immunization? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ **Don't know** \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last immunization booster? \_\_\_\_\_

I UNDERSTAND THAT, WHEN INDICATED, APPROPRIATE VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE TO ME. ALL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE VOLUNTARY AND ARE NOT REQUIRE FOR EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR HIGH RISK PERSONNEL. IF I WANT TO RECEIVE ANY OF THESE VACCINES, I WILL CONTACT THE PERSONNEL HEALTH CLINIC AT WADE PARK: EXT. 3813 OR BRECKSVILLE: EXT. 6864.

## HEPATITIS

Hepatitis B is a disease caused by a viral infection. The virus is found in blood and body fluids of infected individuals. The Hepatitis B virus attacks the liver. It may cause serious liver disease and, rarely, death. Sometimes people who contract Hepatitis B remain carriers of the virus. Approximately 25% of carriers develop chronic active Hepatitis, which often progresses to cirrhosis. Furthermore, Hepatitis B carriers have a higher risk of developing liver cancer. Certain jobs in the medical center place you at greater risk of exposure to Hepatitis B. Some of these include:

- Exposure to blood, tissues or other bodily fluids.
- Administration of medications or vaccines using syringes or needles.
- Taking blood samples for laboratory tests.
- Inserting or maintaining intravascular devices.
- Collecting filled needle containers and contaminated wastes.

Some employees considered at great risk for exposure to Hepatitis B are:

Environmental Management Staff    Nurses    Dentists    Physicians  
Laboratory Staff    OR Personnel    Health Aides    Laundry Staff  
Dental Hygienists    Radiology Techs    Physician Extenders

Have you ever had Hepatitis? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ **Don't know** \_\_\_\_\_

If not, immunization with Hepatitis B vaccine is the most effective means of preventing Hepatitis B virus infection and its consequences. As an employee at the V.A. Medical Center, vaccination is highly recommended. No substances of human origin are used in the manufacture of the vaccine, so there is no risk of Hepatitis B or H.I.V. infection from the vaccination. Immunization

involves 3 intramuscular injections given over six months. (Hepatitis B vaccine was not available until the early 1980's. Please do not confuse it with Hepatitis B immune globulin.)

Have you ever received Hepatitis B vaccine? **YES**\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_\_\_ **Don't know**\_\_\_\_\_

If you have already received the vaccine, please sign the following statement:

I have received Hepatitis B vaccine. I do not need immunization.

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Signature

Date

If you do not know if you received Hepatitis B vaccine check here:\_\_\_\_\_

If you have not received the vaccine, do you wish to receive it? **YES**\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_\_\_

If you want the Hepatitis B vaccine, please contact the Personnel Health Department. Wade Park: ext. 3813, Brecksville: ext. 6864 or the CMO's office at Canton or Youngstown.

OSHA requires that anyone declining the Hepatitis B vaccine read the following statement and sign below to acknowledge your declination.

**HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION**

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B viral (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline Hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B. If at anytime I change my mind and would like to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine, I may contact my Personnel Health Department and receive the Hepatitis B vaccine at no cost to myself.

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Signature

Date

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - PERSONNEL HEALTH

Name of Doctor/Hospital:

10701 EAST BLVD., CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

TEL: (216) 791-3800 EXT. 6365/3813/4411

FAX: (216) 231-3262

To release information from the records of:

Name of Patient:

Social Security #:

Date of Birth:

To be released to:

SELF

This information will be used to assist our medical staff in the examination and/or treatment of the patient named above. The information to be released is:

Final Summary or report of hospitalization

Date

Brief report of examination or treatment

Date

X-ray films and/or reports (X-ray films and lab slides will be returned after review.)

Psychiatric Evaluation

Date

Drug/Alcohol abuse

Other:

Signature of Patient

Date

Witness

Date

I authorize you to release the medical information requested above to the Department of Veterans Affairs. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time except to the extent that action has already been taken to comply with it. Without my expressed revocation this consent will automatically expire after the requested information has been supplied to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Re-disclosure of my medical records by those receiving the information authorized above may not be accomplished without further consent.



**LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OPINION**

Part A. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE		
1. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		
2. Federal Employee Number	3. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	4. Birth Date (month, day, year)
6. Address (including City, State, Zip Code)		
7. E-mail Address	8. Telephone Numbers (with Area Code)	

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY	
<b>Part D. TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY MEDICAL OFFICER (if one is available)</b> NOTE: Review the attached certificate of medical examination and make your recommendations in item 1 below.	
1. Recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Hire or retain; describe limitations, if any, here.  <input type="checkbox"/> Take action to separate or do not hire; explain why.	
2. Agency Medical Officer's Name	3. E-Mail Address
4. Address (Including Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	5. Telephone Number
6. Signature of Agency Medical Officer	7. Date (Month, Day, Year)

The above recommendation from the Agency Medical Officer applies to the following program:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Allergy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Exam
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other - specify: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CLEARANCE WILL EXPIRE ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE AGENCY MEDICAL OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

- RENEWAL OF MEDICAL CLEARANCE CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT IN-OFFICE VISIT THROUGH COMPLETION OF ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE SEND TO PERSONNEL HEALTH 170(W)
- APPLICANT IS DUE FOR NEXT IN-OFFICE MEDICAL EVALUATION ON: \_\_\_\_\_

**Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center  
Personnel Health  
Laboratory Animal Allergy Clearance – Initial**

**Employee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Last First Middle Initial**

**PI/Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Physical:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name  
Personnel Health Medical Staff**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature  
Personnel Health Medical Staff**

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