**Each system is rated as follows:**

**1= NONE:** No impairment to that organ/system.

**2= MILD:** Impairment does not interfere with normal activity; treatment may or may not be required; prognosis is excellent. (Examples could be skin lesions, hernias, or hemorrhoids)

**3= MODERATE:** Impairment interferes with normal activity; treatment is needed; prognosis is good. (Examples could be gallstones, diabetes, or fractures)

**4= SEVERE:** Impairment is disabling; treatment is urgently needed; prognosis is guarded. (Examples could be carcinoma, pulmonary emphysema, or congestive heart failure)

**5= EXTREMELY SEVERE:** Impairment is life threatening; treatment is urgent or of an avail; prognosis is grave. (Examples could be myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular accident, gastrointestinal bleeding, or embolus)

1. **Cardiac (heart only)**

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

2. **Hypertension** (rating based on severity; affected systems are rated separately)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

3. **Vascular** (blood, blood vessels and cells, marrow, spleen, lymphatics)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

4. **Respiratory** (lungs, bronchi, trachea below the larynx)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

5. **EENT** (eyes, ear, nose, throat, larynx)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

6. **Upper GI** (esophagus, stomach, duodenum. Bilar and pancreatic trees; do not include diabetes)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

7. **Lower GI** (intestines, hernias)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

8. **Hepatic** (liver only)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

9. **Renal** (kidneys only)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

10. **Other GU** (ureters, bladder, urethra, prostate, genitals)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

11. **Musculo-Skeletal-Integumentary** (muscles, bone, skin)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

12. **Neurological** (brain, spinal cord, nerves: do not include dementia)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

13. **Endocrine-Metabolic** (includes diabetes, diffuse infections, infections, toxicity)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

14. **Psychiatric/Behavioral** (includes dementia, depression, anxiety, agitation, psychosis)

\_1. None \_2. Mild \_3. Moderate \_4. Severe \_5. Extremely Severe

Note

Cumulative Score: Sum of responses

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