## THIS IS A SAMPLE OF A VACCINE PETITION FILED IN REGARD TO AN ADVERSE REACTION TO A TETANUS INJECTION. <u>Most Petitions will not have</u> <u>multiple levels of insurance providers</u>. THIS MAY BE USED AS A DRAFTING AID ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON TO STATE THE MERITS OR AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH THE ACTION IS BROUGHT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE ARGUMENT WITH EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESENTED AT THIS STAGE UNLIKE THE BARE PLEADINGS REQUIRED IN MOST COMPLAINTS. Additional samples of required pleadings and filings as well as the rules of practice may be found on the Federal Vaccine website.

## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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## **PETITION**

The above-named petitioner requests compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. sec 300aa-10 <u>et seq.</u> (Sup. 2000), for the injury of xxxxxxxxx(date of birth: xxxxxx), the Petitioner herein, who received a Tetanus vaccination (dT 0.5 IM) on xxxxxxx, (See Exhibit 3 pages 1 and 3) and who thereafter suffered the "Table Injury" known as Brachial Neuritis which was "caused in fact" by the above stated vaccination or in the alternative thereafter suffered some form of neurological syndrome or physical injury, either or all of which was "caused in fact" by the above stated vaccination. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 2 pages 1 and 2; Exhibit 4 page 1)

(1) Immediately after the Vaccination, on xxxxxxxx at approximately XXXXX p.m. at the medical care facility known as xxxxxxxxx located in the City of xxxxxxxxx, State of xxxxxxxxxx, the Petitioner felt pain at the injection site, in his left shoulder/arm, which was not unexpected by him. The pain at the injection site did not subside over the following days and xxxxxxx noted that the pain increased over that period of time and he began noticing numbress, tingling and pain spreading down through his left shoulder down his left arm and into his left hand. The pain, numbress and tingling did become progressively worse and petitioner noted, on approximately xxxxxxxxx, that he was having some very real difficulties in the use of his left arm, while driving his automobile, due to the pain in his left upper extremity. These problems included a decrease in sensation in his left arm and hand as well as pain which ran from his left shoulder traveling down into his left hand. Within XXXXXXXXXXXX after the tetanus injection xxxxxxxxx noticed weakness and decreased Range of Motion in his left upper extremity in addition to numbness, tingling and pain spreading down through his left shoulder down his left arm and into his left hand and he was having trouble sleeping due to the left arm pain. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 3 pages 1 and 3; Exhibit 9 pages 6 and 9.)

(2) Prior to the date and time of the above referenced vaccination Petitioner did not suffer from the injury or symptoms as described in paragraph (1) above. Further xxxxx was in overall good physical condition. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 3 pages 2 and 3.)

(3) On xxxxxxxx went to his treating physician, Dr. xxxxxxxx, for treatment for those physical injuries he sustained on xxxxxxxxx which caused him to receive the Tetanus

vaccination, and advised Dr. xxxxxxxx that he had pain in the left deltoid area where he received the Tetanus shot and that it hurt him to move his left arm upward. Objectively, Dr. xxxxxxxx found tenderness and soft tissue swelling of the deltoid muscle of the left arm at the area where xxxxxx received his Tetanus shot. Dr. xxxxxxxx found normal range of motion of the left shoulder but with pain caused in such motion. (See Exhibit 9 page 6.)

(7) On xxxxxxxxxx had a nerve conduction study of his Left Upper Extremity which "xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (See Exhibit 12 pages 1, 2 and 3.)

(8) On xxxxxxxx xxxxx sought the opinion of Dr. xxxxxxxxx (this is xxxxxxxxx own family doctor) who opined the condition could be related to a left

rotator cuff tear and ordered an MRI of the left shoulder. Dr. xxxxxxxx referred xxxxxxxxx to Dr. xxxxxxxxxx to treat further. The MRI revealed a possible small partial tear along the supraspinatus tendon and Dr. xxxxxxxxx injected xxxxxxxxx with Kenalog in the left shoulder on xxxxxxxxx. The injection provided no relief of symptoms and on xxxxxxxxx Dr. xxxxxxx directed xxxxxxxx to obtain a neurology consultation for what appeared to him could *possibly* be a brachial plexopathy. (See Exhibit 13 pages 1 to 4.)

(9) On xxxxxxxxx was examined by Dr. xxxxxxxxxxxx, a Neurologist, who indicate that "Mr. xxxxxxxx presents with

(10) On xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx underwent a Cervical MRI and had bi-lateral nerve conduction testing. The nerve conduction testing showed xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx The MRI showed some xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx side. (See Exhibit 8 page 1; Exhibit 14 page 1.)

(11) On xxxxxxxxx was examined by Dr. xxxxxxxxxx, a neurosurgeon, who; reviewed the MRI and the results of the nerve conduction testing, took the patient's medical history and fully reviewed any medical evidence applicable to his examination related to the left upper extremity debility. It is Dr. xxxxxxxxx opinion that xxxxxxxx "left upper

extremity symptoms are not typical of cervical radiculopathy but rather are the result of a reaction to a tetanus shot". (See Exhibit 4 page 1; Exhibit 5 page 5.)

(12) xxxxxxxx suffers from chronic pain in his left shoulder and left upper extremity with weakness, atrophy and some neurological deficit present. These symptoms arose in close proximity to the actual date of the injection and remain present through the filing date of this Petition. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 2 pages 1 and 2; Exhibit 4 pages 1 and 2; Exhibit 5 pages 3 to 5; Exhibit 6 pages 1, 3 and 4; Exhibit 9 pages 6 to 40; Exhibit 13 pages 1 to 4.)

(13) It is the opinion of xxxxxxxxxxx Treating Physician, xxxxxxxx, MD, as well as Dr. xxxxxxx, a neurosurgeon consulted due to the left upper extremity pain, that xxxxxxxxx left upper extremity symptoms and debility are the result of the Tetanus injection administered on xxxxxxxxxx. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 2 pages 1 and 2; Exhibit 4 page 1; Exhibit 5 page 5; Exhibit 9 pages 23, 34, 37, 39 and 40; Exhibit 10 page 1.) Dr. xxxxxxxxx specifically states "It is my opinion, based on my education, training and experience and to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that xxxxxxxxxxxx suffered an adverse reaction to the Tetanus shot he was administered on xxxxxxxxxx which manifested itself as a left-sided Brachial Neuritis." (See Exhibit 2 page 1.)

(14) xxxxxxx still bears some objective evidence of injury at the injection site most recently noted in Dr. xxxxxxxxx Chart Note dated xxxxxxxxx in which he noted "There is a dimple xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" (See Exhibit 9 page 39.)

(15) The Petitioner xxxxxxx has not received compensation in the form of an award or settlement for his Vaccine related injuries nor has he filed a civil action for his injuries prior to filing this petition. xxxxxxxx has filed a claim for this injury with the xxxxxxxx Bureau of Workers Compensation under Claim Number xxxxxxxxx under which some of the Medical Expenses have been paid. xxxxxxxxx has a policy of Health Insurance through xxxxxxxxxx Insurance Company which has also paid part of his medical treatment and testing expenses. (See Exhibit 1 page 1; Exhibit 11 pages 1 to 3.)

(13) The petitioner requests that the compensation demand (including attorney's fees and costs) be deferred at this time pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec 300aa-11(e) until such time as the entitlement issue has been resolved.

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by: \_\_\_\_\_xxxxxxx Dated Attorney at Law Counsel of Record for the Petitioner xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxx Ph: xxxxxxxxxxx Fax: (xxxxxxxxxxxx Email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby affirm and that an original and two copies of this petition and all related medical records are hereby filed with the Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims. A copy of the petition and related medical records was served by first-class mail upon the respondent at the address below on xxxxxxxxxx, 2008.

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