

Requesting a Medical Opinion in Support of a Claim

If a veteran is requesting a medical opinion from a physician, ask the physician to use of the following terms because the VA will grant VA benefits if the probability of an association between two events is at the “at least as likely as not” level of confidence (50%):

“is due to / caused by”	100% sure
“very likely”	greater than 90% level of certainty
“much more likely than not”	greater than 75% level of certainty
“more likely than not”	greater than 50% level of certainty
“at least as likely as not”	equal to or greater than 50%
“is not at least as likely or not”	less than 50% level of certainty
“is not due to”	0% level of certainty