

HYDROCEPHALUS (With or Without Shunt)

All Classes
(Updated 01/25/2023)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. With shunt placement	<p>After a two (2) year symptom-free recovery period, submit the following for FAA review: A current, detailed neurological evaluation that meets FAA Specifications for Neurologic Evaluation generated from a clinic visit with the treating neurologist no more than 90 days before the AME exam.</p> <p>It must specifically include</p> <p>the reason a shunt was placed and if the shunt is functional or non-functional.</p> <p>Shunt series CT or MRI brain performed no more than 12 months before the AME exam. Include both the report and a copy of the images on compact disc (CD) in DICOM readable format. (There MUST be a 'DICOMDIR' in the root directory of the CD-ROM). Please verify the CD will display the images before sending. Retain copies of all CDs or image as a safeguard if lost in the mail.</p> <p>Note: After a review of the above information and due to the condition which caused the need for the shunt, a Neuropsychological (NP) evaluation in accordance with the FAA Specifications for Neuropsychological Evaluations for Potential Neurocognitive Impairment may be required.</p> <p>If associated with a seizure, brain tumor, or brain bleed – see the corresponding section. An additional recovery period may apply.</p>	<p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.</p>
B. Without shunt placement	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed neurological 	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">DEFER</div>

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(such as normal pressure hydrocephalus)	<p>evaluation that meets FAA Specifications for Neurologic Evaluation generated from a clinic visit with the treating neurologist no more than 90 days before the AME exam.</p> <p>2. MRI and/or CT of the brain performed no more than 90 days before the AME exam.</p> <p>Submit the interpretive report on paper and imaging on CD in DICOM readable format (there must be a file named 'DICOMDIR' in the root directory of the CD-ROM). Please verify the CD will display the images before sending. Retain a copy of all films as a safeguard if lost in the mail.</p>	Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.