SECONDARY CONDITIONS
What are Secondary Conditions

- Medical Conditions that are a direct result of a service connected medical condition.
- A NSC condition that was aggravated by a service connected medical condition.
  - the increase in severity of a nonservice-connected (NSC) disability that is attributable to aggravation by an SC disability, and not to the natural progress of the NSC disability. 38 CFR 3.310(b), and Allen v. Brown, 7 Vet.App. 439 (1995).
Common Secondary Condition

• Type II Diabetes
  – Glaucoma
  – HTN, Hypertension
  – Diabetic Neuropathy
  – Erectile Dysfunction
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• Ischemic Heart Disease
  – Heart Attack
  • Residuals of Heart Attack
  – CAD Coronary Artery Disease
  – Neuropathy

• PTSD
  – Atrial Fibrillation (AFIB) under some circumstances
Cancers

• Cancers have a propensity to metastasize to other regions or organs.
  – Those secondary cancer sites can be claimed as secondary conditions to the SC Cancer.
  – Residuals of some procedures can be claimed as secondary, i.e. conditions resulting from surgeries or amputations.
Remember:
Claimed Secondary conditions should be backed up by my medical documentation.
Questions?