

How to Qualify for Social Security Disability Benefits with Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis (RRP)

Recurrent respiratory papillomatosis ([RRP](#)) is a rare medical condition that involves the growth of tumors in the respiratory tract that were caused by the human papilloma virus ([HPV](#)). These tumors are usually in the larynx and the vocal cords and these growths can spread downward and impact the trachea, bronchi, and possibly the lungs. RRP affects both children and adults and can have various symptoms including hoarseness, dysphonia or aphonia, difficulty breathing, and a chronic cough. You may qualify for disability benefits from the Social Security Administration ([SSA](#)) if you can show you medically qualify as disabled.

Medically Qualifying For Disability Benefits

The SSA uses a medical guide, which is called the [Blue Book](#), to determine disability eligibility. There are sections to cover different bodily systems, and each section has listings for different disabling conditions. Each condition has specific medical criteria that must be met for a claim to be approved. There is not a listing for RRP, but you may qualify through a listing for a similar condition, such as a respiratory condition. Review the different listings and see which has the symptoms most comparable to your condition and see if you could qualify through that listing and its requirements.

Using An RFC

Most claims for RFC are approved using a medical vocational allowance. This approach takes the claimant's age, work history, educational background, transferrable skills, and medical conditions into consideration. Your treating physician will complete a residual functional capacity ([RFC](#)) form, which will explain what you can and cannot do, putting the severity of your condition into perspective. As an example, the RFC will detail how often you must reposition, how long you can stand, if you can bend or squat, how much you can lift and carry, and so forth.

You may not be able to be around inhalants or dust because of the RRP, and the RFC will indicate that. The disability examiner should be able to review the RFC and determine what kind of work – if there is any work – that you can do. Many claims are approved using this approach, just so that the RFC is completed in detail and you can provide supporting medical documentation to support the RFC and to show your limitations.

Applying For Disability Benefits

If you suffer from RRP and you are unable to work and earn a living, you will want to apply for disability benefits from the SSA. You can start the [claims process online](#) at or by calling 1-800-772-1213. The key to a successful claim is having detailed medical documentation and supporting evidence.

You must have [physician notes](#), test results to confirm the diagnosis and the severity of your condition, and details about your treatment plan and your response to treatment. If you have any further questions regarding your claim, you can call the SSA toll free at 1-800-772-1213.

Resources Found Via:

- <https://rrpf.org/about-rrp/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/about-hpv.html>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/general-info.htm>
- <https://www.disabilitybenefitscenter.org/how-to/how-to-file-the-residual-functional-capacity-rfc-form>
- <https://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/>
- <https://www.disabilitybenefitscenter.org/faq/forms-doctor-fills-out>