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Website

US Department of Veterans Affairs. National Center for PTSD Website. PTSD Overview. <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/fslist-PTSD-overview.asp>. Accessed September 17, 2012.

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3. Three to 5 keywords or phrases
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